

SEMIFINALS FOR ELVIS 1996

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TOSSUPS

1. A recent award-winning television advertisement featured footage of this wobbling, undulating bridge supposedly being shaken by an exceedingly powerful car stereo. Until now, the footage of this bridge was known only to physics students, as the film of its 1940 collapse is often used to elucidate the principles of resonance and harmonic motion. FTP, name this famous bridge which linked a city in western Washington to the Olympic Peninsula.

the TACOMA NARROWS bridge (accept GALLOPING GERTIE)

2. Based upon an incident in the author's life, this short story centers on four men known only as the cook, the oiler, the correspondent, and the injured captain. It claims to be a tale intended to be told after the fact: being the experience of four men from the sunk steamer Commodore. However, not all four of the men survive the struggle towards shore in their tiny craft. FTP, name this short story by Stephen Crane.

THE OPEN BOAT

3. Late in life, he joined the Russian navy as a Rear Admiral and defeated the Turkish forces in the Black Sea for Catherine the Great. His early sailing career was equally eventful as well. While commanding the Betsy in 1773 his crew mutinied, and during the fracas he killed a man. To avoid prosecution he fled to the American colonies and added a third name. Here he gained his fame by capturing the Drake in 1778 and battling the Serapis. FTP, name this revolutionary war hero who said "I have not yet begun to fight".

John Paul JONES

4. Historically speaking, this name refers to the wealthy ancient country which historians believe was the first to use coined money. Its capital was Sardis, and its existence ended when it was invaded by the Persians under Cyrus the Great. Musically speaking, it is the name of the tattooed lady whose body is so educational she's an encyclopedia. FTP, give the shared name of the lady and the region now part of Northwestern Turkey.

LYDIA

5. The name's the same: The last name of Charles Foster Kane's best friend and musical columnist in the movie "Citizen Kane", the first name of the person who physically killed Laura Palmer on television's "Twin Peaks", and the last name of the current manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates. FTP, give the shared name.

LEYLAND (spellings may be slightly different, but they are all pronounced the same)

6. As an adjective, this word means without foundation or force in fact or law. As a noun it describes a weak, sickly person. FTP, identify this seven letter word, which completes the title of the Moliere work "The Imaginary BLANK"

INVALID

7. Among the best loved jazz pianists, some of his lesser known songs include "The Spider and the Fly", "I'm Crazy About My Baby", "Lonesome Me", "A Handful of Keys", and "The Viper's Drag". FTP, name this longtime collaborator of Andy Razaf whose best known tunes include "Honeysuckle Rose", and "Ain't Misbehavin'"

Thomas "Fats" WALLER

8. This baseball player holds a number of interesting records. He is the only player to hit for the cycle in both the American and National Leagues. While with the Astros, he scored baseball's 1 millionth run. FTP, name this man who recently became the first African-American General Manager of the New York Yankees.

Bob WATSON

9. Freddy's Dead is the subtitle of the sixth in the "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie series. Strangely enough, "Freddie's Dead" had already been used as the subtitle to the theme music for another, vastly different movie. FTP, name this borderline 'blacksploitation' movie about a vengeful Harlem drug dealer scored by funk-meister Curtis Mayfield.

SUPERFLY

10. For some reason, this artist keeps popping up in American mass culture. His painting was the main thrust of a recent episode of the television show Ellen. One of his paintings was central to the recent movie "Six Degrees of Separation". During his lifetime he was noteworthy as a member of the Bauhaus, and along with Franz Marc, he was a founding member of the Blaue Reiter group. FTP, name this painter of "Improvisation 28" and "the Blue Rider".

Wassily KANDINSKY

11. Originally published in 1742, it consists of thirty keyboard pieces. The compositions are grouped by threes, with the third of each set being a canon. The thirtieth piece, however, is a mixture of two popular song melodies combined in counterpoint. FTP, name this fourth part of Bach's "Clavier-bung", also known as "Aria with Thirty Variations".

the GOLDBERG Variations

12. As you explore the jungles of South America, you hear a rustling in the foliage. Out bursts a four foot long, 100 pound mammal with coarse brown hair with yellow flecks. It runs past you on its four partially webbed feet. It jumps into the pond behind you, and paddles away. FTP, you have just had an encounter with what largest member of the rodents?

CAPYBARA

=====HALFTIME=====

For our halftime entertainment, we are pleased to present the first annual Elvis Aaron Presley Memorial (?) Invitational Pie-Eating Contest. Each team will be given a whole banana cream pie, provided courtesy of our sponsors, the Norske Nook, in Osseo, Wisconsin. You will be given utensils and plates, though the use of both of these is optional. Your task is to eat the entire pie as a team as quickly as possible. While some crumbs may be left, the pie must be substantially all eaten in order to win. The first team to finish in this room and display their empty mouths will get 50 points on the board. Everyone set? Ready, set, go! [Moderators--feel free to give color commentary!]

[Moderators--after pie-eating is done, arrange for the tins to go to room 270 right away so they can be washed].

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13. A sickly child, he spent much of his youth being tended to by his mother. As a young man, he became quite the Parisian socialite, and in 1896 he wrote his first novel "Pleasures and Regrets". Troubled by asthma, mental problems, and the deaths of both his parents, he gradually withdrew from society, and by 1907, lived mainly in a cork-lined room. FTP, name this man who wrote a masterpiece while surrounded by this cork, the weighty "Remembrance of Things Past".

Marcel PROUST

14. He has written four collections of short fiction, including "Hard Candy" and "Eight Moral Ladies Possessed", and one novel "The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone". However, his fame rests as the playwright of "In the Bar of the Tokyo Hotel", "Period of Adjustment", and "Camino Real (REE-al)". FTP, name this author of "Sweet Bird of Youth", "The Rose Tattoo", "Summer and Smoke", and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof".

Tennessee WILLIAMS

15. The 1943 Moscow Declaration annulled this. The 1919 Treaty of St. Germain tried to prevent this one-word event from ever happening. Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg (SHOOSH-nig) was forced into agreeing to it, but then went back on his promise. FTP, name this event which occurred when Hitler occupied Austria in 1938.

the ANSCHLUSS

16. Having fled his home after committing murder, he ended up at the court of King Proetus (Pro-EE-tus). When Proetus' wife Anteia falsely accused him of trying to seduce her, Proetus sent him to King Iobates with a sealed message to kill its deliverer. After completing a number of perilous and seemingly impossible quests, including killing the Chimera (KY-mare-uh), Iobates gave up on trying to kill him, and even allowed him to marry his daughter. FTP, name this Greek hero who died crippled, blind, and alone after Zeus caused Pegasus to throw him to the ground from a great height.

BELLEROPHON

17. One of many conflicting legends about him was that he taught Thracian men to worship Apollo, and in revenge Dionysus had the Thracian women kill their husbands, rip him to shreds, and throw his still singing head into the River Hebrus. From there his head floated to Lesbos where an oracle was established. FTP, name this famous husband of Eurydice and traveler to Hades.

ORPHEUS

18. There are two varieties, one with short dense hair, the other with medium length straight hair. The color of its coat may contain any number of combinations of white, red, or brindle. The muzzle is white with characteristic black facial markings. Originally bred by Swiss monks, these dogs stand 25 to 29 inches high at the shoulder. FTP, name these dogs known for rescuing snowbound travelers, and bringing cartoon characters alcohol in little barrels strapped around their necks.

SAINT BERNARD

19. This recently created field of study examines how natural selection shapes behavior in animals and humans. It has come under fire as proponents have attempted to extend it into the realms of human social behavior and psychological patterns. FTP, name this field of science which first gained attention with a 1975 book of the same name by Harvard researcher Edward O. Wilson.

SOCIOBIOLOGY

20. This city is mentioned in the title of a song on Rush's "2112" album, and the title of Murray Head's only pop hit. Lying on the east bank of the Chao Phraya River, it began as a small trading post serving the capital of Siam. FTP, name this city where king Rama I built his palace in 1782, making it the capital of Thailand.

BANGKOK

21. The name's the same: Giovanni was a Venetian painter whose legacy lies in his works "St. Francis in the Desert" and "The Myth of Orpheus", as well as being the teacher of both Titian and Giorgione. Vincenzo was the composer of the celebrated bel canto operas "La Sonnambula" and "Norma". FTP, give the shared name.

BELLINI

22. One of them offered royal officials in conflict with colonial authorities the right to trials in England. Another altered the royal charter of Massachusetts. Still another provided for the quartering of troops without provincial consent. A fourth was the Quebec Act, and the fifth was The Boston Port Bill which closed Boston harbor until the East India company was repaid for the damages from the Boston Tea Party. FTP, give the name given to these acts which spurred the convening of the 1st Continental Congress.

the INTOLERABLE ACTS

23. At the age of seventy, he published his first fictional novel "Remembrance Rock". Another of his lesser known works is the collection of folk songs "The American Songbag", published in 1927. However, he is best known for his collections of poetry, including "Slabs of the Sunburnt West", "Smoke and Steel", "Good Morning, America", and "Cornhuskers". FTP, name this Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Rootabaga Stories" and the immortal "Chicago Poems".

Carl SANDBURG

24. One measure of water from the seas of Santraginus V. Three cubes of Arcturan Mega-gin. Four liters of Fallian marsh gas. A measure of Qualactin Hypermint. The tooth of an Algolian Suntiger. Zamphuur, and an olive. FTP, when mixed with a bottle of the Ol' Janx Spirit these ingredients will give you what mega-powerful drink, according to Douglas Adams' "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"?

PAN GALACTIC GARGLE BLASTER

25. Prozac is one of the most widely prescribed drugs in the United States. FTP, what pharmaceutical company manufactures Prozac?

Eli LILLY & Co.

SEMIFINALS
BONII

1. Identify the author from the clues provided on a 30/20/10 basis. 30) Her works include "Francis the Waif", and a collection of fairy tales entitled "Tales of a Grandmother".
- 20) Her first novel was a collaboration with Jules Sandeau entitled "Rose et Blanche".
- 10) Many of her 80 novels were autobiographical, including "Her and Him" which concerns her affair with Musset, and "A Winter In Majorca" concerning her relationship with Chopin.

George SAND (accept Amandine DUPIN)

2. Identify the person on a 30/20/10 basis.
- 30) According to "Annales Cambriae", he carried the Cross of Jesus Christ at the battle of Mt. Badon.
- 20) The first literary reference to him can be found in the Welsh poem "Gododdin", circa 600 A.D.
- 10) More famous treatments of this man and his allies can be found in Jeffrey of Monmouth's "Historia" and the works of Chretien de Troyes.

King ARTHUR

3. Identify the following figures from American labor history for the stated number of points.
- 5) A leading socialist, he helped to found both the American Railway Union, and the Industrial Workers of the World. Eugene DEBS
- 5) A founding member of the Social Democratic Party and the IWW, her graphic description of 20 people mowed down by machine guns during the Ludlow, Colorado miner's strike convinced President Wilson to intervene in the dispute. Mary Harris "Mother" JONES
- 10) He was the first President of the newly merged AFL-CIO. He was re-elected without opposition, and remained a prime influence on the organization through the Carter administration. George MEANY
- 10) One of the more militant members of the IWW, he led a number of violent strikes, was once defended by Clarence Darrow, but skipped bail before a 1921 trial and fled to Russia. William "Big Bill" HAYWOOD

4. Identify the year from events on a 30/20/10 basis.
- 30) Books published include the Financier by Theodore Dreiser, Alexander's Bridge by Willa Cather, and the Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson.
- 20) Arizona is admitted to the union, and Theodore Roosevelt is shot in Milwaukee.
- 10) The Titanic sinks.

1912

5. 10) Who sang the following song? (PLAY TAPE NOW) the
 O'JAYS (song is "For the Love of Money")
 5) This song was recently used in the commercials for a movie about the robbery of money
 that had been retired from circulation. Name it. DEAD PRESIDENTS
 10) Name the team of brothers that directed this film. Allen and Albert HUGHES or
 the HUGHES BROTHERS
 5) Name the Hughes brothers' first movie about the Watts district of Los Angeles which
 established them as a new directatorial force to be reckoned with. MENACE II
 SOCIETY

6. Identify the following Marx Brothers movies from a brief summary FTP each.
 a) Four brothers stow away on a luxury liner, and at one point or another all four of them
 pretend to be Maurice Chevalier to get off the ship. MONKEY BUSINESS
 b) Prime Minister Rufus T. Firefly of the tiny country of Freedonia declares war on
 neighboring Sylvania for the heck of it. DUCK SOUP
 c) The Marx Brothers ferret out Nazi spies at a Northern African hotel. (A) NIGHT IN
 CASABLANCA

7. Identify the artists who created these 20th century works for 5/each.
 a) "The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti", (1931-32) Ben SHAHN
 b) "The Liver is the Cock's Comb", (1944) Arshille GORKY
 c) "Four Darks in Red", (1968) Mark ROTHKO
 d) "Estate" (1963) Robert RAUSCHENBERG
 e) "Marilyn Monroe Diptych", (1962) Andy WARHOL
 f) "Lucifer", (1947) Jackson POLLACK

8. Women have been the muse which has inspired many of the greatest works in
 the history of art, literature, and music. Given the following lines from a classic rock song,
 identify the both the feminine-named song and the group that originally recorded it for 5/each
 correct piece of information.
 a) "Come a knockin' around my door/don't wanna see your shadow no more/Colored lights
 can hypnotize/sparkle someone else's eyes" AMERICAN WOMAN by the GUESS
 WHO
 b) "Ocean lady/child of nature/friend of man" GREEN-EYED LADY by
 SUGARLOAF
 c) "You've got your spell on me baby/Turning my heart into stone" BLACK MAGIC
 WOMAN by Carlos SANTANA

9. Many diseases have been linked to a deficiency of a certain vitamin. For the stated number of points, identify which vitamin you are deficient in if you contracted the following diseases. A point of caution, not all substances classified as vitamins have a name in the form of vitamin x, where x is any random letter.

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| 5) beriberi | B1 or THIAMINE |
| 5) scurvy | C or ASCORBIC ACID |
| 10) pellagra | NIACIN |
| 10) sprue | FOLIC ACID |

10. Health issues have been plaguing the news recently. Identify these substances for the stated number of points.

5) A fat substitute has been ok'd by the FDA for use in snack foods. What is it called?
OLESTRA or OLEAN

10) What company developed this fat substitute? PROCTER & GAMBLE

15) There has also been much hype over the possible anti-aging effects of a certain hormone produced in the human pineal gland. What is this substance researched intensely by Northwestern neurobiologist Fred Turek? MELATONIN

11. The islands in the West Indies area are sometimes hard to keep straight. Your mission is to classify the following islands as being either part of the Leeward Islands, the Windward Islands, the Dutch Antilles, the Greater Antilles, or none of the above, for 5/each.

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| a) Grenada | WINDWARD |
| b) Antigua | LEEWARD |
| c) Bermuda | NONE |
| d) Hispaniola | GREATER ANTILLES |
| e) St. Vincent and the Grenadines | WINDWARD |
| f) Aruba | DUTCH ANTILLES |

12. Identify the following people who discovered important principles regarding chemical bonding FTP each.

a) He proposed the "octet rule" which allows prediction of bond structures. G. N. LEWIS

b) He introduced the concept of resonance to explain how stability is achieved when more than one molecular structure is possible. Linus PAULING

c) He won the 1910 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on binary mixtures and the weak forces of mutual attraction which are named for him. Johannes VAN DER WAALS

13. Most folks know that the constellation of Ursa Major translates to "the big bear". FTP, what do the rest of these constellations mean in English? 5/each.

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| a) Cetus | WHALE |
| b) Pavo | PEACOCK |
| c) Antila | AIR PUMP |
| d) Camelopardis | GIRAFFE |
| e) Scutum | SHIELD |
| f) Monoceros | UNICORN |

14. In 1927 H.P. Lovecraft wrote an influential essay entitled "Supernatural Horror in Literature", in which he enumerated what he considered to be superlative examples of the genre. Included in this essay are a number of works by authors best known for considerably different works. Identify these authors on a 10/5 basis, with the first clue being their horror story, and the second being a better known work.

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| 10) "The Mark of the Beast" | 5) "Soldiers Three" | Rudyard KIPLING |
| 10) "The Body Snatcher" | 5) "Kidnapped" | Robert Louis STEVENSON |
| 10) "The Horla" | 5) "Ball of Fat" | Guy de MAUPASSANT |

15. Answer these questions about the three Punic Wars for the stated number of points.

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| 5) Which started with the agitation of Cato the Elder? | THIRD |
| 10) The fall of what Spanish city started the second? | SAGUNTUM |
| 5) The guerrilla warfare of Hamilcar Barca was important in which war? | FIRST |
| 5) What commander captured and destroyed Carthage? | SCIPIO AFRICANUS |
| Minor | |
| 5) Who was the major leader of the Carthaginians in the second? | HANNIBAL |

16. We've all seen them sitting in the restaurant, but how many of us have actually opened up a McDonald's nutrition guide? As a reflection of these healthier times, rank these McDonald items in order of calories from least to greatest. Your items are: McGrilled Chicken Classic, Filet o' Fish, Large Fries, McLean Deluxe, Hamburger, and a box of Chocolaty Chip Cookies.

- 1) McGrilled Chicken Classic (250 calories)
- 2) Hamburger (270)
- 3) Chocolaty Chip Cookies (280)
- 4) McLean Deluxe (340)
- 5) Filet o' Fish (360)
- 6) Large Fries (450)

17. Identify the following Khans, Asian and otherwise for 5/each.
- a) A supposed ancestor of Tamerlane, he established a huge Mongol empire which he ruled from his capital city of Karakorum. JENGHIZ or GHENGIS Khan
 - b) A former funk singer, she scored a hit in the 80's with "I Feel For You". CHAKA Khan
 - c) The grandson of Jenghiz Khan, he was the founder of the "golden horde". BATU Khan
 - d) This revered location's first western concert was the Beatles, and was the site for Cheap Trick's immortal live album. BUDOKHAN
 - e) The title of the religious leader and imam of the Ishmaili Nizari sect of Islam. It was originally bestowed upon Hasan Ali Shah in 1818. the AGA Khan
 - f) You knew it was coming. What episode of the original Star Trek TV series featured Ricardo Montalban as the maniacal Khan? SPACE SEED

18. Identify the coaches of the following men's college basketball teams for 5/each.
- a) University of Massachusetts John CALIPARI
 - b) Michigan State Tom IZZO
 - c) Georgia Tech Bobby CREMINS
 - d) Utah Rick MAJERUS
 - e) Wake Forest Dave ODOM
 - f) Texas Tom PENDERS

19. Answer the following questions about psychological testing for the stated number of points.
- 5) One of the most widely used objective tests is the MMPI. What does MMPI stand for? MINNESOTA MULTIPHASIC PERSONALITY INVENTORY
 - 5) Who developed the now famous "inkblot test"? Hermann RORSCHACH
 - 10) What test asks a client to create a story about a standard series of provocative yet ambiguous pictures? THEMATIC APPERCEPTION TEST or TAT
 - 10) What American psychologist developed the thematic apperception test? Henry A. MURRAY

20. Identify the artist from works on a 30/20/10 basis.
- 30) "Expulsion of Heliodorus", "The Good Gardener"
 - 20) "Galatea", "Madonna of the Chair"
 - 10) "Madonna with the Goldfinch", "Madonna with Fish"

RAPHAEL

21. Identify these "saintly" things for 5/each, with a 5 point bonus for all correct.
- a) A luminous discharge of electricity from a projecting or elevated object such as a ship's mast or a steeple. ST. ELMO'S FIRE
 - b) The capital of Antigua and Barbuda. ST. JOHN'S
 - c) The site of the 1928 and 1948 winter olympics. ST. MORITZ
 - d) The more colorful name of Huntington's Disease. ST. VITUS' Dance
 - e) The University whose college basketball team is coached by Charlie Spoonhauer. ST. LOUIS University

22. Norse mythology is rife with strange contraptions and structures. Identify the following for the stated number of points.

- 5) The great hall of Asgard, built primarily of shields. VALHALLA
- 10) The magic boomerang hammer of Thor. MJOLNIR
- 15) The ship built from the nails of dead men built for the giants to attack Asgard during Raganarok. NAGIFAR

23. Identify these Old Testament characters whose names live on in other forms today on a 10/5 basis.

- 10) The son of Enoch and father of Lamech, he is associated with the number 969. 5) His name now marks a large quantity of champagne. METHUSELAH
- 10) The handmaid of Sarah, concubine of Abraham, and mother of Ishmael. 5) Her name is shared with that of a Viking cartoon character. HAGAR
- 10) A mighty hunter, the son of Cush. 5) His name has become a mild insult akin to dipstick or dork. NIMROD

24. If nothing else, countries love to join different organizations with cool acronyms. Identify the following such international groups from their acronyms for 5/each.

- a) OPEC ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES
- b) OAU ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
- c) ANZUS AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/UNITED STATES Council
- d) ASEAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS
- e) COMECON COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
- f) EFTA EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

25. Identify the musicians who produced these similarly named pieces of music FTP each.

- a) The song "Bring on the Night" the POLICE
- b) The album "Here Comes the Night" THEM with Van Morrison
- c) The song "Here Comes Your Man" the PIXIES

23. Identify the author from the line FTP. If you need an additional clue, it is five points.

a) 10: The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation

5: His most famous works are Walden and "Civil Disobedience."

A: Henry David THOREAU

b) 10: Men seldom make passes/At girls who wear glasses

5: Jennifer Jason Leign portrayed her in a late 1994 film

A: Dorothy PARKER

c) 10: Candy/Is dandy/But liquor/Is quicker

5: The above line came from the poem "Reflections on Ice-Breaking," published in The New Yorker.

A: Ogden NASH

24. For 5 points each, plus a 5 point bonus for getting all correct, name the five basic land types in the card game Magic: The Gathering.

A: PLAINS, ISLAND, MOUNTAIN, FOREST, SWAMP

25. FTP each, supply the missing number in the following conversions of area measure.

a) The number of acres in a square mile

A: 640

b) The number of square miles in a section of land

A: 1

c) The number of sections in a township

A: 36

27. Give the scientific name of the following components of human blood from the normal count FTP or from the common name for 5 points.

a) 10: Normal count of 4,500–11,000 per cubic millimeter

5: White blood cells

A: LEUKOCYTES

b) 10: Normal count 4–6 million per cubic millimeter

5: Red blood cells

A: ERYTHROCYTES

c) 10: Normal count of 150,000–300,000 per cubic millimeter

5: Platelets

A: THROMBOCYTES