

Midcontinental Melee 03 Feb 1996  
Question Packet by University of Missouri - Columbia "B"  
and Johns Hopkins University.

### Toss Ups

1. Known as the Yellowhammer State, this state's Gulf shore is becoming a new golfing hotspot. For ten points name this state which someday may be governed by a "Sir Charles", if Charles Barkley has his way.

### ALABAMA

2. This unit of measure is equal to the duration of 9,162,631,770 periods of radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the cesium-133 atom. For ten points, what is it?

### SECOND

3. His duets album included Summer Wind with Julio Iglesias, Witchcraft with Anita Baker and New York, New York with Tony Bennett. This of course, is but a small sample of work which stretches back to the 1930's. For 10 points name this singer known simply as "The Chairman of the Board"

### FRANK SINATRA

4. He was executed in 1977 in Utah firing squad. This fact is recalled by the fact that another inmate was executed by this method in January 1996. For 10 points, identify this man whose story was told in Norman Mailer's Executioner's Song?

### GARY GILMORE

5. This black musician learned to play the cornet at the Colored Waif's Home in New Orleans. He teamed with Fletcher Henderson's orchestra in New York for many classic recordings. He developed his own singing style and recorded hit songs "Hello Dolly" and "What a Wonderful Day". For ten points, name the man known as Satchmo.

### LOUIS ARMSTRONG

6. This Soviet leader, in a speech to the Polish Embassy, threatened capitalist states by arguing that "whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you." For 10 points, name the man that sent nuclear weapons to Cuba and participated in the kitchen debate with Nixon.

### NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

7. This Harvard educated man centered his novels around a mood of social consciousness and disillusionment. His major work looked at industry in America between 1898-1929. For 10 points name the man

who wrote the USA trilogy.

JOHN DOS PASOS

8. Charles Evans Hughes succeeded this man as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1930. However, this rotund man had held higher office as Theodore Roosevelt's hand picked successor. For 10 points name this former U.S. president.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

9. Hampered by food poisoning in the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona, this track and field star sprinted back into the spotlight by becoming the first athlete in World Championship history to win the rare 200-400 combination at the 1995 World Championships. For 10 points, name this favorite to take home the gold in Atlanta this summer.

MICHAEL JOHNSON

10. In the early 1960's, this "wonder drug" was thought to alleviate morning sickness, but it proved dangerous after this drug caused death and horrible defects in children born to mothers taking the drug. FTP name this drug, named in a Billy Joel song.

A: THALIDOMIDE

11. Over crushed ice in a tall glass, pour half an ounce of light rum, half an ounce of dark rum, one ounce each of orange, lime, and pineapple juice, and 1 dash of grenadine, top with coconut milk. FTP, this is a recipe for what beverage?

A: PINA COLADA

12. Its bird is the mountain bluebird, its flower is the sagebrush, its motto is "All for our country," while its nicknames are the Sagebrush State and Battle-Born State. FTP, name this state.

A: NEVADA

13. He joined the Indochinese Communist Party in the 1940s, and overthrew the U.S.-backed government of Lon Nol in 1975. FTP, name this man, whose regime caused the deaths of an estimated one million Cambodians.

A: POL POT

14. The setting is Catfish Row, an impoverished community in South Carolina. The action is instigated when Crown, a professional gambler, flees after committing murder. FTP, identify this American opera composed by George Gershwin.

A: PORGY AND BESS

15. First settled by Irish monks around 700, they belonged to Norway until 1380, when they were ceded to Denmark. Today, they send two delegates to the Danish parliament. FTP, name these

islands, whose capital is Thorshavn.

A: FAEROE ISLANDS

16. Symptoms include an excessively curved spine and breastbones, loose joints, and small muscles. FTP name this disease, characterized by abnormal tallness, that some doctors believed Abe Lincoln suffered from.

A: MARFAN Syndromoe

17. In the 14th century, he became noted for his efforts to spread Islam among his subjects. This reputation was enhanced when he undertook a Mecca pilgrimage and spent gold lavishly in Cairo. FTP, identify this emperor who made Timbuktu a great commerce and learning center.

A: Mansa MUSA

18. One of this psychologist's main concerns was how children come to understand various scientific concepts such as space and time. FTP, name this foremost proponent of the stage theory of developmental psychology.

A: Jean PIAGET

19. There are two versions, the Yerushalmi and Balmi. Consisting of the Mishnah and Gemara, it continues to serve as the basis of Jewish religious law. FTP name this text from the Hebrew word for study.

A: TALMUD

20. Books 1-3 are devoted to holiness, temperance, and chastity; Books 4-6 to friendship, justice, and courtesy. Each book has its own hero, all of them Prince Arthur personifies. FTP, name this epic poem written in Spenserian stanzas.

A: THE FAERIE QUEENE

21. The first winner was George Hainsworth in 1927. Later winners included Bill Durnan, Terry Sawchuk, Glenn Hall, Bernie Parent, and Ken Dryden. FTP, name this award, given to the NHL's most outstanding goaltender, whose 1995 winner was Dominik Hasek.

A: VEZINA TROPHY

22. One of the most common used today is chloro-aceto-phene-one. FTP give the common name of these wartime lack-reem-atory agents.

A: TEAR GAS

23. This book of the Bible deals with 3 themes: threats against Judah before the fall of Jerusalem, threats against foreign nations, and promises for the restoration of Israel and the Temple. FTP name this book, named for a Jerusalem prophet expelled by Nebuchadnezzar II.

A: EZEKIEL

24. The quetzal (ket-sahl) is one of the most beautiful birds in the world, with the male having bright metallic green

feathers. FTP, spell quetzal.

A: Q-U-E-T-Z-A-L

25. The last name's the same. A chemist who won the Nobel Prize for his study of chlorophyll and hemoglobin. A Rococco architect, famous for the church at Ottobeuren. A 1970's world chess champion. FTP, give the shared last name.

A: FISCHER

26. He used his office to police the Angola-Namibia cease-fire, and to mobilize the alliance against Iraq in the Gulf War. FTP, name this Peruvian diplomat, the former Secretary-General of the U-N.

A: Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

27. It was founded in 1912 as a nonviolent civil rights organization by urban-based professionals and tribal chiefs. Membership soared during the leadership of Albert Luthuli in the 1950s. FTP, name this group, whose most famous member is Nelson Mandela.

A: AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS or A-N-C

28. Written in prose and verse, the work follows the escapades of the main character, who wanders through Rome in search of his lost virility. FTP, name this Latin novel attributed to Petronious Arbiter.

A: The SATYRICON

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#### Bonuses

1. 20 point bonus

This author wandered away from his home and disappeared into the north Mexican desert country. However, before that, he found the time to write the short story, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge." For 20 points, name him.

AMBROSE BIERCE

2. 20 points

This device can tell you that 120 over 80 is normal, that 200 over 120 is high and 80 over 50 is low. For 10 points, what is this blood pressure checking device.

SPHYGMOMANOMETER

For 10 additional points, spell it.

S-P-H-Y-G-M-O-M-A-N-O-M-E-T-E-R

3. 25 points

The University of Pennsylvania, Yale University and Princeton University are three of the 8 Ivy League schools. For 25 points, all or nothing, name the other 5.

BROWN, CORNELL, COLUMBIA, DARTMOUTH and HARVARD

4. 20 points

This cartoon writer's dismissal from Pacific Bell prompted speculation that his bosses were upset by his cartoon. According to him, nothing could be further from the truth. For 20 points, identify this man whose characters include Alice, the boss, Wally, Dogbert, Catbert, Tina the Brittle Tech Writer and of course, Dilbert.

SCOTT ADAMS

5. 20 points

A prairie schooner was a large covered wagon used by pioneers. The prairie dog is a burrowing rodent of North America. However, you will receive 5 points each and 5 points extra if you can identify the three Canadian provinces known as the Prairie Provinces.

ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN and MANITOBA

6. 20 points

You may feel as though the weight of the world is on your shoulders, but this question is not too bad. You will receive five points apiece for identifying the four most common elements by

weight in the Earth's crust. Name them.

OXYGEN, SILICON, ALUMINUM and IRON

7. 20 points

Ready chemistry majors. You will receive 5 points apiece for providing the chemical symbols for these compounds.

a. Methane  
CH4

b. Toluene  
C7H8

c. Benzene  
C6H6

d. Butane  
C4H8

8. 30 points

For 10 points apiece, identify each of these scientific terms that end in -ion.

a. The absorption of gas by solids  
OCCLUSION

b. The hydrolysis of fats or oils by an alkali  
SAPONIFICATION

c. The separation of a substance into simpler substances by a chemical reaction.  
DECOMPOSITION

9. 20 points

Members of the AMA and the ABA are concerned about the effect of PCB's. In other words, the doctors and lawyers are worried about a particular type of compound that has been found to cause untoward health problems. For 20 points, what compounds are abbreviated PCB.

POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

10. 30 points

The U.S. population is perceived to be moving south and west to warmer climates. This shift has left some states falling behind in population. For 10 points apiece, name the three states that the Census Bureau has estimated to show a net population loss between 1990-2000.

MAINE, RHODE ISLAND and CONNECTICUT

11. 25 points

Educated at Munich in the late 1800's, he became one of the premier physicists in the world. Einstein and Niels Bohr used his theories

to establish the Quantum Theory. For 25 points name the man who won the 1918 Nobel prize for his work in black body radiation.

MAX PLANCK

12. 30 point

Due to the popularity of the movie Jurassic Park, there has been an increase in the interest of dinosaurs. For 10 points each, answer these dino-questions.

A. What was the largest dinosaur in height?

BRACHIOSAURUS

B. Which was the largest predatory dinosaur?

TYRANNOSAURUS

C. What was the smallest dinosaur, probably a scavenger?

COMPSOMYX

13. 25 points

One of the most influential people in history, this man lived in China around 100 A.D. For 25 points, name this famous inventor, who is credited with producing the first paper and presenting it to Emperor Ho Ti in 105.

TS'AI LUN

14. 30 points

Name this author after 1 clue for 30 points, 2 for 20, and 3, for 10.

A. His first completed work, "Childhood", published in 1851, was a story of his happy youth.

B. He served in the Russian Army during the Crimean War.

C. With works such as "Anna Karenina", he made the realistic novel a genre that ranked in importance with the Greek tragedy.

LEO TOLSTOY

15. 20 points

By winning both the U.S. and British Open's and amateurs, he became the first and only winner of golf's grand slam in a single calendar year. For 10 points, name him and for another 10 points, name the famous course he built in the American south.

BOBBY JONES and AUGUSTA NATIONAL

16. 20 points

After the Red Curtain fell over Eastern Europe, this country became a loyal satellite of the USSR. Its leader for over 40 years, ENVER HODJA, called it the "only true communist state". For 20 points, name this Balkan country.

## ALBANIA

17. 25 points

For 5 points apiece, name the 5 South American countries that Simon Bolivar liberated from Spanish rule in the 19th century.

COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, PERU and BOLIVIA

18. 20 points

The H-bomb was completed, Pincus developed the contraceptive and Crick and Watson discovered the double helix structure of DNA. For 20 points, name the decade that these events occurred in.

1950'S

19. 20 POINTS

For centuries, this geometric book was the basis around all knowledge of geometry. It's unique way of arranging proofs to follow in logical progression allowed for an understanding not thought possible before. Written by Euclid in the 4th century B.C. It is without doubt the most successful textbook ever written. For 20 points, name it.

## ELEMENTS

20. 20 Points

For 10 points name the author who was responsible for writing the Canterbury Tales.

GEOFFREY CHAUCER

For another 10 points what person were the pilgrims going to Canterbury to honor?

THOMAS BECKETT

21. 20 Points

Hitler obtained this area of land as a compromise with Great Britain and France in a historic meeting in Munich in 1938. For 20 points name this area in the former Czechoslovakia with a large German population.

SUDETENLAND

22. 30 POINT BONUS

Given the year, name the winner of soccer's World Cup FTPE.

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| A. 1990 | A: WEST GERMANY |
| B. 1970 | A: BRAZIL       |
| C. 1950 | A: URUGUAY      |

23. 25 POINT BONUS

This question will see if you've been paying attention to the medical lingo said on "ER" and "Chicago Hope." FFPE, name the 5 types of open wounds recognized by the American Red Cross.

A: ABRASIONS, PUNCTURES, LACERATIONS, INCISIONS, AVULSIONS

24. 30 POINT BONUS

Nucleic acids are found in DNA and RNA. FTPE, given the chemical name of a nucleic acid, give the common name.

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| A. 6-amino-purine         | A: ADENINE |
| B. 2-amino-6-oxy-purine   | A: GUANINE |
| C. 2-oxy-4-oxy-pyrimidine | A: URACIL  |

25. 30 POINT BONUS

Identify these Supreme Court decisions regarding right to privacy F15PE.

A. In this case, the plaintiff unsuccessfully challenged the constitutionality of a Georgia statute making oral sex punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

B. In this 1990 case, the Court did not agree that the petitioner had a right to die, and that life support must be continued.

A: BOWERS V. HARDWICK, CRUZAN V. MISSOURI

26. 20 POINT BONUS

Identify these poetic forms TPE.

A. A poem of five triplets and a quatrain, the first and third lines are repeated entirely three times.

B. An indefinite number of quatrain stanzas. Lines 2 and 4 of each stanza become lines 1 and 3 of the following stanza.

A: VILANELLE, PANTOUM

27. 30 POINT BONUS

Time for periodic table wordplay. Given five elements, tell what word can be formed from the element symbols, 15PE.

- A. Tungsten, Iodine, Sulfur, Phosphorous, Hydrogen  
B. Selenium, Oxygen, Fluorine, Uranium, Unilhexium

A: WHIPS, FUNHOUSE

28. 30 POINT BONUS

30-20-10 Name the composer from works

- 30: Rhenzi  
20: Tannhouser

10: The music drama "The Flying Dutchman"

A: Richard WAGNER