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The general title was not adopted until 1842, although 1829 was the date of release of the first volume, *Le Dernier Chouan* (le DEHR-nee-yer SHOO-on). The stories were divided according to place and professions of the characters, and as a whole they were meant to represent a panorama of 19th-century French culture. Major titles include *Cesar Birotteau* (say-zar bee-rot-toe), *Eugenie Grandet* (you-gen-nee gron-day), and *Le Pere Goirot* (le pair gwa-row). FTP, name this series of nearly 100 works penned by Honore de Balzac (on-or-ay de ball-zack).

A: La COMEDIE HUMAINE or The HUMAN COMEDY

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At the age of 12 he studied with Felix Para. Later he received a grant to go to Spain, where he studied Goya and Velasquez and befriended revolutionaries. In France he met Picasso and in England he first read Marx. He returned to his country as an artist, but after a second trip to Europe, this time paying attention to Giotto's frescoes, he gave up easel painting, though not painting altogether. His depiction of Lenin on the walls of Rockefeller Center caused quite a controversy and was eventually removed. FTP, name this noted Mexican muralist.

A: Diego RIVERA

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Discovered by a Hungarian in 1872, it was originally considered a rare form of cancer found primarily among older men. It is characterized by red-purple and blue-brown macules, plaques, and nodules both on the skin and on certain internal organs. Despite the original scarcity, a large number of new cases began to be discovered around 1980. There is no known cure, but complete remissions have been accomplished. FTP, name this disease, also known as idiopathic multiple pigmented hemorrhagic sarcoma, which causes the skin marks often found on AIDS patients.

A: KAPOSI'S sarcoma (prompt on KS)

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She was born in Germany and moved to France while still young. Her original notoriety came as a model and she had a bit part in *La Dolce Vita*. In the mid-60s she moved to New York where she entered Andy Warhol's circle. After some time with a band she continued with a solo career. Her most notable solo album was probably *Chelsea Girl*; the rest of her career was rather lackluster, filled with grim experimental music and a good deal of heroin. FTP, name this single-named star, born as Christa Paffgen, who was the one-time girlfriend of Lou Reed and chanteuse for the Velvet Underground.

A: NICO

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Thomas Pynchon described it as an Irish proletarian version of Godel's Incompleteness Theorem, and it gets its name from the ill-fated star of 1950s naval instructional films. FTP, name this oft-quoted maxim, which in its simplest form states that whenever something can go wrong it will.

A: MURPHY'S LAW

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He was an Air Force officer in WWII; this helped to make him an authority on defense issues in the Senate, where he served for all but four years from 1953 to 1987. His writings include *Why Not Victory?* and *The Conscience of a Conservative*. FTP, name this Arizonan who carried only six states when he opposed LBJ in 1964.

A: Barry GOLDWATER

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Born of the union of cousins, he was educated at Oxford and served as sub-editor of the London Times in the late 1920s. He traveled in the US and Mexico, and went on to become a film critic for the Spectator. He converted to Roman Catholicism and this heavily influenced his writings. FTP, name this author of The Confidential Agent, It's a Battlefield, The Man Within, The Power and the Glory, and Travels with my Aunt.

A: Graham GREENE

8

He became the economic head of his country in 1936 and three years later became the deputy to the government's chief. He commanded the Luftwaffe and organized the blitzkrieg campaigns. He organized the storm troopers, but lost power when he failed to stop the Allied air attacks. After being convicted at Nuremberg he committed suicide. FTP, name this Nazi, the founder of the Gestapo.

A: Hermann Wilhelm GOERING

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Its members live in communes, abstaining from illicit sex, gambling, meat, and alcohol. They believe that one can attain unity with a godhead through simple chanting, moving, and banging of cymbals. The group first appeared in the U.S. in 1965, after it had been brought here by its founder, Swami Prabhupada. FTP, name this offshoot of Hinduism whose members are recognized by their shaved heads and saffron robes.

A: HARE KRISHNA or INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

10

A member of a musical family, he wrote a famous instructional book, The Art of Playing the Clavecin, and hundreds of pieces for the hapsichord. His sonatas include The Sultan and The Superb, and his songs include "Oh My! All is Lost!" and "Epitaph of an Idler." FTP, name this early 18th-century French composer whose tomb became a musical subject for Maurice Ravel.

A: Francois COUPERIN

11

It has infinite storage space for data in a finite language. It has a scanning or reading device which makes only finitely many different moves and can overprint at a given point in the memory device. It has only finitely many internal states and a set of instructions, each specifying an initial state, and element of the memory language, an action, and a new state. In terms of the computations it can perform, however, it is at least as good as any computer ever built. FTP, name this theoretical computing machine, named for the Englishman who theorized it.

A: TURING MACHINE

12

As a child he aspired to be a movie star, and he claims to have had his dream fulfilled in old age with cameos in films such as Bob Roberts and With Honors. His greatest fame has come as an author, though, penning such works as Williwaw, In a Yellow Wood, Julian, The City and the Pillar, and Myra Breckinridge. FTP, name this outspoken American author of Lincoln and Burr.

A: Gore VIDAL

13

It is white or faintly yellow and almost odorless. It contains 27 carbon atoms, 46 hydrogen atoms, and one oxygen atom, with four rings and only one double bond. It is the most common animal sterol, and often esterifies with fats in the blood stream. In the laboratory it is extracted from beef, and many people are concerned with having too much of it from eating such red meats. FTP, name this chemical associated with heart disease.

A: CHOLESTEROL

14

Founded in 428, this dynasty's first major ruler was Clovis, who united most of the country. The kingdom was later partitioned but largely reunited under Clotaire II. After Dagobert I, the kings became known as do-nothings, and power passed to local mayors such as Charles Martell. FTP, name this Frankish dynasty which ruled France until its last ruler, Childeric III, was deposed by Pepin in 751.

A: MEROVINGIANS

15

Although his mother was a devout Christian, he was not baptized until age 32. He was a father by the age of 18, and around this time he turned to the study of philosophy and theology, become most interested in Manichaeism. He took teaching positions in Rome and Milan, and in the latter had his moment of conversion when he heard a child's voice while reading Romans. He soon returned to Northern Africa, where he grew up, and eventually became Bishop of Hippo. FTP, name this saint whose feast day is August 28, probably best known for his writings, such as The City of God and Confessions.

A: AUGUSTINE

16

The most prominent poets of the era were Li Po and Tu Fu, and advances in the arts were accompanied by advances in the sciences and military expansion, with Chinese armies moving into Central Asia. The apex of all of these advances came with the reign of Hsuan Tsung. FTP, name this dynasty, cofounded by Li Yuan and Tai Tsung, which brought an end to chaos and invasion when it began to rule China in the early 7th century.

A: TANG dynasty

17

According to some he is the poet most read in contemporary America. Of course, this statement usually comes from those bent on the spread of a certain brand of Islamic mysticism. The poet lived from 1207 to 1273 and his greatest work is an exposition of Sufi wisdom in some 50,000 lines. FTP, name this Persian poet of the Mathnawi.

A: Jalal-ad-din RUMI

18

It is thought to be composed of partially molten peridotite, and it is capable of prolonged plastic deformation. Located from 50 to 240 km beneath the surface, it is considered to be the site of movement between the lithosphere and the mesosphere. FTP, name this zone within the earth's upper mantle in which the velocity of seismic waves is considerably reduced.

A: ASTHENOSPHERE

19

This nation has no ethnic majority, but substantial populations of Oromo, Tigre, and Sidamo peoples. Its cities include Dire Dawa, Gondar, Jima, and Kelafo and over half of the nation's export income comes from coffee. FTP, name this country, the world's most populous landlocked nation, which has its own orthodox church and which has Amharic as its official language.

A: ETHIOPIA

20

Peace; Plutus; The Knights; The Archangels; Lysistrata; The Clouds; The Frogs; The Wasps; The Birds. FAQTP, these are all works by what Athenian dramatist of the 4th and 5th centuries BC?

A: ARISTOPHANES

21

When he came to England as a 17-year-old in 1947 he worked as a train porter. Now he is a US citizen and he had made several billion dollars. Much of this has gone to philanthropic endeavors, including the establishment of the Central European University and monetary aid to encourage democracy in the

former Soviet bloc. He recently made headlines when he pledged \$50 million to help immigrants hurt by the recent welfare overhaul. FTP, name this Hungarian-born international financier.

A: George SOROS

22

Family, Life with Lucy, The Heights, Nightingales, Vegas, The Love Boat, Fantasy Island, and Dynasty. These are all offerings from the same man who said of himself, "I'm not a T-and-A producer." Keeping this in mind, identify the man who brought the world Models, Inc., Malibu Shores, Savannah, Melrose Place, and 90210.

A: Aaron SPELLING

23

Lafayette, Henando, De Soto, Suwannee, Dixie, Okaloosa, Gulf, Broward, and Dade. FAQTP, these are all counties in which southern state?

A: FLORIDA

24

While television was still in its nascent stage he argued that this medium was transforming the way we think, as the content of the television message was influenced by the means of transmission. In his famous 1964 book, subtitled "The Extensions of Man," he offered his famous aphorism: The medium is the message. FTP, name this Canadian author of Understanding Media.

A: (Herbert) Marshall MCLUHAN

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BONUSES

1

Identify the following cities through which the author of this question passed as he traveled from Philadelphia to Los Angeles this summer. 5 points each.

2200 people died in the 1889 flood in this Pennsylvania town.

A: JOHNSTOWN

While in this city, your author took a tip from a famous movie character by visiting the Art Institute and walking right through the Oktoberfest parade (really!)

A: CHICAGO

This city on the Arkansas river was notorious for its wild frontier life. It is the county seat of Ford County, Kansas

A: DODGE CITY

This New Mexico city got its name because a sign painter found the original spelling too cumbersome

A: ALBUQUERQUE

In the Eagles' song "Take It Easy," the narrator is standing on a corner in this Arizona town

A: WINSLOW

This desert town in southeast California is home to Spike in the Peanuts comic strip

A: NEEDLES

2

This is the only sports question in the packet, so why focus on a single sport? Answer these unrelated questions FTP each

This basketball coach has the most NCAA tournament game wins, but only two championships

A: Dean SMITH

Where did Terry Bradshaw play college football?

A: LOUISIANA TECH

Hayes Jenkins, Sergei Yolkov, and Beatrix Schuba have all been champions in what sport?

A: FIGURE SKATING

3

Identify the author from his works on a 30-20-10 basis

30: John Marr; The Encantadas or Enchanted Isles

20: The Piazza; Benito Cereno; Jimmy Rose

10: Bartleby, the Scrivener; Billy Budd, Sailor

A: Herman MELVILLE

4

At last count, there were more than 7 seas. You only need to name three FTP each.

This sea is surrounded by the islands of Borneo, Celebes, Java, and Sumatra.

A: JAVA sea

This sea is bound by Sardinia, Sicily, and the southern part of the Italian peninsula

A: TYRRHENIAN sea

This is the sea which lies on the north side of the Bering strait

A: CHUKCHI sea

5

Given the mammal, identify its order for 5 points each

Shrew

A: INSECTIVORA

Sloth

A: EDENTATA

Hare

A: LAGOMORPHA

Bat

A: CHIROPTERA

Horse

A: PERISSODACTYLA

Lemur

A: PRIMATES

6

Name these Civil War battles from descriptions FTP each

Fought on April 5, 1864, it marked a significant break for Farragut

A: MOBILE BAY

It was fought between the armies of Rosecrans and Bragg in September of 1863

A: CHICKAMAUGA

General Sherman made a frontal attack here on June 27, 1864. His forces, initially repulsed, eventually outflanked the Confederates, who were forced to withdraw.

A: KENESAW MOUNTAIN

7

For this bonus, you are Agamemnon, and it's time to make war on Troy.

>From the following list of kings, select the three former suitors for the hand of Helen who must now assist you, according to their oath:

Ajax, Pandarus, Glaucus, Diomedes, Idomenus, Memnon.

A: AJAX, DIOMEDES, IDOMENUS

8

Identify the composer from his works on a 30-20-10 basis.

30: As it Fell upon a Day, a chamber piece for soprano, flute and clarinet

20: Film scores for The City; Of Mice and Men; Our Town; and the Red Pony. Also, _Grohg_, a choreographic fantasy in one act

10: Billy the Kid; Appalachian Spring

A: Aaron COPLAND

9

Given a noted work in psychology, name its author FTP

Psychology of the Unconscious

A: Carl JUNG

Childhood and Society

A: Erik ERIKSON

The Neurotic Personality of Our Time

A: Karen HORNEY

10

Identify these classes of subatomic particles FTP each

This class includes the electron and the muon neutrino

A: LEPTONS

The strong interaction in atomic nuclei are between these particles. They include the neutron, the proton, and the pion. They show signs of an inner structure and are thought to be composed of quarks

A: HADRONS

The fermionic hadrons are known as baryons. The rest are known by this designation

A: MESONS

11

Have you been reading the papers lately? Identify these things you might have learned FTP each
This hurricane ravaged Cuba in mid-October

A: Hurricane LILI

This is the name of the group of Islamic fundamentalists which currently controls two thirds of Afghanistan but is being violently opposed by General Dostum

A: TALIBAN

This spiritual organization recently took out a full-page ad in the NY Times accusing the German government of Nazi-like discrimination against its members

A: Church of SCIENTOLOGY

12

Identify these rulers of Zaire FTP each

He negotiated the Congo's independence from Belgium and served as the first prime minister in 1960.
He was ousted and died under mysterious circumstances

A: Patrice Emery LUMUMBA

He took power in 1965 and held it for decades, creating a national consciousness among tribal divisions, but corruptly amassing a personal fortune of billions of dollars

A: Joseph Desire MOBUTU Sese Seko

13

Identify these really old poems FTP each

Begun by Guillaume de Lorris (ghee-yome de lorree) around 1240, this poem of 22000 lines was finished by Jean de Meun (zhawn de moo-ann)

A: le ROMAN DE LA ROSE or the ROMANCE OF THE ROSE

Written slightly earlier than the Romance of the Rose, this saga by Snorri Sturluson tells the vivid history of Norway's kings

A: HEIMSKRINGLA or ORB OF THE WORLD

This poem starring Rodrigo Dias de Vivar is even older than the Heimskringla

A: la POEMA DEL CID or the POEM/SONG OF THE CID or EL CID

14

Identify the work on a 30-20-10 basis

30: It was first published in 1781, with a substantially different second edition appearing a few years later. The most standard English translation is by Norman Kemp Smith

20: Sections of the work include The Transcendental Aesthetics and the Transcendental Deduction of the Categories. One of its chief goals is to explain synthetic a priori knowledge

10: It was the first book in Kant's great trilogy, with the other books being works on Practical Reason and Judgment

A: CRITIQUE OF PURE REASON

15

Sure, you probably took calculus, but how much do you remember?

Identify the following FTP each

This rule allows one to calculate the limit of a quotient by taking derivatives

A: L'HOPITAL's rule

This theorem is a special case of the mean value theorem. It applies when a function takes the same value at the endpoints of some interval

A: ROLLE's theorem

This method of estimating integrals effectively fits a curve with parabolas.

A: SIMPSON'S rule

16

Name the artists from his works on a 30-20-10 basis

30: Epsom Derby

20: Officer of the Imperial Guard and The Wounded Cuirassier

10: The Raft of the Medusa

A: Jean Louis Andre Theodore GERICAULT

17

Given a film, name the director who won an Oscar for directing it. 5 points each

Laurence of Arabia

A: David LEAN

The Last Emperor

A: Bernardo BERTOLUCCI

Oliver!

A: Sir Carol REED

Casablanca

A: Michael CURTIZ

Letter to three Wives

A: Joseph MANKIEWICZ

The Divine Lady

A: Frank LLOYD

18

Given a brief description, identify the wife of Henry VIII FTP each

She was the mother of Edward VI and is buried beside Henry

A: JANE SEYMOUR

She is believed to have had an affair with Thomas Culpepper, and for this she was executed in 1542

A: CATHERINE HOWARD (prompt on Catherine)

She wrote a devotional work "The Lamentations or Complaint of a Sinner." Henry was her third husband and she did much to restrain the severity of the persecutions conducted under the Act of the Six Articles

A: CATHERINE PARR (again, prompt)

19

Identify the Shakespearean play from lines on a 30-20-10 basis

30: Night hangs upon mine eyes, my bones would rest,

That have but labor'd to attain this hour

20: And when the fit was upon him, I did mark

How he did shake-- 'tis true, this god did shake

10: The evil that men do lives after them,

The good is oft interred with their bones

A: JULIUS CAESAR

20

Given a work, identify the writer. All of these writers are Chilean. Ten points each.

The House of the Spirits

A: Isabel ALLENDE

Death and the Maiden

A: Ariel DORFMAN

Sonnets of Death

A: Gabriela MISTRAL

21

Given an event from Russian history, identify the year in which it occurred FTP. You'll get 5 consolation points if you are within 5 years.

Fighting in the Crimean War ends and the Treaty of Paris is signed

A: 1856 (5 pts: 1851-55, 57-61)

Alexander II is assassinated

A: 1881 (5 pts.: 1876-80, 82-86)

Ivan the Terrible become Tsar

A: 1547 (5 pts: 1542-46, 48-52)

22

If you ask me a lot of airtime was wasted this summer in San Diego and Chicago. Given a party, name the city where it holds its not-so-televized convention this year.

Reform Party

A: VALLEY FORGE (accept Philadelphia)

Green Party

A: LOS ANGELES (at the UCLA campus!)

Libertarian Party

A: WASHINGTON

23

Given the star identify the constellation in which it can be found FTP each

Antares

A: SCORPIO

Deneb

A: CYGNUS

Aldebaran

A: TAURUS

24

Identify the following books of the New Testament for the stated number of points

FTP, the epistles written to this church is the one with the most disputed authorship

A: HEBREWS

FTP, this, the first epistles after Hebrews and the Pauline letters, was called "an epistle of straw" by Luther

A: JAMES

For 5 points each, these are the only two books of the Bible with traditionally attributed to gentile authorship

A: LUKE and ACTS of the Apostles (both by Luke)

25

Given a few works, identify their Polish author FTP each

The Peasants; The Promised Land

A: Wladyslaw REYMONT

Solaris; The Futurological Congress; Memoirs of a Space Traveler

A: Stanislaw LEM

In Vain; With Fire and Sword; Quo Vadis

A: Henryk SIENKIEWICZ