

Round 1

1996 ACF Regionals Questions by Western Michigan University

1. Sir Henry Maine once remarked that he didn't know of a single law reform that couldn't be traced to this man's influence. Born in London in 1748, he was trained for the law, but devoted his life to correcting faults in the social, legal, and political system. His beliefs were based in the idea that happiness for all beings is the ultimate ethical goal. For 10 points, name this philosopher who along with Mill and others was a founder of Utilitarianism.

Answer: Jeremy Bentham

2. Among his 447 concertos, two were written for mandolins and 38 for bassoon. For many years, he was remembered only for the fact that Bach made several transcriptions of his work. From 1704 to 1740, he was musical director at a Venetian orphanage, and then died in that year. For 10 points, name this Italian composer, whose most famous concertos are the four that are named for "The Seasons"

Answer: Antonio Vivaldi

3. He denounced the Constitution as ■a covenant with death and an agreement with hell■, and was nearly killed by a Boston mob in 1835 for his vehement denouncing of slavery. For 10 points■name this fiery American abolitionist and founder of The Liberator.

Answer: William Lloyd Garrison

4. It is prepared in concentrated form by several synthetic processes such as the reaction of methyl alcohol and carbon monoxide or by the oxidation of acetaldehyde. It is miscible in all proportions with water and in pure form is called glacial, because it freezes at slightly below ordinary room temperature. For 10 points, what is this colorless liquid with formula CH_3COOH that in low concentrations is called vinegar.

Answer: acetic acid or ethanoic acid

5. He was killed by Joab, one of his father's generals, because he plotted against good ole dad. Before this affair, he himself killed his half brother Amnon due to Amnon's involvement in an incestuous relationship with his sister, Tamar. For 10 points, name this one time favorite son of Kind David whose story is told in Second Samuel 13-19 and whose name may remind you of a William Faulkner novel.

Answer: Absalom

6. His reputation as a poet in the 19th century in his country was exceeded only by Pushkin's, and he set many of his works in the Caucasus. His most famous poems include ■Angel■, ■Demon■, ■The Novice■, and ■The Testament■. For 10 points■name this Russian whose only completed novel is entitled A Hero of Our Time.

Answer: Mikhail Yuryevich Lermontov

7. Antarctic explorer Paul Siple coined this term in a dissertation on how to protect explorers in extremely cold climates. It is a general indicator of how many calories of heat are lost from the body surface upon exposure to extreme weather. For 10 points, give this two-word term for a value calculated from air temperature and wind speed, often used by TV weather reporters encouraging us Northerners to stay warm.

Answer: wind chill (factor or index).

8. In 1887, he was admitted to the bar and later that year joined a St. Paul law firm. Around the turn of the century, he served as special counsel for the U.S. government in antitrust litigation against the Standard Oil Company. It was on March 4, 1925 that he was appointed as Coolidge's Secretary of State. For 10 points, name this man who won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1929 for his work on a famous pact with Aristide Briand.

Answer: Frank Kellogg

9. He associated with intellectuals such as the Generacion del 27 and artists such as Salvador Dali. Born in 1898, his death came when he was brutally shot by Falangist soldiers in the opening days of the Spanish Civil War. For 10 points name this author of Lament for the Death of a Bullfighter and Gypsy Ballads who is probably Spain's best-known modern poet.

Answer: Federico Garcia Lorca

10. He became ruler of the northern part of his empire upon the death of his father, Huayna Capac, in 1527, and wrested the southern portion from his half-brother Huascar. Although promised his freedom in exchange for a huge ransom of gold and silver, he was executed anyway. For 10 points name this final Incan emperor.

Answer: Atahualpa

11. Bernardo de Galvez captured this U.S. city in 1779, and it wasn't until 1810 that Americans regained control there. With a population of about 220,000, this southern city contains the Anglo-American art museum, the firefighters museum, and the Louisiana arts and science center. Located on the Mississippi River about 80 miles northwest of New Orleans, its name is French for big stick. For 10 points, name this capital of Louisiana.

Answer: Baton Rouge

12. In biochemical genetics, this adjective describes the manner in which new DNA molecules are synthesized, using the separated strands of pre-existing duplex DNA as templates. For 10 points, give this term describing DNA replication, which sounds like it could do equal justice to someone who's only half Republican.

Answer: semiconservative.

13. The hero is Mr. Abel, who tells the story of his love with an ethereal maiden whose jungle upbringing has brought her close to the powers and beauty of nature. Just as he awakens her emotions of love, he is killed by wild savages. For 10 points name this story featuring Rima the Bird Girl, written by William Henry Hudson.

Answer: Green Mansions

14. Originally, it referred to a document bearing military orders, but then evolved into meaning a label attached to something for description or identification. Later, it referred to notices that set down the proper forms to be observed at court. For 10 points, name this French word which still today refers to proper behavior, although not only at court.

Answer: Etiquette

15. One version of it was founded in 1880 in Chicago as a literary review forum, and moved to New York in 1918. Another version was published from 1959 to 1962 in the same city by James Silberman. Much before that, in 1860, Moncure Conway edited an incarnation for a year. However, its most famous version was published quarterly from 1840 to 1844 and edited first by Margaret Fuller and next by Emerson. For 10 points, name this New England based transcendentalist publication.

Answer: The Dial

16. Shell, quick, merge, selection, heap, and bubble. All are types of, for 10 points, what type of computer programming algorithm?

Answer: sort or sorting.

17. After losing interest in his studies at the University of Leiden, he began studying art and by the age of 22 was so highly regarded that he began taking his own pupils. For 10 points, identify this 17th century master of the chiarascuro whose works include Portrait of Nicolaes Ruts, The Jewish Bride, and The Night Watch.

Answer: Rembrandt van Rijn

18. He began as an ardent Zionist, which he wrote about in Arrow in the Blue. He then became a Communist and was sentenced to death while covering the Spanish Civil War, which he wrote about in Spanish Testament. His loss of faith in Communism is the basis for The Invisible Writing, while an examination of Yoga and Zen is the center for The Lotus and the Robot. For 10 points name this versatile Hungarian-born English novelist, most famous for Darkness at Noon.

Answer: Arthur Koestler

19. This man was educated in theology at the seminary of Saint Sulpice in 1779. One year later, he became abbot of Saint Denis and was appointed agent-general of the French clergy. He resigned his post after subscribing to the new civil constitution and was later excommunicated. After this, the French sent him to England in 1792 where he negotiated an informal alliance. FTP name this man more famous as foreign minister under Napoleon and for representing France in the Congress of Vienna.

Answer: Charles Maurice de Talleyrand

20. It was said that he could see for one hundred miles by day or night, that he slept less than a bird, and could hear the grass grow. He possessed the mighty Gjallarhorn, whose blast could be heard throughout the universe. For 10 points name this White God with the Golden Teeth, guardian of the rainbow bridge Bifrost in Norse mythology.

Answer: Heimdall

21. There are approximately 120 million of them in Russia, which is causing quite a bit of unrest. Since a new version is soon to be released, millions of Russians fear that their old ones will no longer be valid. They are, for ten points, what denomination of U.S. currency, which will feature an enlarged picture of Ben Franklin?

Answer: The 100 dollar bill #22

22. Born in 1904, she first appeared at the Metropolitan Opera in Lucia di Lammermoor in 1931. She remained a principal soprano there for thirty years. However, she wasn't averse to making use of modern media, as she also performed on radio, on television, and in several films prior to her death in 1976. For 10 points, name this French-American coloratura soprano.

Answer: Lily Pons

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1. Answer the following questions about the Franks FSTP.

1. For 5 points name the Frankish king who expanded the kingdom by defeating the Visigoths and the Burgundians in the 6th century.

Answer: Clovis

2. For 10 points, name his wife who was a major influence in his conversion to Christianity.

Answer: St. Clotilda

3. For 15 points, name Clovis's father

Answer: Childeric

2. Identify the authors of the following works all published in the 1930s for 5 points each.

1. Butterfield 8

Answer: John O'Hara

2. Tortilla Flat

Answer: John Steinbeck

3. The African Queen

Answer: C.S. Forrester

4. Pylon

Answer: William Faulkner

5. The Last of Mr. Norris

Answer: Christopher Isherwood

6. Judgement Day

Answer: James T. Farrell

3. Italy is divided into 20 political subdivisions called regions. Identify the region from a brief description for ten points each.

1. It lies on the western coast of Italy between the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian seas. The city of Pisa is here, and the island of Elba lies just off the coast.

Answer: Tuscany

2. The Ticino River is on the west, and the Mincio on the east. Milan is the capital of this region.

Answer: Lombardy

3. One of this region's neighbors is the region of Molise, which became separate in 1963. The highest point in the Apennines is here, the 9,560 foot Mt. Corno.

Answer: Abruzzi

4. In 1973, the Nobel Prize in Physiology went to three researchers—two Austrian, one Dutch—for their studies of animal behavior and its evolutionary basis. For 10 points each, name these three pioneers of the science of ethology.

Answers: Karl von Frisch, Konrad Lorenz, Nikolaas (Niko) Tinbergen.

5. For 10 points each, identify these former justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1. Though three attempts were made to impeach him, he never was and became the longest serving justice in the court's history.

Answer: William O. Douglas

2. Named to the court in 1796, in 1804 he became the first justice impeached by the House of Representatives.

Answer: Samuel Chase

3. Though he was appointed Chief Justice in 1795, he was never confirmed by the Senate, and thus Oliver Ellsworth is often considered the second Chief Justice.

Answer: John Rutledge

6. For 10 points each, name the Eugene Ionesco play being described.

1. A burlesque of the nonsensical stuffiness of a middle-class English home, characters without identity repeat empty gestures and banal commonplaces in a mock-serious, tragi-comic parody of existence.

Answer: The Bald Soprano or La Cantatrice Chauve

2. It caricatures a professor and his student's attempt to communicate through a very arbitrary yet absurdly logical language.

Answer: The Lesson

3. A man is caught by the fear of remaining a human being when his fellow citizens are becoming animals.

Answer: The Rhinoceros

7. Identify the following 19th century artists from one work for 10 points, given a second for 5 points.

1. 10 pts: At the Nouveau Cirque 5 pts: At the Moulin Rouge

Answer: Henri de Toulouse-Latrec

2. 10 pts: the sculpture, Balzac 5 pts: The Thinker

Answer: Auguste Rodin

3. 10 pts: The Night Cafe 5 pts: View from Arles with Irises

Answer: Vincent Van Gogh

8. 30-20-10 Identify this figure from world history.

1. He designated his son Chen-Chin to be his successor.

2. In 1267, he moved his capital from Ta-Tu to what is now Beijing.

3. In 1271, he founded the Yuan or Mongul dynasty.

Answer: Kublai Khan

9. Answer the following about William Jennings Bryan and his failed presidential bids for the stated number of points.

1. Bryan was defeated for the presidency three times. For five points each, name the men who beat him each time.

Answer: McKinley (1896) McKinley (1900) and Taft (1908)

2. In 1904, Bryan wasn't even nominated. For 10 points, name the Democrat who ran against Teddy Roosevelt and lost.

Answer: Alton Parker

3. Bryan delivered his ■cross of gold■ speech at the 1896 Democratic National Convention. For five points, in what city was it delivered?

Answer: Chicago

10. It is inhabited by a race of horses endowed with virtue and reason, and is thus an embodiment of all that is good in mankind. For 15 points each:

1. Name this fictional country visited by Lemuel Gulliver.

Answer: Houyhnhnmland (■Whinnimland■)

2. Name the subjected race in Houyhnhnmland, an inferior race of filthy, loathsome brutes that Gulliver physically resembles, but is repulsed by.

Answer: Yahoos

11. Give the following terms from music. All begin with the letter "L".

1. Usually denoting a song from the Romantic period, this term is often used by English-speaking musicians to describe any song with German text.

Answer: Lied (singular) or Lieder (plural).

2. In opera and in some instrumental music, this is a recurring short theme which symbolizes the presence of a character, thing, place, or idea.

Answer: Leitmotiv or Leitmotif.

3. Also used to describe spoken prayers, this term can describe a prayer sung or chanted, usually alternating with a response from the congregation.

Answer: litany

12. Identify these inventors from the telecommunication industry for ten points each.

1. He installed the first radio stations for the U.S. navy and invented several amplifiers, including the audion.

Answer: Lee DeForest

2. A Russian by birth, he patented the television transmission tube and television receiver in 1923 and 1924, respectively.

Answer: Vladamir Zworykin

3. Before jumping off a building to his death in 1954, this American invented the superheterodyne receiver, and is credited with discovering FM radio.

Answer: Edwin Howard Armstrong

13. Identify the author from works 10-5.

1. 10 pts: After Leaving Mr. Mackenzie 5 pts: Wide Sargasso Sea

Answer: Jean Rhys

2. 10 pts: Earthly Powers 5 pts: A Clockwork Orange

Answer: Anthony Burgess

3. 10 pts: Brighton Rock 5 pts: The Power and the Glory

Answer: Graham Greene

14. In October of 1995, a French mercenary tried for the third time to take over a small group of islands located off the east coast of Africa. For 10 points each:

1. In what islands near Madagascar did the coup take place?

Answer: Comoros Islands

2. What is the capital of the Comoros?

Answer: Moroni

3. In what narrow body of water do the Comoros lie?

Answer: Mozambique channel

15. Answer the following questions about film for 10 points each.

1. Pather Panchali is the first film in what Asian director's Apu trilogy?

Answer: Satyajit Ray

2. Raymond Massey and James Dean starred in what Elia Kazan directed film based on a Steinbeck novel?

Answer: East of Eden

3. Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Shirley Graham starred in what 1955 Fred Zinneman screen adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?

Answer: Oklahoma!

16. In which cell organelle or structure, for 10 points each, would you find each of the following materials or structures?

1. cristae (KRIS-tee).

Answer: mitochondria

2. thylakoids (THY-luh-koyds)

Answer: chloroplasts

3. chromatin (KROW-mah-tin)

Answer: nucleus

17. Answer the following questions about a certain mythological figure for ten points each.

1. First, name the handsome young shepherd whom Zeus offered perpetual youth on the condition that he remain asleep forever.

Answer: Endymion

2. Name the Greek goddess of the moon who had fallen in love with Endymion as he lay sleeping.

Answer: Selene

3. On what mountain was Endymion sleeping when he was espied by Selene?

Answer: Mount Latmos

18. Identify these philosophical doctrines for ten points each.

1. Originating with the Vienna Circle and Ludwig Wittgenstein, it is marked by the verification principle, which says that any meaningful proposition has to be verifiable by means of observation.

Answer: Logical Positivism

2. Originated by Edmund Husserl, it is devoid of all presuppositions and describes phenomena by focusing exclusively on them, to the exclusion of all questions of their causal origins.

Answer: Phenomenology

3. Coming from the Greek for "experience", its basic thesis is that legitimate human knowledge arises from what is provided to the mind by the senses or by introspective awareness through experience.

Answer: Empiricism

19. Answer these questions about the travels of Ferdinand Magellan, for 10 points each.

1. First, to within 5 years, in what year did Magellan's fleet begin its circumnavigation of the globe?

Answer: 1519 (accept anything between 1514 and 1524.)

2. Second, in what modern-day country is the site of Magellan's death?

Answer: Philippines.

3. Third, what young Spanish king, later Holy Roman Emperor, signed the agreement underwriting Magellan's voyage?

Answer: Charles I or Carlos I of Spain or Holy Roman Emperor Charles V

20. Identify these figures from Vichy France for ten points each. 1. Called the ■Hero of Verdun■, he headed the Vichy government throughout World War II.

Answer: Henri Philippe Pétain

2. He was dismissed in December 1940, and then recalled in 1942 to serve as Vice-Premier of Vichy France.

Answer: Pierre Laval

3. This admiral replaced Laval when he was dismissed in 1940.

Answer: Jean Darlan

21. Given a description, name the economist for 15 points each.

1. He served as Queen Elizabeth I's financial agent at a time when English currency was at one of its lowest values. He then determined that ■bad money drives out good.■

Answer: Sir Thomas Gresham

2. He served as economic advisor to the League of Nations Secretariat from 1936 to 1938 and shared the Nobel Prize in Economics with Ragnar Frisch in 1969.

Answer: Jan Tinbergen