

Round 11

1996 Questions on the Crum

Tossups by BU

1) It refers to an ancient country in what is now northwest Iran, as well as a town not far from here. As an improper noun, the word is a plural, although usage as singular is becoming accepted. FTP give this plural of the noun "medium."
ANSWER: MEDIA

2) This Roman scholar wrote of revenge-seeking snakes, nightingale songs, St. Elmo's fire and headless men in his "Natural History." FTP name this man who died in the Vesuvius eruption, not to be confused with his Younger nephew who bears his name.
ANSWER: _PLINY the Elder_

3) This artistic movement began in 1948 by a group of northern European artists protesting the formalism of Parisian painters, and is characterized by bold colors and vivid animal-human figures. Its name comes from the first letters of members' native cities. FTP, give this name, also that of a poisonous snake tamed by Buddha, and of the bad guys in "G.I. Joe."
ANSWER: _COBRA_

4) This phrase was not used in the first edition of Darwin's "Origin of Species," and appeared for the first time in "Principles of Biology" by Herbert Spencer. Spencer later succeeded in persuading Darwin to use the phrase in later works as synonymous with "natural selection." FTP give this four-word phrase, connoting a struggle for existence.
ANSWER: _SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST_

5) They are arranged in descending order of length, each preceded with a line meaning "In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful." They have names like "The Infidels" and "The Cow." FTP name these Koranic analogues of books of the Bible.
ANSWER: _SURA_s

6) Dramatized by Patrick Kearney, it became a Broadway hit, and was twice made into a movie. It's based on the 1906 murder of Grace Brown by Chester Gilette. FTP, name this novel by Theodore Dreiser.
ANSWER: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

7) The 1856 Republican platform included the Homestead Plank as written by this man. FTP name this editor of the New York Tribune who ran for president under the liberal republican ticket and who said, "Go West, young man."
ANSWER: Horace _GREELEY_

8) For a cubic equation, it's $[a^2b - b^2a + 18abc - 4b^3 - 4a^3c - 27c^2]$. For the familiar quadratic equation, it's $[b^2 - 4ac]$. FTP give this term which can be calculated to give information about an equation's roots.

ANSWER: DISCRIMINANT

9) In the second century, Pope Victor I excommunicated the Asian churches for celebrating it on the 14th day of the Jewish month Nisan. In the Gregorian calendar, it is the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox, so it can fall any Sunday between March 21 and April 25. FTP think of eggs and bunnies and name this holy day.

ANSWER: EASTER

10) He was a medieval and Renaissance scholar, author of the work "The Earthly Paradise and the Renaissance Epic." He taught literature at Yale, and served as its president from 1978 to 1986. His next position was President of the National League. FTP name this man who was succeeded by Fay Vincent upon his death while Commissioner of Baseball.

Answer: A. Bart GIAMATTI

11) She died last December at age 66. A Tony nominee in 1974, she is the mother of Lenny Kravitz, but she's best known as half of one of TV's first interracial couples. FTP name this actress who played Helen Willis on "The Jeffersons."

ANSWER: Roxie ROKER

12) The technique was developed around 1913 by A.E. Douglas, who used it to create a timeline for southwestern Pueblos. Since then, a 9,900-year continuous record has been developed, aided by studies of Holocene oaks and modern bristlecone pines. FTP name this archaeological dating method, which makes use of tree rings.

ANSWER: DENDROCHRONOLOGY

13) Sting's song "Russians" borrowed a portion of one of his pieces. FTP name this Russian composer of "Romance" from the Lieutenant Kije Suite, who also composed "Romeo and Juliet" and "Peter and the Wolf."

ANSWER: Sergei PROKOFIEV

14) Their 1976 release "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" takes several stories and poems of Edgar Allan Poe and puts them to music. Later releases include "Pyramid" and "I Robot." FTP name this group best known for "Eye in the Sky."

ANSWER: ALAN PARSONS PROJECT

15) The King of Navarre in "Love's Labor Lost," the prince of Naples in "The Tempest," a bull who refuses to fight because he likes to smell flowers, the late husband of one Imelda, and the husband of Queen Isabella of Spain. FTP give the shared three-syllable name.

ANSWER: FERDINAND

16) The name of this Native American tribe comes from the Algonquin word for "people of the filthy water." The name is also that of the lake near which they lived, the largest in Wisconsin. FTP give this name which also denotes a large trailer.

ANSWER: WINNEBAGO

17) She was dismissed because she gave an interview to "American Journal," and not because she reported for duty with a phaser. In fact, this Trekkie and former alternate juror in the Whitewater trial showed up in full Star Fleet regalia. FTP name this woman who shares her surname with the only father-son pair of US presidents.

Answer: Barbara _ADAMS_

18) "To Bedlam and Partway Back," "All my Pretty Ones," "Transformations," "The Book of Folly," "45 Mercy Street," and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Live or Die" are all compilations of poetry by, FTP what female poet, who committed suicide in 1971 at the age of 46?

ANSWER: Anne _SEXTON_

19) A former Marine officer and Golden Gloves boxer, he's a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington and Lee. The son of a Senator from Virginia, he hired Jim Bakker as the first host of the 700 Club, which he took over for himself when Bakker fell from grace, and went on hiatus to run for president in 1988. FTP name this televangelist.

ANSWER: Pat _ROBERTSON_

20) He received his doctorate in 1908 at the Polish University of Cracow. He was a member of the Robert Mond Expedition to New Guinea and Melanesia where he did the research for his most famous books. FTP name this anthropologist who authored "Magic, Science, and Religion," and "The Sexual Life of Savages."

ANSWER: Bronislaw _MALINOWSKI_

21) Cast in London by Thomas Lister, it was purchased for 60 pounds. It bears an inscription from Leviticus 25:10. In 1835, while tolling the death of John Marshall, it cracked. FTP name this percussion instrument hanging near Independence Hall.

ANSWER: _LIBERTY BELL_

22) In 1884, his doctoral thesis was greeted with incredulity, and awarded the lowest passing grade. It contained the roots of what would become his theory of electrolysis, which suggested that electrolytes in solution dissociate into charged particles, even without a current flowing through the solution. FTP name this Swedish chemist.

ANSWER: Svante _ARRHENIUS_

23) It was divided into twelve realms, including Breidablik, Thrudheim, and Valhalla. From Earth, it could be reached only by Bifrost, the rainbow bridge. FTP name this plane, home to the Aesir in Norse myth.

ANSWER: ASGARD

24) This three-syllable word refers to a pair of atoms with the same mass number, such as chlorine-37 and argon-37. In meteorology, it refers to a line on a weather map which connects points of equal barometric pressure. FTP name this word from Greek roots meaning "equal" and "weight."

ANSWER: ISOBAR

25) At a press conference at which he was expected to resign, Bud Dwyer instead made the news by doing this. The first elected official in Pennsylvania history to be found guilty of high crimes while still in office, this state Treasurer in January 1987 FTP performed what act?

ANSWER: Committed suicide, or shot himself

26) This mountain reaches an height of 14,494 and was first climbed in 1873 by A.H. Johnson, C.D. Begole, and J. Lucas. On the west of it is the West Kern River Canyon and Owens Valley lies on the East. It is on the eastern part of Sequoia National Park. For 10 points name the highest mountain in the contiguous 48 states.

ANSWER: Mount _Whitney_

27) In this series of science fiction novels, writers share a universe where an alien virus has brought either death, bizarre disfigurement, or super-powers to those affected by it. FTP name this series edited by George Martin, which details history as affected by super-powered Aces, monstrous Jokers, and alien invasions.

ANSWER: WILD CARDS

28) This nation was formed in 1964 under the leadership of Julius Nyerere. FAQTP name this nation formed from the two British colonies of Zanzibar and Tanganyika.

ANSWER: TANZANIA

29) He orchestrated the Communist Party's comeback last December and leads incumbent Boris Yeltsin and a host of other candidates in Russia's Presidential race. FAQTP name this Russian Communist.

ANSWER: Gennady _ZYUGANOV_

30) "When criminals in this world appear and break the laws that they should fear and frighten all who see or hear, the cry goes up both far and near for" this cartoon super-hero. FTP name this canine crusader whose love interest is Polly Purebred.

ANSWER: UNDERDOG

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(30) 1. 30-20-10, name the literary figure.

[30] Those who have told his story include Balzac, Moliere, Duncan, and Shaw, and Ingmar Bergman in "The Devil's Eye."

[20] The first known work about him is the 1630 Spanish play "El Burlador de Sevilla."

[10] The most famous account of him in English is by Lord Byron, in whose poem his name rhymes with "New one."

ANSWER: DON JUAN (wahn or joo-un)

(20) 2. I'll be feeling sad if you don't answer these questions, FTP each.

Name the fairy tale whose title character forbids his wife to enter the room which contains the remains of his previous wives.

ANSWER: BLUEBEARD

Give the common name for plant species of the genus Poa, which flourishes in Kentucky.

ANSWER: BLUEGRASS

(25) 3. Last month, the Texas Rangers announced they would retire Nolan Ryan's number 34. The California Angels already had retired Ryan's number, making him the fifth baseball player to have his number retired by two teams. For 5 points each, 25 for all four, name the others.

ANSWER: Rollie _FINGERS_, Hank _AARON_, Casey _STENGEL_, Rod _CAREW_

(25) 4. "Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten- a thrill of returning thought, and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me... Everything had a name, and each name gave birth to a new thought." For 15 points, name the individual so quoted by J.P. Lash.

ANSWER: Helen _KELLER_

Hellen Keller was quoted in Lash's 1980 work about this individual. FTP name this teacher of Hellen Keller.

ANSWER: Anne _SULLIVAN_

(20) 5. After the 1984 Summer Olympics several U.S. gymnasts gained even more fame by starring in feature films. FTP each given a description name the movie.

a. This film stars Mitch Gaylord and Janet Jones as gymnasts.

ANSWER: AMERICAN ANTHEM

b. This laughable Cold War action adventure stars Kurt Thomas as a gymnast turned superspy who is sent to a small country that's strategically essential to the Strategic Defense Initiative.

ANSWER: GYMKATA

(25) 6. For the stated value, answer these questions about the novel "Native Son."

For five points each, name both the author and the protagonist of "Native Son."

ANSWER: Richard WRIGHT and Bigger THOMAS

For fifteen points, give the surname of the family who tried to help Bigger Thomas by offering him a job as a chauffeur.

ANSWER: DALTON

(20) 7. Pencil and paper ready.

a. The left end of a four meter beam is cantilevered to a wall. The beam has a weight of 750 newtons. For ten points, what is the moment provided by the wall to support the beam in equilibrium?

ANSWER: _1500 NEWTON-METERS_

b. Now suppose the beam is embedded in two walls, and there are not enough equations of equilibrium to resolve the forces and moments in a free body diagram. For ten points, what two-word phrase describes such a situation?

ANSWER: STATICALLY INDETERMINANT

(20) 8. For 5 points each, 20 points for all three, identify these economics terms beginning with the letter P.

a. The workers; those without the means of production of goods and services in an industrial society.

ANSWER: PROLETARIAT

b. A tax such that the tax rate increases as the taxpayer's income increases.

ANSWER: PROGRESSIVE tax

c. A graph showing the relationship between the unemployment rate and the rate of annual increase in the price level.

ANSWER: PHILLIPS CURVE

(30) 9. FTPE, answer the following.

Name the author of the ancient Chinese text, "The Art of War."

ANSWER: _SUN_TZU

Name the author of the "Tao Te Ching." (dow day ching)

ANSWER: _LAO_TZU

Name the host of the PBS show "The Frugal Gourmet."

ANSWER: Jeff _SMITH_

(30) 10. 30-20-10, name the subject of these lines:

[30]: "And though thou had small Latin and less Greek/ From thence to honor thee I would not seek."

[20]: "He was not for an age, but for all time."

[10]: "In his well-turned and true-filed lines/ In each of which he seems to shake a lance/ As brandished at the eyes of ignorance."

ANSWER: William _SHAKESPEARE_

(30) 11. Given a description, name the part of a cell for fifteen points each.

Small shelf-like structures of the inner membrane of the mitochondrion and the sites of oxidative phosphorylation.

ANSWER: _Crista_ or _Cristae_

The stacks of membranes that compose the golgi apparatus.

ANSWER: _Dictyosome_

(30) 12. Last year, the NRA's president died while deer hunting, and was succeeded by the first female president in the NRA's history. F15PE, name the former and current NRA presidents.

ANSWER: Thomas _WASHINGTON_ Marion _HAMMER_

(30) 13. Given the description of the geographic center, give the state where it can be found, FTP each.

Center of the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska

ANSWER: SOUTH DAKOTA

Center of the contiguous 48 states

ANSWER: KANSAS

Center of the North American continent

ANSWER: NORTH DAKOTA

(20) 14. Conjunction bonus! FTP each, make the tag team wrestling conjunction.

Tully Blanchard's longtime partner in the Four Horsemen and the Brainbusters, with a Civil War prison camp located in Georgia.

ANSWER: ARN ANDERSONVILLE

An aviator who disappeared in action with a brother-brother tag team of the mid-80s.

ANSWER: AMELIA EARHART FOUNDATION

(30) 15. FTPE answer these fun India facts.

a. This Hindu god, the Remover of Obstacles, has the head of an elephant.

ANSWER: GANESHA

b. Indian meats and breads are baked in a special clay oven. FTP give either the name of this oven, or the adjective describing food made in it.

ANSWER: TANDOOR or TANDOORI

c. Male members of this Indian religion wear turbans. Past leaders include Guru Gobind Singh.

ANSWER: SIKHS

(30) 16. Dave Letterman has called The Late Shift "the biggest waste of film since my wedding pictures" but let's see if you've kept up with the hype. FTP each, name the actors who portray Letterman, Jay Leno, and Johnny Carson in the film.

ANSWER: John Michael _HIGGINS_, Daniel _ROEBUCK_, Rich _LITTLE_

(30) 17. FTP each, name the geological period in which the following appeared.

a. Stegosaurus

ANSWER: JURASSIC

b. Trilobites

ANSWER: CAMBRIAN

c. Homo sapiens

ANSWER: QUATERNARY

(30) 18. 30-20-10, name the historical figure.

[30] He wrote the antislavery tract "The Selling of Joseph" in 1700. Two decades later, he wrote "A Memorial Relating to the Kennebeck Indians" calling for humane treatment of Native Americans.

[20] His three-volume diary chronicled popular religion in early New England.

[10] He's best known for presiding over the 1692 Salem Witch trials.

ANSWER: Samuel _SEWALL_

(30) 19. Answer these computer related questions for the stated value.

For five points, this company released their Ultra Sparc computer about 3 months ago, making their micro-computers faster and more efficient than the Pentium.

ANSWER: SUN Microsystems, Inc.

FTP, this company recently sold its Frame Maker to Aldus. It still owns Photoshop and Page Maker.

ANSWER: ADOBE

For fifteen points, name the company which owns the base code for Microsoft's web browser, the Explorer.

ANSWER: SPYGLASS

(30) 20. Name the obscure female from Virgil's "Aeneid" from the description for fifteen points each.

a. Dido's sister.

ANSWER: ANNA

b. The Queen of the Volscians fighting on the side of Turnus who dies at the hand of Arruns.

ANSWER: CAMILLA

(30) 21. Name the U.S. Vice President 25-10.

25- He was Secretary of State, Secretary of War, and a member of the house and Senate. His middle name is Caldwell.

10- He resigned in 1832 as VP because his wife refused to accept the wife of the Secretary of War, Peggy Eaton.

ANSWER: John _Calhoun_

(30) 22. 25 films were named to the National Film Registry in 1995.

FTP each name the film which will be stored in the Library of Congress' permanent collection.

a. This 1959 film stars Cary Grant, James Mason, Eve Marie Saint, Martin Landau and Leo G. Carroll.

ANSWER: NORTH BY NORTHWEST

b. This 1973 film starring Richard Dreyfus allowed director George Lucas to fund his next project, Star Wars.

ANSWER: AMERICAN GRAFFITI

c. This 1974 film directed by Francis Ford Coppola stars Gene Hackman as a surveillance expert and features an early role for Harrison Ford.

ANSWER: THE CONVERSATION

(30) 23. Name the composer from his works, 30-20-10

[30]Symphonic Dances, Bogoroditse Devo

[20]Caprice Bohemian, Vocalise

[10]Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini, The Bells

ANSWER: Sergei _RACHMANINOFF_

(20) 24. FTP each, name the violent videogame in which you'd find the following characters. Note: Numbers and version subtitles not needed.

a. Scorpion, Baraka, Jax. ANSWER: MORTAL KOMBAT

b. Law, Michelle, Yoshimitsu ANSWER: TEKKEN

c. Dee Jay, Cammy, Sagat ANSWER: STREET FIGHTER

(30) 25. For 5 points each name the any 6 of the 7 stars that make up the Big Dipper.

Dubhe, _Merak_, _Phecda_, _Megrez_, _Alioth_, _Mizar_, _Alkaid_

(30) 26. Given the nation, name the most populous city for 10 points each.

New Zealand ANSWER: _Auckland_

Estonia ANSWER: _Tallinn_

Zaire ANSWER: _Kinshasa_

(20) 27. This scientist aided in the development of integral calculus, and wrote the treatise De Motu, "Concerning Movement", on mechanics. He was an assistant to Galileo and succeeded him as professor of math at the Florentine Academy. For 20 points name him.

ANSWER: Evangelista _Torricelli_

(30) 28. Given a recently-published book, name the author, FTP each.

a. Snow Falling on Cedars Answer: David _Guterson_

b. The Unconsoled Answer: Kazuo _ISHIGURO_

c. The Island of the Day Before Answer: Umberto _ECO_