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Toss Ups

1. He worked on "Wartime Lies" until the similar "Schindler's List" came out. He then worked on "A.I.", a science fiction film, but now plans "Eyes Wide Shut," with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman as his next film. FTP, name the director famous for "Lolita," "Clockwork Orange," and "2001: A Space Odyssey"

ANSWER: Stanley \_Kubrick\_

2. "This guy Romeo from the Bloods falls for Juliet, a female from the Crips, and everybody in both gangs are against them." So this rapper describes how Shakespeare influences his lyrics. FTP, name this celebrity who starred with Janet Jackson in "Poetic Justice."

ANSWER: Tupac \_Shakur\_

3. After several stays of execution, this killer is on death row again. Death was narrowly avoided in 1993 and 1995 when researchers wanted to investigate more. FTP, name this killer of millions which has been confined to laboratories since it was declared the only virus ever eradicated in 1980.

ANSWER: \_Smallpox\_ virus

4. Western leaders were dismayed when Eastern Europeans turned back to communists for leadership. However, they recently threw this one out. FTP, name this former Polish Prime Minister who is accused of spying for Russia.

ANSWER: Jozef \_Oleksi\_

5. After 65 years on the Boulevard Raspail, this Parisian center moved to a beautiful new building designed by Frank Gehry across town. Unfortunately, they couldn't afford upkeep and must move again, after only 19 months. FTP, name this cultural center devoted to a culture that has no trouble infiltrating France.

ANSWER: \_American Center\_

6. The goal was to paralyze, not kill, which follows the ancient Jewish law of the "judgement of the pursuer." So says the assassin. FTP, name the young law student on trial for the murder of Yitzhak Rabin.

ANSWER: Yigal \_Amir\_

7. "From the Mixed up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler" tells about the surprising discovery of one of this artist's works in Manhattan. This story came true, as a fountain in a French Embassy building on Fifth Street is now attributed to, FTP, which artist born in 1475 who also sculpted a famous David.

ANSWER: \_Michelangelo\_

8. "Grimus", "Shame", and "Haroun and the Sea of Stories" are all novels by this controversial British author. Recently, he shocked many by appearing on

Donohue. FTP, name this writer of "Midnight's Children" and "The Satanic Verses."

ANSWER: Salman \_Rushdie\_

9. College Bowlers are familiar with the ACT, or the American College Test, and the SAT, or the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The College Board sends the scores, but does not administer the tests. FTP, name the company that administers the tests and is abbreviated ETS?

ANSWER: \_Educational Testing Service\_ (Prompt on ETS)

10. Morocco was taken from this people by the French, even though this people had ruled the area since the eleventh century. Now, these people are often migrant workers in Spain and France. FTP, name this group indigenous to North Africa that has as it's simplest political group the jama'ah.

ANSWER: The \_Berbers\_

11. This leader led a drive to unite Native American tribes against British rule and led some Indian troops in French service. For 10 points, name this Ottawa chief who fought a war against the British North American colonies from 1763-1765 and commemorated with a car company named for him.

ANSWER: \_Pontiac\_

12. This form of Electromagnetic radiation comes in wavelengths between 1 millimeter and 30 centimeters. FTP, name these waves to which exposure at high energies is dangerous, but just means good cooking at low energies.

ANSWER: \_Microwaves\_

13. Nothing seemed to be going right for this heroine of ancient Greek mythology. Shortly after her wedding she received a fatal snakebite, then her husband bungled a deal to get her out of Hades. FTP, name this wife of Orpheus who was forced to stay in the underworld after he turned to look at her on their way out.

ANSWER: \_Eurydice\_

14. He was born sometime around 1888 to parents of Sauk and Fox ancestry and served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. In 1963, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. FTP, name this man who won the pentathlon and the decathlon in at the 1912 Olympics.

ANSWER: Jim \_Thorpe\_

15. In 1994, Angus King of this state was elected and now serves as the nation's only independent governor. He replaced Republican John McKernan who is the husband of this state's junior senator, Olympia Snowe. FTP, name this New England state.

ANSWER: \_MAINE\_

16. Phyllis George is crowned Miss America, Charles Manson was convicted of the murder of Sharon Tate, and the New York Times publishes the Pentagon Papers. FTP, name the year.

ANSWER: \_1971\_

17. This country celebrates its Republic Day on January 26 commemorating that date in 1950 when British rule officially ended. In January of this year, a corruption scandal threatened to bring down the government of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao [rhymes with plow]. For 10 points, name the world's largest democracy.

ANSWER: \_India\_

18. This state, which a Democratic presidential nominee hasn't carried since 1964, was the only state in 1994 where the Democrats won a gubernatorial contest in which the incumbent was not a Democrat. It was close, though, as Tony Knowles won by a margin of only 339 votes. For 10 points, name the state.

ANSWER: \_Alaska\_

19. Rich in minerals, this 600 mile long South American desert contains what is probably the most arid spot on earth, Calama, Chile, where no rainfall has ever been recorded. FTP, name this desert.

ANSWER: \_Atacama\_ Desert

20. This practice was known in England as early as the 12th century. Extremely popular during the reign of Elizabeth I, it was declared barbarous and banned by Parliament in 1835, along with a similar sport involving bulls. FTP, name this recreation that involved pitting a pack of dogs against a bear chained to a stake.

ANSWER: \_Bear-baiting\_

21. It was developed in the early 1980's by AT&T Bell Laboratories. Designed to combine an object-oriented approach to programming with fast, efficient code, the name of this programming language is actually a pun in reference to the earlier language it was based on. FTP, name this successor to C.

ANSWER: \_C++\_

22. Born in Bow, New Hampshire in 1821, this woman committed herself to a lifelong study of the Bible. This study, combined with a spiritual revelation after a painful fall in 1866, led her to write Science and the Key to the Scriptures, her most famous work. FTP, who was this founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist?

ANSWER: Mary Baker \_Eddy\_

23. Representing Oklahoma's first congressional district, this man is one of the many freshman Republicans elected to the House in 1994. However, he is probably more famous as the most prolific wide receiver for the Seattle Seahawks. FTP, name him.

ANSWER: Steve \_Largent\_

24. The African of this animal variety has a gestation period of 660 days, while the Asian variety has a gestation period of 645 days. FTP, name this large mammal.

ANSWER: \_Elephant\_

25. It's nickname is the Peace Garden state. Famous people from here include Angie Dickinson, Peggy Lee, and Lawrence Welk. FTP, what is this state whose major cities include Grand Forks, Minot, and Fargo?

ANSWER: \_North Dakota\_

26. It was invented in 1887 by Dr. Ludwik L. Zamenhof of Poland so people around the world could communicate more easily. However, it is only used by a few hundred thousand people at most. FTP, name this "artificial" language.

ANSWER: \_Esperanto\_

27. The name's the same. The Detroit suburb where Detroit Metropolitan Airport is located, the Roman Ruler from 753 B.C. to 716 B.C, and the home planet of one the Federation's enemies in the Star Trek series. FTP, what's the name?

ANSWER: \_Romulus\_

28. The Nobel Peace Prize has not always been awarded to one or two persons. Occasionally it is awarded to organizations such as the International Red Cross in 1944 and UNICEF in 1965. In 1977, the Prize was awarded to this organization whose symbol is a candle wrapped in barbed wire. FTP, name the organization.

ANSWER: \_Amnesty International\_

29. This children's author who passed away in 1994 was famous for vivid and colorful illustrations with characters such as Lowly Worm and places such as Busytown. FTP, name this author of Cars and Trucks and Things That Go.

ANSWER: Richard \_Scarry\_

30. His famous works include the TWA terminal building at Kennedy Airport in New York and the main terminal building at Dulles Airport near Washington, D.C. However, he is probably most famous for the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. FTP, name this Finnish-born architect.

ANSWER: Eero \_Saarinen\_

31. James Joyce described this work as a chapter of the moral history of his country from which his countrymen could get one get good look at themselves. FTP, name the book Joyce published in 1914 that begins with the story "The Sisters" and ends with "The Dead".

ANSWER: The \_Dubliners\_

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Bonuses

25 POINT BONUS

1. In the past year, personal computers and computer companies have been increasingly in the news. Let's see how much you've been paying attention. For 5 pts each, and 5 extra pts for all four, name the computer manufacturer when given the model name.

A. Dimension

ANSWER: \_Dell\_

B. Presario

ANSWER: \_Compaq\_

C. Performa

ANSWER: \_Apple\_ (prompt if Macintosh is given)

D. Aptiva

ANSWER: \_IBM\_ or International Business Machines

30 POINT BONUS

2. Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt earned millions by fighting a killer obsessed with the Seven Deadly sins. Let's see how many points you can earn by listing them. You can earn 10 pts for 4, 15 pts for 5, 20 pts for 6, and 30 pts for all seven deadly sins.

ANSWER: \_Pride\_, \_Sloth\_, \_Gluttony\_, \_Lust\_, \_Greed\_, \_Envy\_, \_Wrath\_

30 POINT BONUS

3. Jesus' face showed up again, this time 7000 light years away. His face was reportedly seen in E.G.Gs, huge clouds of hydrogen in which stars are born. FTP for each word, for what does EGG stand?

ANSWER: \_Evaporating\_ \_Gaseous\_ \_Globules\_

30 POINT BONUS

4. Patrick Stewart has long been a successful actor, but only reached fame with Star Trek: The Next Generation. Since then, he has taken several interesting roles. FTP name each, name the production, given a description.

A. Stewart played every part in this holiday classic.

ANSWER: A \_Christmas Carol\_

B. Stewart played the Duke in this Shakespeare work in Central Park, then on Broadway.

ANSWER: The \_Tempest\_

C. Stewart played Sterling, a homosexual interior designer in this art-house film.

ANSWER: \_Jeffrey\_

30 POINT BONUS

5. AIDS is caused by HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, in us, but other viruses in other species. For ten points each, give the word that precedes "immunodeficiency virus" for each of these viruses.

A. BIV

ANSWER: \_Bovine\_

B. SIV

ANSWER: \_Simian\_

C. FIV

ANSWER: \_Feline\_

20 POINT BONUS

6. Conservatives praised him for his stand, but the Army disapproved. This soldier was court martialed for refusing to serve in Macedonia under United Nations command. For 20 points, name this former Specialist who is the first to be discharged for this offense.

ANSWER: Michael \_New\_

30 POINT BONUS

7. The 19th century is known as the highest point in Russian Literature. You will receive ten points if you can name each author given one work, five points if you need two.

10: Diary of a Superfluous Man

5: Fathers and Sons

ANSWER: Ivan \_Turgenev\_

10: The Nose

5: The Government Inspector (also known as the Inspector General)

ANSWER: Nikolai \_Gogol\_

10: Cathedral Folk

5: Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District

ANSWER: Nikolai \_Leskov\_

25 POINT BONUS

8. She went to PS40 in New York, and then MIT. She didn't finish college,

but went to El Salvador and Nicaragua to work for human rights. Now, she's in a Peruvian jail accused of being a member of the Marxist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. For 25 points, name this 26 year old given a life sentence for terrorism.

ANSWER: Lori \_Berenson\_

20 POINT BONUS

9. Like Jason Alexander, many famous people have last names that also work as first names. Be careful to not get these names reversed as you name, for 5 points each, each individual based on a description. An additional 5 points will be awarded for getting all three correct.

A: 17th Century English scholar and epic poet of "Paradise Regained."

ANSWER: \_John\_ \_Milton\_

B: Creator of Ichabod Crane.

ANSWER: \_Washington\_ \_Irving\_

C: 19th and 20th Century painter of seascapes, such as Eight Bells.

ANSWER: \_Winslow\_ \_Homer\_

20 POINT BONUS

10. For 10 points each, identify the following terms from the world of textiles.

A: Intertwining of threads in loops using two needles.

ANSWER: \_Knitting\_

B: Smooth Cloth Woven with one glossy side and one dull side

ANSWER: \_Satin\_

30 POINT BONUS

11. Given and artist, identify the school or art movement with which he or she is most identified.

A: Jacques-Louis David

ANSWER: \_Neoclassicism\_

B: Giovanni Lorenzo Bernini

ANSWER: \_Baroque\_

C: Helen Frankenthaler

ANSWER: \_Abstract\_ Expressionism

20 POINT BONUS



12. Once Napoleon was out of the way, several European leaders met at the Congress of Vienna in 1815. For 5 points each, name the chief delegate each nation sent.

A. Russia

ANSWER: \_Alexander I\_

B. Austria

ANSWER: Klemens Von \_Metternich\_

C. France

ANSWER: Charles Maurice de \_Talleyrand\_-Perigord

D. Prussia

ANSWER: Karl August von \_Hardenburg\_

30 POINT BONUS

13. Given the Supreme Court decision, you'll get ten points if you can name the year it was handed down; 5 points if you are within three years.

A. Roe v. Wade

ANSWER: 1973 (5 pts for 1970-1976)

B. Marbury v. Madison

ANSWER: 1803 (5 pts for 1800-1806)

C. Texas v. Wright

ANSWER: 1868 (5 pts for 1865-1871)

20 POINT BONUS

14. For 5 points each, and five points extra for all three right, name the breed of dog given a description.

A. These dogs are friendly, easily trainable, and look out for boys named "Timmy"

ANSWER: \_Collie\_

B. Developed in late 19th Century Germany as a cross between a bulldog and a terrier, these dogs originally were used to hunt and fight and are now used as seeing-eye dogs.

ANSWER: \_Boxer\_

C. Having a pure white coat at birth, this dog was used in the 1880s to accompany coaches.

ANSWER: \_Dalmatian\_

20 POINT BONUS

15. Sure, English Literature is easy, but how's your knowledge of Spanish playwrights? FTP each, identify these two men from their descriptions.

A. The last prominent figure of the Golden Age of Spanish Literature, he wrote successful secular and religious plays, including "The Mayor of Zalamea."

ANSWER: Pedro \_Calderon\_ de la Barca

B. A very prolific and popular writer of the Spanish Golden Age, he pioneered the Spanish National Drama.

ANSWER: Lope de \_Vega\_

30 POINT BONUS

16. For five points per person, name the spouses in each of the following newsworthy marriages.

A. The Utah Congresswoman and the husband she said deceived her.

ANSWER: \_Enid Waldholtz\_ and <sup>Joe</sup>~~James~~ Waldholtz\_

B. They starred together in two Shakespearean films and have each won Oscars, but they are now separated.

ANSWER: Kenneth \_Branagh\_ and Emma \_Thompson\_

C. The judge in the OJ Simpson trial and a Captain in the LAPD.

ANSWER: Lance \_Ito\_ and Peggy \_York\_

30 POINT BONUS

17. Name the playwright, given the work. 30 points after one clue, 20 after the second, 10 after the first.

30: The Emperor Jones

20: Mourning Becomes Electra

10: Long Day's Journey Into Night

ANSWER: Eugene \_O'Neill\_

25 POINT BONUS

18. Rank the following five cities from least normal annual precipitation to most. 5 Points apiece. Des Moines, Albuquerque, New Orleans, Hartford, Boise.

ANSWER: \_Albuquerque\_, \_Boise\_, \_Des Moines\_, \_Hartford\_, \_New Orleans\_

30 POINT BONUS

19. Given the Dan Quayle quote, fill in the blank. 15 points apiece.

A. (Blank) leads to unclear, inarticulate things.

ANSWER: \_Verbosity\_

B. I believe we are on an (Blank) trend toward more freedom and democracy  
- but that could change.

ANSWER: \_Irreversible\_

20 POINT BONUS

20. For 10 points each, name the constitutional amendment being quoted.

A. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

ANSWER: \_21st\_ Amendment

B. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

ANSWER: \_9th\_ Amendment

30 POINT BONUS

21. Name the music group after one song for 30 points, after two songs for 20 points, or after three songs for 10 points.

30: Over My Head

20: Rhiannon

10: Don't Stop

ANSWER: \_Fleetwood Mac\_

25 POINT BONUS

22. Since the start of the 1994 NFL season, 9 head coaches have resigned or been fired. Given the team, name the coach who left them within the last two years. 5 points apiece.

A. Denver ANSWER: Wade \_Phillips\_

B. Houston ANSWER: Jack \_Pardee\_

C. Tampa Bay ANSWER: Sam \_Wyche\_

D. Seattle ANSWER: Tom \_Flores\_

E. Philadelphia ANSWER: Rich \_Kotite\_

30 POINT BONUS

23. The NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament awards 29 automatic bids. 26 are to the winners of various post-season conference tournaments. For 5 points apiece, what 3 conferences receive automatic bids for their regular season champions?

ANSWER: \_Big 10\_, \_Pac 10\_, \_Ivy League\_

Now, for 5 points a piece, who were the 1995 regular season champs of the Big 10, Pac 10, and Ivy League?

ANSWER: \_Purdue\_, \_UCLA\_, \_Pennsylvania\_

20 POINT BONUS

24. About 5 percent of the dairy cows raised in the United States are pure-bred. Of these, almost all belong to one of five breeds. For five points each, name any four of these breeds.

ANSWER: \_Holstein-Friesian\_, \_Guernsey\_, \_Jersey\_, \_Ayrshire\_, and \_Brown Swiss\_

25 POINT BONUS

25. The Malay Archipelago, located in Southeast Asia, is the largest system of island groups in the world. Answer these questions about the islands of the Malay Archipelago for the specified number of points.

First, for 5 points each, name the two largest islands in this group, also the second and third largest in the world, after Greenland.

ANSWER: \_New Guinea\_ and \_Borneo\_ (do not accept Papua New Guinea)

Second, for five points each, name the three nations which share the large island of Borneo.

ANSWER: \_Malaysia\_, \_Indonesia\_, and \_Brunei\_

20 PONT BONUS

26. Several different statutes in England have taken the title Acts of Union. Four of these specifically referred to the political uniting of several territories of the Empire with the nation of England. For five points each, in which order were the Acts of Union referring to these areas enacted: Canada, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland.

ANSWER: \_WALES\_, \_SCOTLAND\_, \_IRELAND\_, \_CANADA\_

30 POINT BONUS

27. Identify this scientist for 30 points for the first clue, 20 points for the second, and 10 points for the third:

30: He was intrigued by the theories of Isaac Newton, and published the Principia Mathematica in 1687 at his own expense.

20: He was one of the only men to wear the title of Astronomer Royal, which he earned in 1721.

10: His most famous work, however, was his Synopsis on Cometary Astronomy, published in 1705.

ANSWER: Edmund \_Halley\_

30 POINT BONUS

28. On December 21, 1995, more than 160 people were killed when a jetliner crashed into a remote mountain in Colombia, making it the worst air disaster of 1995. For ten points each, answer the following questions about the crash.

A. What airline was involved in this crash?

ANSWER: \_American\_ Airlines

B. What Colombian city was the flight's destination, which is famous for its drug cartel?

ANSWER: \_Cali\_

C. The crash represented the first time that this model passenger jet was lost in flight since its introduction in 1982. FTP, name this Boeing aircraft.

ANSWER: Boeing \_757\_

30 POINT BONUS

29. For 30 points on the first clue, 20 points on the second clue, and 10 points on the third clue, name the British Author.

30: Along with Terry Gilliam and Charles McKeown, he wrote the screenplay for "Brazil."

20: He wrote the play "Artist Descending a Staircase."

10: His "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" was made into a film starring Gary Oldman and Richard Dreyfus.

ANSWER: Tom \_Stoppard\_

25 POINT BONUS

30. Holy Zarquon! A Hitchhikers' Guide bonus! Show us that you're a hip frood who really knows where his towel is by, for five points each, naming the five books of this "inaccurately named" trilogy.

ANSWER: \_Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy\_  
\_Restaurant at the End of the Universe\_  
\_Life, the Universe, and Everything\_  
\_So Long, and Thanks for all the Fish\_  
\_Mostly Harmless\_