

1997 Maryland Masters  
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1. It is covered on the inside with calligraphy spelling out every mention of the prophet Jesus in the Koran, and you can enter this sanctuary by the Gate of Iron, the Gate of Peace, or the Gate of Darkness. The Umayyad caliph Abd Al-Malik ibn Marwan employed Syrian craftsmen in the construction of this octagonal shrine, and it was restored by Saladin 500 years later. FTP, name this mosque built on the spot where the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven in Jerusalem.

Answer: The \_Dome of the Rock\_

2. The effectiveness of aspirin in combatting inflammation and pain is partly due to the inhibition of the synthesis of these substances. Made from phospholipids in the cell membrane, they affect the stimulation of smooth muscle and constriction of blood vessels, and are continuously destroyed by enzymes in the intercellular fluid. FTP, what is this class of local chemical mediators named for the gland in which they were first discovered?

Answer: \_prostaglandins\_

3. This composer wrote essays on botany, a book on Roman archaeology, and professional papers on astronomy, and observed that he produced music "as an apple tree produces apples." He finished his deceased friend Guiraud's opera \_Fredegonde\_, and wrote the \_Wedding Cake\_ caprice as a gift for the pianist Caroline Montigny-Remaury. He premiered his "Egyptian" piano concerto in 1896. FTP, who is this French composer of the "Africa" fantasy, \_Samson and Delilah\_, and the Organ symphony?

Answer: Charles-Camille \_Saint-Saens\_

4. In 1967, this man directed a 6 minute short called \_The Big Shave\_, in which a man shaves, then slices open his face and slits his throat. After a number of student films like \_Vesuvius VI\_ and \_What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?\_, he made his first feature, \_Who's That Knocking at My Door?\_ FTP, name this director who played a sponsor in \_Quiz Show\_, and has made such films as \_Boxcar Bertha\_, \_Made in Milan\_, \_New York, New York\_, and \_Mean Streets\_.

Answer: Martin \_Scorsese\_

5. In abstract algebra, his theorem states that if  $p$  is a prime, and  $p$  divides the order of a finite group  $G$ , then  $G$  contains an element of order  $p$ . E. Goursat (gore-sah) removed a continuity condition in the theorem that the integral on a simple closed contour of a function analytic in and on the contour is equal to 0. What mathematician's name is also linked to a theorem that the absolute value of the inner product of two vectors in a vectorspace is less than or equal to the product of the norms of the vectors, FTP, an inequality shared with Schwarz?

Answer: Augustin Louis \_Cauchy\_

6. The Corybantic revellers worshipped this goddess, who was born when some of Zeus' semen fell on the ground. A strange being grew up with both male and female organs; but the gods castrated the creature, and the severed male genitals conceived a beautiful young man, with whom the newly emasculated goddess fell in love. In the Aeneid, she prevents a group of mad women from setting fire to the Trojan ships. FTP, name this lover of Attis, a Phrygian goddess identified with the Bona Dea.

Answer: \_Cybele\_ or \_Cybebe\_ (prompt on "Magna Mater" or "Great Mother")

7. Located within the West Caroline Islands, this is a group of 14 islands surrounded by a Coral Reef. Sold to Germany by Spain in 1899, they fell to Japan in 1919 as a League of Nations mandate. FTP, identify this US trust territory, whose Micronesian natives employ as currency gigantic stone disks.

Answer: Islands of \_Yap\_

8. His 1553 expedition to the White Sea led to a treaty with Russia and the breaking of the monopoly of the Hanseatic League. Under the Spanish Flag, he attempted to circumnavigate the globe before Magellan, but turned back from the Rio de la Plata. FTP, identify this Genoese explorer, who in 1498 sailed to Newfoundland under the English flag and the command of his father John.

Answer: \_Sebastian Cabot\_

A skilled landscape painter, in his long retirement, he worked on the theory of color perception. Born in Riga, he was a professor of chemistry and director of the Chemical Laboratory at the University of Leipzig from 1886 to 1906. He studied catalysis, equilibrium, and rates of reactions. FTP, name this winner of the Faraday Medal in 1904 and the 1909 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of a process by which Ammonia is converted to Nitric Acid.

Answer: Wilhelm \_Ostwald\_

10. This man noted that the following words were spoken at Yale in 1961: "Please continue." "Please go on." "Whether the learner likes it or not, you must go on until he has learned all the word pairs correctly." "I don't think this is very humane...Oh, I can't go on with this; It's a hell of an experiment. The guy is suffering in there. This is crazy." And, "Although the shocks can be extremely painful, they cause no permanent tissue damage." FTP, these are all things said during "A study of obedience," conducted by what behavioral scientist?

Answer: Stanley \_Milgram\_

11. Whistler's "Arrangement in Grey and Black #2" is a portrait of this man. William Morris once said of this former scholar of German Romantic literature that "somebody should have punched him in the head every five minutes." In 1836, he published a satirical account of the life and opinions of the imaginary Professor Diogenes Teufelsdröckh. Elsewhere, he wrote that "The history of the world is but the biography of great men." FTP, name this "sage of Chelsea," the author of \_The History of Friedrich II of Prussia\_, the essay \_Characteristics\_, \_Sartor Resartus\_ and \_The French Revolution\_.

Answer: Thomas \_Carlyle\_

12. This 1886 novel picks up the life of the title character after she has separated from her husband and decided to make a firsthand study of poverty and radicalism in London. There she meets the illegitimate son of an English nobleman and a Frenchwoman, Hyacinth Robinson. He is recruited to carry out an assassination, but commits suicide instead. FTP, name this novel about the further adventures of Christina Light, the royally-titled beloved of the sculptor Roderick Hudson in Henry James' earlier novel.

Answer: The \_Princess Casamassima\_

13. He married Alice Key, the daughter of Francis Scott Key. Although he supported the Civil War effort, he opposed Lincoln's suspension of habeas corpus. In Congress, he supported greenback payment instead of coins for government bonds, and favored states' rights. Known as "Gentleman George," he later served as President Cleveland's ambassador to Germany. FTP, who was this sponsor of a bill to create competitive Civil service exams?

Answer: George Hunt \_Pendleton\_

14. He was the director of state lotteries in Paris, was knighted in the Netherlands, and worked as a police informer for the Venetian Inquisition. Among his earlier jobs were secretary to a cardinal, alchemist, and violinist, but he finished his life as the librarian for the Count von Waldstein in, appropriately enough, Bohemia. FTP, name this Venetian adventurer whose 12-volume \_Memoirs Written by the Man Himself\_ reveal his scandalous amorous exploits.

Answer: Giacomo Girolamo \_Casanova\_ de Seingalt

15. This statue may be a product of the school of the 6th century Etruscan sculptor Vulca. Removed to the Lateran Palace in the Middle Ages, it originally stood on the Capitoline hill, and Cicero writes that it was struck by lightning in 65 B.C., an event which seems to be borne out by a rupture in one of its bronze legs. In 1509, Antonio Pollaiuolo added the twin figures of Romulus and Remus. FTP, name this symbol of the city of Rome, located in the Capitoline Museums' Sala della Lupa.

Answer: The Capitoline \_Wolf\_ or the \_She-Wolf\_ suckling Romulus and Remus or La \_Lupa\_ (if given before "Sala della Lupa"). Accept equivalents.

16. When Alexander the Great demanded to be worshipped as a god, claiming that he was the son of Zeus, this man sarcastically replied, "Let him be the son of Zeus, and of Poseidon, too." Although he played a role in accepting the Peace of Philocrates, he devoted most of his political career to undermining that Peace, urging Athens to intervene in Olynthus, and aiding the Thebans in their revolt from Alexander. FTP, name this man most famous for his speeches against Philip of Macedon.

Answer: \_Demosthenes\_

17. He claimed that "war is the continuation of politics by other means," and originated the concept of "friction," meaning the small errors, fatigue, and chance that cause plans to go awry. During the Napoleonic Wars, he convinced General Yorck to agree to the convention of Tauroggen and desert the French army. He fought at Wavre, Ligny, and Auerstadt, but his main contribution is as a theorist, as in his monograph "Principles of War" for Crown Prince Frederick William. FTP, name this Prussian general and author of "On War."

Answer: Karl Maria von \_Clausewitz\_

18. In his old age, he had bad cataracts, which were treated by the same doctor who ministered to J.S. Bach's blindness. A publisher named John Walsh issued a set of concertos by this composer without his permission. In a keyboard contest with Domenico Scarlatti, he was acclaimed the better organist, with Scarlatti being the better harpsichordist. FTP, name this composer who celebrated the peace of Aix-le-Chapelle with his Royal Fireworks Music.

Answer: George Frideric \_Handel\_

19. On May 15, 1591 in the Uglich palace, this son of Maria Nagoi died of a throat wound. Eyewitnesses to the event told investigators that, while playing with blocks, he fell victim to an epileptic seizure and stabbed himself with a knife. In 1603, an Orthodox monk named Gregory Otrepiev, living in Poland converted to Catholicism and wrote a letter to the Pope declaring himself the tsarevitch and accusing Boris Gudonov of attempted murder. FTP, identify this illegitimate son of Ivan the Terrible, whose identity was assumed twice by Polish pretenders to the Russian throne during the Time of Troubles.

Answer: Tsarevitch \_Dmitri\_ Ivanov (accept "False Dmitri", since the Otrepiev clue points that way))

20. It was intended to refute a passage in "the Spirit of the Laws", where Montesquieu asserted that a Republic could only be effective if small in size and population. Small Republics were prone to splitting into violent factions, which could not be avoided without sacrificing liberty. Publius asserted that a majority faction could not harm the minority in the Union because a large society would prevent factions from holding together. FTP, this is a brief summary of James Madison's arguments in which article, the first of his contributions to the Federalist.

Answer: \_Federalist\_ Paper, Number \_10\_ (Prompt on Federalist Papers)

21. This man felt that the government was moving away from policies that he had established under Theodore Roosevelt, and he filed charges against Richard Achilles Ballinger, Taft's

secretary of the interior. Ballinger was upheld, and in 1910 this man was fired for insubordination. In the 1920s and 30s, he served as governor of Pennsylvania, where he helped settle a strike that had paralyzed that state's anthracite coal mines. FTP, name this author of Conservation and Breaking New Ground, the head of the Division of Forestry under three presidents.

Answer: Gifford Pinchot

22. In some versions of this sect, the adept seeks an ecstatic vision of God's throne, the chariot seen by Ezekiel. With a name that means "received tradition," it is an esoteric theosophy that crystallized in 13th-century Spain, using as its main religious text The Book of Splendor, also referred to as the Zohar. A more modern version developed in the 16th century, and known as "Lurianic," draws on the Gnostic doctrine of divine sparks. FTP, name this form of Jewish mysticism.

Answer: Cabala

23. He studied under an apothecary until he came under the guidance of the chemist Torbern Bergman. In 1775, he became the proprietor of a pharmacy in Köping. He demonstrated that lactic acid was the acid component of sour milk, and determined the composition of citric acid and hydrogen cyanide. He is credited with the discovery of molybdenum, tungsten, nitrogen, manganese, and barium. FTP, name this Swedish chemist who prepared oxygen from various oxides slightly before Joseph Priestley.

Answer: Carl Wilhelm Scheele

24. He was arrested for leaving Württemberg without permission in order to watch the production of his first play, The Robbers. Thereafter, he was forbidden to publish further dramatic works, but he escaped from prison in 1782. His late work was produced during his "Weimar Period" where he wrote The Bride from Messina and Maria Stuart. FTP, name this German writer of Don Carlos, Wallenstein and the Ode to Joy.

Answer: (Johann Christoph) Friedrich von Schiller

25. A strong fascination with magic is seen in this famous 1510 painting, which a young woman stares placidly into a convex mirror, apparently not seeing that the Three Ages of Man are reflected in it. She combs her hair with her hand, oblivious to the gruesome creature who holds an hourglass over her head while a horrified man tries to stop it. FTP, name this masterpiece of the Strasbourg-based pupil of Dürer, Hans Baldung Grien.

Answer: Death and the Maiden or Die Frau und den Tod

1. (Reader: Use exaggerated Italian voice) "Ey-ah, Luigi! You-ah no score-ah no points if you no know nuthin' 'bout anatomists, Eh?" Identify these old Italian anatomists on a 10-5 basis.

1. For 10 points: Born in San Severino, he was the personal physician to the duke of Urbino, and made detailed studies of the teeth, adrenal glands, and kidneys.

For 5 points: He is best known for his precise accounts of his valve in the fetus, and of the auditory tube in the ear.

Answer: Bartolommeo Eustachio

2. For 10 points: The student of Vesalius and teacher of Fabrizio, he discovered structures in the ear and skull, and coined the term vagina.

For 5 points: He was the first to describe the tubes leading from the ovary to uterus, but failed to determine their function.

Answer: Gabrielle Falloppio

3. For 10 points: Chief physician to Pope Innocent XII, he discovered the stomata in leaves and delineated the formation of the plant embryo.

For 5 points: He gave the first full account of the silkworm moth and discovered the excretory organs of insects.

Answer: Marcello Malpighi

Bonus



2. (Reader: Use Homer Simpson voice) Mmm.. pulsars. Crunchy on the outside, but filled with neutrony goodness. Identify the following for ten points each.

1. This Cambridge graduate student first noticed regular pulses of radio noise from one location in the sky in 1967.

Answer: Jocelyn \_Bell\_

2. The Russian astronomer Shklovskii first showed that pulsars emit this type of radiation first observed in a particle accelerator in 1947. It is emitted when high-speed electrons move along curved paths through a magnetic field.

Answer: \_synchrotron\_ radiation

3. Thought to be caused by starquakes, this is the sudden unexpected speedup of a pulsar.

Answer: \_glitch\_

3. Muhahahaha! Identify the authors of the following sinister works FTP each, five if you need more works.

1. For 10 points: \_The Left Hand of the Electron\_

For 5 points: \_The Intelligent Man's Guide to Science\_

Answer: Isaac \_Asimov\_

2. For 10 points: \_The Left Bank and Other Stories\_

For 5 points: \_Wide Sargasso Sea\_

Answer: Jean \_Rhys\_

3. For 10 points: "Left Out on Lone Star Mountain" and "Brown of Calaveras"

For 5 points: "Wan Lee, the Pagan" and "A Passage in the Life of Mr. John Oakhurst"

Answer: Francis Bret \_Harte\_

4. Identify the dramatist from works, 30-20-10.

30: \_A Man is a Man\_ and \_Saint Joan of the Stockyards\_

20: \_Drums in the Night\_ and \_The Exception and the Rule\_

10: \_Mother Courage and Her Children\_ and \_The Life of Galileo\_

Answer: Bertolt \_Brecht\_

5. The Italian composer Ferruccio Busoni once ranked the top five composers for the piano in the age after Beethoven's death. Two of them were Chopin and Liszt. Identify the other three from clues for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points: This composer broke a finger of his right hand on a strengthening device, ruining his prospective career as a performer. His compositions for the piano include \_Carnaval\_ and the \_Abegg Variations\_.

Answer: Robert \_Schumann\_

2. For 10 points: In a note to his publisher, he requested that the cover of one of his early piano quartets portray someone holding a pistol to his head. His solo piano works include the \_Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel\_, the \_Paganini\_ and \_Schumann\_ variations, and various rhapsodies, waltzes, and small pieces.

Answer: Johannes \_Brahms\_

3. For 15 points: This man, born in the Jewish quarter of Paris, lived a life of seclusion after a series of successful concert appearances. A biblical scholar, his death might have been caused by a bookcase of Talmuds falling on him. His works include the 12 etudes in minor keys, the \_Marche Funebre\_, and the \_Scherzo Diabolique\_.

Answer: Charles-Valentin \_Alkan\_ (accept Charles-Valentin \_Morhange\_)

6. For ten points each, name the following rivers of China.

1. Flowing Southwest from the Kirin Province, it forms the border between China and the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea.

Answer: \_Yalu\_

2. Nicknamed the "Yellow" river due to its heavy silt flows, it flows East from Tibet and then bends first Northeast and then south before flowing in a northeasterly direction into the East China Sea.

Answer: Huang Ho

3. The third longest river in Asia, it flows 2700 miles along the Mongolian and Russian borders. It then flows through Manchuria and Russia before entering the Tartar Strait opposite Sakhalin Island.

Answer: Amur

7. 30-20-10. Identify the American given quotations.

30: When the St. Louis Board of Education asked him to end his career as a broadcaster, he said: "There is a lot of people who say isn't and they ain't eatin'."

20: After being hit by a line drive off the bat of Earl Averill in the 1937 All Star Game, a doctor in the dugout diagnosed him with a fractured toe. His reply: "Fractured! Hell, the damn thing's broke!"

10: After being hit in the forehead and knocked unconscious by a double play relay throw in the 1934 World Series he was taken to the hospital. After the game he noted that: "The doctors x-rayed my head and found nothing."

Answer: Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean

8. As soon as NBC's production of The Odyssey came out, Seth Kendall sent email to Gaius Stern and Matt Colvin complaining about all the errors in the film. See how many you can correct here, 10 points each:

1. The priest of Poseidon, Laocoon, is strangled by a sea serpent in a scene that was clearly lifted from Virgil's Aeneid. We'll pass over the fact that NBC left out his two sons, and only employed one serpent where there should have been two. For 10 points, what object did NBC's Laocoon neglect to throw at the Trojan Horse?

Answer: A spear

2. In the movie, Telemachus' hopes for his father's return are crushed when he is told "your father is dead," by this king. But in Homer's version, he tells Telemachus the truth which he forced out of Proteus after wrestling with him -- that Odysseus is alive on Calypso's island. Who is this king?

Answer: Menelaus

3. In the movie version, Odysseus' mother wades into the sea and drowns herself. Where'd they get that? Name her for another 10 points.

Answer: Anticleia

9. Name the speakers of the following famous last words on a 10-5 basis.

1. For 10 points: "I desire to go to hell and not to heaven. In the former place I shall enjoy the company of popes, kings and princes, while in the latter are only beggars, monks and apostles." For 5 points: He might have been especially pleased to meet Cesare Borgia when he got to hell.

Answer: Niccolo Machiavelli

2. For 10 points: "Be of good comfort, Mr. Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

For 5 points: This bishop of Worcester and English protestant reformer was burned at the stake in 1555 with the Bishop of Rochester, Nicholas Ridley, by order of Queen Mary.

Answer: Hugh Latimer

3. For 10 points: to his housekeeper after she asked if he had a last message for the world: "Go on, get out! Last words are for fools who haven't said enough."

For 5 points: He wrote his doctoral dissertation on "The Difference between the Philosophies of Nature in Democritus and Epicurus," and later developed his own brand of materialism -- "dialectical."

Answer: Karl Marx

10. Russian history is full of ineffectual rulers. Identify the following people for the stated number of points.

1. For 5 points: In July, 1762, Alexei Orlov and some fellow conspirators strangled this tsar who had publicly called his wife a fool at a state dinner earlier in the year. The conspirators were lavishly rewarded by the new tsarina.

Answer: Peter III

2. For 5 points: In 1984, this man succeeded Yuri Andropov, whose poor health had prevented him from implementing many of his reforms. He was notable for being really old, and died a year later.

Answer: Konstantin Chernenko

3. For 10 points: As a compromise between the fighting Miloslavskii and Naryskin factions, this near-blind and mentally deficient teenager was made co-tsar with Peter the Great in 1682, although his sister Sophia was regent until 1689. He remained in the Kremlin until his death in 1696, deeply absorbed in traditional ceremonies.

Answer: Ivan V

4. For 10 points: After Lavrenti Beria, the head of the KGB, was suppressed, this man succeeded Stalin and continued his basic policy. After Khrushchev eclipsed him, he was demoted to minister of electric power stations.

Answer: Georgi Malenkov

11. Identify these "M" words from biology, G! If you don't screw up you'll gets da pointz! (10 each)

1. The study of the form and structure of the parts or whole of an organism.

Answer: morphology

2. This is the free-swimming stage in the life cycle of a coelenterate (seal-en-terr-eight). It is named after a mythological figure.

Answer: medusa

3. From the Greek for "fungus," it is the mass of hyphae forming the body of a fungus.

Answer: mycelium

12. Damn it, Beavis, there's more to 19th century American art than Winslow Homer and George Caleb Bingham. Given some of them, identify the movement or genre that they are naturally classified in FTP each, five if you're a buttmunch and need another and a short description.

1. For 10 points: Worthington Whittredge, Martin Johnson Heade

For 5 points: Fitz Hugh Lane, absence of visible brushstrokes, distinct lighting effects, and precisely delineated forms

Answer: luminism (prompt on landscape painting)

2. For 10 points: Henry Inman, Jasper Francis Cropsey

For 5 points: Thomas Cole, painters who were attracted by the grandeur and beauty of vistas in the American landscape.

Answer: Hudson River school (prompt on landscape)

3. For 10 points: John Frederick Peto, Jefferson Davis Chalfant

For 5 points: William Michael Harnett, a form of still life in which objects are painted with such fidelity that it plays a trick on the eye.

Answer: trompe l'oeil realism (prompt on still lifes)

13. In 1678, all London went wild with fear and rage, upon being told of the factitious "Popish Plot" -- the alleged planned assassination of king Charles II, the burning of London, and a general massacre of Protestants. Answer the following questions for the stated number of points:

1. For 5 points, the plot was concocted by the Reverend Dr. Tonge and this man, who swore the truth of it before Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, a magistrate who was later found dead in a ditch.

Answer: Titus Oates

2. For 10 points: In 1683, Titus Oates was fined one hundred thousand pounds for calling this man, then the Duke of York, a traitor.

Answer: James II

3. For 15 points: Among the high-ranking persons who were maligned in the perjuries of the Popish Plot was this queen of Charles II, a devout Roman Catholic who, being childless, was forced to endure the humiliation of Charles' mistress Barbara Villiers and her children at court.

Answer: Catherine of Braganza

14. I wanted to do a conjoined-answer bonus to which one of the answers would have been "Wendell Wilkie Collins." Instead, answer the following about The Moonstone, 10 each:

1. This character is the owner of the Moonstone, which she inherited from her uncle Colonel John Herncastle, who stole the diamond from a Hindu holy place.

Answer: Rachel Verinder

2. The mystery is eventually solved by this shrewd, melancholy detective, a sergeant from London, but not before the culprit, Godfrey Ablewhite, is killed and the diamond is retrieved by the three Hindus.

Answer: Sergeant Cuff

3. Elements of The Moonstone's plot were lifted by Anthony Trollope for this novel, the third of his Palliser series. In it, Lizzie is left widowed and in possession of the family diamonds, and hides them under her pillow, claiming that they have been stolen.

Answer: The Eustace Diamonds

15. Answer these questions about the Great Northern War's battle of Poltava, 10 each:

1. During preliminary skirmishing, this leader was badly wounded in the foot, and had to be carried in a litter.

Answer: Charles XII of Sweden

2. Charles XII lost the battle when Peter the Great's 40,000 fresh troops squelched the Swedish charge of 7,000. He fled to this Turkish-held region in Bessarabia, now an independent republic.

Answer: Moldavia or Moldova

3. With Charles went about 1,500 horsemen, led by this hetman of the Cossacks.

Answer: Ivan Mazepa

16. 30-20-10 Name the poem from quotes:

30: "Ah, take the Cash, and let the Credit go..."

20: "And when like her, O Saki, you shall pass  
Among the Guests Star-scattered on the Grass,  
And in your joyous errand reach the spot  
Where I made One -- turn down an empty Glass!"

10: "A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,  
A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread -- and Thou  
Beside me singing in the Wilderness --  
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow!"

Answer: The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam by Edward Fitzgerald

17. [moderator: use Arnold Schwarzenegger voice] "Behold! The harbinger of your doom!" Mr. Freeze? No, instead, answer these questions relating to the actual apocalypse, for the stated number of points:

1. For 5 points: "Christ pities not your cry; Depart to hell, there may you yell and roar eternally" -- This quote is from what 224 stanza poem of 1662?

Answer: The Day of Doom by Michael Wigglesworth

2. For 10 points: "The darkness drops again; but now I know  
That twenty centuries of stony sleep



Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,  
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,  
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?"  
From what poem are these 5 lines taken?

Answer: William Butler Yeats' "The Second Coming"

3. For 15 points: Followers of this Baptist preacher dressed in white robes and waited, to no avail, when the Second Coming of Christ failed to occur during the period of March 1843 to March 1844.

Answer: William Miller

18. American philosophy never comes up in ACF, probably because it is piss-poor. But hey, this is a Masters tournament, so I will take the liberty of quizzing you on a few of our native minds, 10 each.

1. I'm told that this Harvard philosopher is rarely in his office. Though sympathetic to logical positivism, he didn't quite go that far in such books as "From a Logical Point of View" and "Word and Object".

Answer: William Van Orman Quine

2. Harvard also harbors this political philosopher whose pernicious 1971 study, "A Theory of Justice" revived a form of Rousseau's social contract.

Answer: John Bordley Rawls

3. Can anything good come from the University of Virginia? That's where this neo-pragmatist philosopher took a teaching job in 1982. He is the author of "Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature".

Answer: Richard Rorty

19. "No one believes in a conspiracy against an emperor until it has succeeded." Name these emperors, given details of their deaths, for 10 each.

1. The quote in this bonus' lead-in was, ironically enough, said by this man shortly before he was killed in 96 A.D. by intimates of his entourage, probably including his wife.

Answer: Domitian (or Titus Flavius Domitianus)

2. His assassination was partly prompted by disgust at the orgiastic ceremonies of the Syrian sun-god whom he tried to make the supreme deity of the Empire during his reign from 218-222.

Answer: Elagabalus or Heliogabalus (or Marcus Aurelius Antoninus)

3. Spilled from his litter and attacked by the praetorians at the behest of Otho, this emperor bared his throat and welcomed death, though Tacitus adds that "those sadistic monsters even inflicted a number of wounds on the already truncated torso." This took place on the 15th of January in...that's right, 69 A.D.

Answer: Servius Sulpicius Galba

20. What was on Uma Thurman's lips in "Batman and Robin"? Identify the following plant-derived poisons, 10 each:

1. Extracts of this plant were once used by women to dilate the pupils of their eyes for cosmetic effect...but not too much, otherwise they became very sleepy and never woke up.

Answer: Belladonna

2. This bitter alkaloid drug is derived from the seeds of a Sri Lankan tree that bears the very appropriate species name "nux-vomica." Other than the obvious retching, it produces violent convulsions...goody!

Answer: Strychnine

3. If you get hit by a South American Indian's blow-gun dart, chances are it is dipped in this alkaloid plant extract that induces paralysis by interfering with the transmission of nerve impulses in skeletal muscle.

Answer: Curare

21. The single best square in Italy is the Piazza della Signoria in Florence, site of numerous great statues. Identify the following sculptures standing there, given passages describing them in the incomparable Blue Guide to Florence, for the stated number of points:

1. For 5 points: Under the Loggia dei Lanzi is this 1583 masterpiece, "the last work of Giambologna. A spiralling serpentine composition, it was originally untitled."

Answer: The Rape of the Sabine

2. For 10 points: Also under the loggia is this bronze masterpiece commissioned by Cosimo de Medici from Benvenuto Cellini in 1545. "While Cellini was casting it, his studio caught fire."

Answer: Perseus Trampling Medusa Underfoot and Exhibiting Her Severed Head (or just Perseus and Medusa)

3. For 15 points: Sculpted in 1534 by Bandinelli, it is an "unhappy imitation of Michelangelo's David, and all the defects of this statue were pointed out by Cellini to Cosimo de Medici in the presence of the sculptor."

Answer: Hercules and Cacus

Answer the following about the Alabama claims, 10 points each:

1. The United States demanded retribution from Britain because the CSS Alabama had been built in the shipyards of this town.

Answer: Liverpool

2. The commander of the Alabama was this man, who captured or destroyed 64 ships worth 6.5 million dollars, and led his ship around the world before being defeated by the USS Kearsarge of Cherbourg, France.

Answer: Raphael Semmes

3. Although diplomats hammered out a solution to claims in the 1869 Johnson-Clarendon Convention, that proposal met defeat on the floor of the senate, where this chair of the Foreign Relations committee shot it down, demanding \$2 billion from Britain to cover the cost of the entire Civil War after Gettysburg, as well as the cession of Canada to the U.S. He was crippled for life after 1865.

Answer: Charles Sumner