

SNEWT: Son of QOTC, 1997  
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1) The first hotels built in Sullivan County, New York in the 1920s were known to have signs saying "No Hebrews." Not long afterward the area was known for the exact opposite. Extravagant and often tacky hotels were built all over and in neighboring Ulster County. FTP, identify this area in the Catskill Mountains named for the culinary habits of the people of eastern European Jewish descent that frequented it, which created the careers of Mel Brooks, Jackie Mason, Shecky Green and Henny Youngman?

ANSWER: THE \_BORSCHT BELT\_

2) This Himalayan peak was first discovered in 1856, yet was not climbed until 1954. Lying in the Karakorum Range, North Kashmir, at the China-India border, this lofty sentinel reaches an altitude of 28,250 ft. FTP, name this mountain, for a time believed to be perhaps higher than Everest, and now accepted as the world's second-highest peak.

ANSWER: \_K2\_ or \_Mt. Godwin-Austen\_

3) The Grand Serenade for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion, The Seasonings, The Pervertimento for Bagpipes, Bicycle, and Balloons in G, and the Erotica variations are just a few of the works of this man, who is touted as being extremely mediocre. This composer was only given initials for his name because his twenty older siblings received all the good names, according to his biographer, Peter Schickele. For ten points, give the full name of this fictional twenty-first child of the composer of the "Toccatina and Fugue in D".

ANSWER: \_PDQ BACH\_ (prompt on Bach)

5) A scene where his wife tries to seduce him but he's impotent. Another where he gets upset after he finds that she made tapes of his conversations with his girlfriends. These and his friendship with a black servant who never existed are all fictional creations for a recent TV movie about what former political figure.

ANSWER: George \_Wallace\_

6) Note: Two answers required. At first, they were lawyers specializing in Green Cards. This infamous pair has now given up their legal practice in order to write a book and start a consulting business on advertising. FTP, name these two, who have developed spamming the Internet with advertisements into a lucrative practice.

ANSWER: Lawrence \_Canter\_ and Marsha \_Siegel\_

7) Her unfinished works include Lady Susan and The Watsons. At age 42, she died after completing only 6 novels and was buried at Winchester Cathedral. About 1816, The Prince Regent of England invited her to dedicate her latest work, Emma, to him. FTP, name this British author, a favorite for Hollywood in the Mid-1990s?

ANSWER: Jane \_AUSTEN\_

8) This popular programming language was created by Tim Berners-Lee of the European research center CERN. Its inception in 1989 signaled an explosion of information available on the Internet. Name this language, now the chief language for writing on the World Wide Web, based on SGML.

ANSWER: \_HTML\_ (also accept \_Hypertext Markup Language\_)

9) After the assassination of William McKinley, he was heard to remark Now look, that damned cowboy is President of the United States! A Republican Senator from Ohio, he had strongly resisted McKinley's choice of Teddy Roosevelt as running mate in 1900. FTP, identify the man who stage-managed the election of McKinley in 1896.

Answer: Marcus Alonzo "Mark" \_HANNA\_

10) In 1882, Lindemann proved that pi is transcendental, and so this process is impossible. It was a problem attempted by the Greek geometers and it involves, using only a ruler and a pair of compasses, finding a square whose area is equal to that of a given circle. FTP, name this process, equivalent to constructing a line of length root pi.

ANSWER: \_SQUARING THE CIRCLE\_

11) His last words were not about his fatal gunshot wound in the neck. At the time, he was more worried over the welfare of his wife, Sophie Chotek, who was dying due to the same assassin. Identify this man, for 10 points, who was murdered by Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914.

ANSWER: \_ ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND \_

12) The Locrian raped Cassandra in the sack of Troy and was subsequently shipwrecked by Athena. He was saved by Poseidon, but then killed by a lightning bolt for his insolence. The Telamonian was a hero of the Trojan War, and with Odysseus rescued the corpse of Achilles, and was known for the mighty shield he carried. FTP, give the name shared by these two figures of Greek mythology.

ANSWER: \_Ajax\_ or \_Aias\_

13) This Russian composer was born in Tiflis in 1903. He enrolled in the Gnesin School of Music in Moscow in 1923 and published his first piece, Dance, two years later. FTP, name this composer who, in 1943, won the Stalin Prize for his most famous ballet Gayane.

Answer: ARAM \_KHATCHATURIAN\_

14) This genetic disorder is caused by a deletion of part of chromosome 5. Children born with this disease are usually born underweight, with a small head, wide-set eyes, and a receding chin, as well as severe retardation. For ten points, identify this disease whose name is derived from the sound that babies affected by it make.

ANSWER: \_CRI DU CHAT\_Syndrome

15) In 1989, he was indicted on 98 counts of securities fraud and violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. He worked at Drexel Burnham Lambert, which has since gone bankrupt. FTP, name this "junk bond" king who has recently become a fundraiser for charitable organizations.

ANSWER: Michael \_Milken\_

16) The director of this film was criticized for forcing the subjects to dress "more like Eskimoses." It was released during a heat wave, which led to its success. A sequel was planned, but was never

made because the subject and his entire family had starved to death. FTP name this 1922 film from the Father of the Documentary, Robert Flaherty.

ANSWER: NANOOK OF THE NORTH

17) He was born in Teignmouth, England in 1792. In 1822 he developed a device to calculate logarithms and trigonometric functions. Unfortunately, the lack of precision manufacturing made his later invention impossible to produce at the time. FTP, name this scientist who built the Difference Engine and ten years later, conceived of the Analytical Engine.

Answer: Charles BABBAGE

18) After emerging in NYC in the mid-1940's, this school of art gained prominence in American art in the 1950's. Stylistic markings include attention to surface qualities, the use of huge canvases, and the harnessing of accidents that occur while painting. Name this school of painting that was practiced by Franz Kline, Willem de Kooning, and Jackson Pollock.

ANSWER: abstract expressionism (also accept NY school, prompt on "expressionism.")

19) This 16th century astronomer set up a more accurate table of planetary motion, catalogued over 1000 stars, and proved that comets were not objects of the atmosphere. Many of his observations were done at his Uraniborg castle on the island of Hveen, which was given to him by Frederick II. He is even more famous in some circles for his dwarf named Jeppé, who is reported to have sat at his feet at the table and to have had second sight. For 10 points, name this Danish astronomer, who had a gold and silver artificial nose designed for him after a duel.

ANSWER: Tycho BRAHE

20) This prominent African-American musician was born in 1926 in Hamlet, NC and gained considerable fame as a member of the Miles Davis Quintet in the mid 1950's after kicking his heroin addiction. FTP, name this performer, the dominant tenor and soprano saxophonist of the jazz avant-garde.

ANSWER: John Coltrane

21) In many of his works he used a method which he claimed to be scrupulously scientific: touches of clean, round colour were applied to a canvas without mixing on the palette. FTP, name this painter known for works such as La Grande Jatte and the method of painting he often used, pointillism.

Answer: Georges SEURAT

22) In 1977, then General Manager of the Toronto Blue Jays, Peter Bavasi, was offered a young pitcher for Bill Singer. Bavasi refused, and the young pitcher went 27-3 and led the league in ERA the next season as a member of the New York Yankees. FTP, who was the trade bait, nicknamed Louisiana Lightning?

Answer: Ron GUIDRY

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1. Answer these questions about Niccolo Machiavelli FTP each.

i. The return to power in Florence of which family ended Machiavelli's political career?

Answer: De MEDICI

ii. To which member of the Medici family is his most famous work, "the Prince", addressed?

Answer: LORENZO de Medici (do not accept Lorenzo the Magnificent)

iii. Name the man to whom Machiavelli referred as the model for the political and military leader. He was the illegitimate son of Pope Alexander VI, and later gained the title of Duke of Romagna.

Answer: CESARE BORGIA (prompt on Borgia)

2. Name the following mid-19th century political figures FTP each.

i. As Secretary of State under William Henry Harrison, he began building a national bank, but was later rebuffed by John Tyler.

Answer: Daniel WEBSTER

ii. One of the two military heroes involved in the 1848 Whig Presidential nominations, he was Old Fuss and Feathers to Zachary Taylor's Old Rough and Ready.

Answer: Winfield SCOTT

iii. He was appointed by the Whig Administration and helped bring about the opening of Japan through his "gunship diplomacy".

Answer: Matthew PERRY

3. 30-20-10, give the two-word term.

30. With the prefix 'Night of', it refers to a tense premiers meeting during the Canadian constitutional debate of 1981.

20. It is a Native American term for the Virginia settlers, first used around 1750.

10. It was also used by natives to refer to the US Cavalry in the 1870s and referred more specifically to the soldiers' swords.

LONG KNIVES

4. 30-20-10 identify the author.

30. His first great success came with *Sears and Born Indian*, which told of the lives of Silas Ermineskin, Mad Etta and Frank Fence-Post.

20. This modern-day Canadian author's first published work was *Dance Me Outside*, a collection of short stories about an Indian Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta.

10. His best-known works are about baseball, including *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy* and the commercialized *Shoeless Joe*.

WP KINSELLA

5. It's time for a poetry/science combination question. For 5-10-15, given a question from a sappy love poem, give the correct scientific answer.

5: Tell me why the stars do shine, or name the nuclear reaction that causes radiant energy to be released from them.

Nuclear fusion (do not accept fission)

10: Tell me why the ivy winds, or the name of movement in the growth of plants.

tropism

15: Finally, tell me why the sky is blue, or name the effect that causes blue wavelengths to be seen upon entering the atmosphere.

Rayleigh scattering

6. Answer the following questions about a "city of god" for the stated number of points.

i. The Plat of Zion was a carefully designed scheme for building the ideal city, a fitting location for the Second Coming. Its specified street widths, building block sizes, and housing materials all conformed to a strict grid. FTP, which religious leader claimed to be given this plan in a vision in 1833?

Answer: Joseph SMITH

ii. The Mormons laid down the Plat of Zion in three cities, one each in Missouri, Illinois, and Utah. Name each for five points each, and a five point bonus for all three.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah; NAUVOO, Illinois; CALDWELL County, Missouri

7. The makeup of the NHL is changing. The Hartford Whalers finally moved, and the NHL is expanding to four new cities between 1998 and the year 2000. For five points apiece and a bonus five points for all correct, name the city that the Hartford Whalers moved to and the four cities that will be receiving expansion franchises, some for the second time.

CHARLOTTE, ATLANTA, MINNEAPOLIS, COLUMBUS, NASHVILLE

8. Given the first line, name the novel from which it came for 5,10,15 points each.

5: As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from troubled dreams he found himself changed in his bed to some monstrous kind of vermin.

Answer: \_THE METAMORPHOSIS\_ (DNA The Metamorphoses)

10: It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.

Answer: \_PRIDE AND PREJUDICE\_

15: Once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moocow coming along down the road and this moocow that was coming down along the road met a nice little boy named baby Tuckoo...

Answer: \_A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN\_

9. 30-20-10 - Name the man

30: He founded Chuck E. Cheese's in 1977.

20: He has been working on developing an alternative to NTN bar trivia since he left his computer company.

10: In 1972, he left Ampex and founded Atari with \$500 of his own money, and is credited with developing the first commercial video game, Pong.

Answer: Nolan \_BUSHNELL\_

10. 30-20-10 Given comments from famous literary figures, identify what they are criticizing.

30: Hemingway said it "is something that hangs up behind the bathroom door and smells of Lysol."

20: Nietzsche said it "is the state in which man sees things most decidedly as they are not."

10: Ambrose Bierce called it "A temporary insanity curable by marriage."

Answer: \_LOVE\_

11. Answer these questions on the Spanish Civil War for 5-10-15 points.

5: This military leader led the insurrection against the republican government with support from Mussolini and Hitler.

Answer: Francisco \_FRANCO\_

10: The Nazis bombed of this historic capital of the Basques on April 26, 1937.

Answer: \_GUERNICA\_

15: This man, a member of the NKVD, was sent from Moscow to oversee the operation of the war and to promote the Communist tendency of the Republican government. Around the time of Guernica, he instigated a purge of the Spanish communists to consolidate the Soviet influence.

Answer: Alexander \_ORLOV\_



12. Name the following 3 Italian artists born in the first half of the 15th century.

a) This painter left a commune of monks at the age of 26. He maintained an adventurous love life but chose to keep the title Fra, meaning brother or Friar, in his name. He is perhaps best known for painting The Adoration of the Magi.

Fra Filippo "Lippo" LIPPI

b) This apprentice of Lippi has a name that translates to be "little barrel". His postcards and prints outsell all other artists in his native Florence.

Sandro BOTTICELLI

c) Famous for his plethora of Madonnas, he was also known for his subtle distribution of light and fusion of the primary colours. He produced the painting The Procession of the True Cross.

GIOVANNI BELLINI (prompt on Bellini)

13. Name these semiconductor devices, 15 points apiece.

i. It is a device with only one pn junction, which ideally allows current to pass through it in only one direction.

DIODE

ii. Since the late 1970s, this type of field effect transistor has been extremely popular, especially in VLSI, since it requires far less space than a BJT.

MOSFET (or: METAL OXIDE SEMICONDUCTOR FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTOR)

14. 30-20-10 identify the thinker.

30. In his 1904 book, The Theory of Business Enterprise, he developed his belief that it was the engineer, not the entrepreneur, who created progress.

20. His analysis of "The Gilded Age" likely contributed the first psychological element to economic theory, and he coined the term 'conspicuous consumption'.

10. He is better-known for his 1899 work, The Theory of the Leisure Class.

Thorstein VEBLEN

15. Time for a twisted anatomy question. FTPE, name the 3 kinds of abnormal spinal curvatures.

SCOLIOSIS, KYPHOSIS, LORDOSIS

16. Give the English Baseball translation for the following French baseball terms, 5 points apiece, 5 point bonus for all correct.

i. LIEU SUR

\_FAIR TERRITORY\_

ii. COURT-CIRCUIT  
\_HOME RUN\_

iii. ARRET-COURT  
\_SHORTSTOP\_

iv. GRAND CHELEM  
\_GRAND SLAM\_

v. VOLTIGEUR  
\_OUTFIELDER\_

18. Answer questions about philosophical/logical paradoxes for fifteen points each.

i. This man popularized the following paradox, which now bears his name: "There is a village in which a male barber shaves all and only those men who do not shave themselves. Does this barber shave himself?"

Bertrand \_RUSSELL\_

ii. The classical Liar Paradox is just as short: "Epimenides of Crete says, All Cretans are liars". Which fourth century B.C. Greek philosopher wrote this?

\_EUBULIDES\_

19. FTPE given the title of a humorist's autobiography, name its author.

A) "Don't Shoot- It's Only Me"                      Answer: Bob \_HOPE\_  
B) "Memoirs of a Mangy Lover"                      Answer: \_GROUCHO MARX\_  
C) "How to Talk Dirty and Influence People" Answer: Lenny \_BRUCE\_

20. The Treaty of Versailles of 1919 ended the Great War, but that one was only signed with Germany. Given a treaty that also ended WWI, identify the country which signed it FTP each.

a.) St. Germaine                      Answer: \_AUSTRIA\_ (do not accept Austria-Hungary)  
b.) Sevres                              Answer: \_TURKEY\_  
c.) Neuilly                              Answer: \_BULGARIA\_

21. Answer the following questions about language families for 5-10-15 points.

5: This family of languages includes the Romance, Germanic, Baltic, Slavic, Persian, and Sanskrit languages.

Answer: \_INDO-EUROPEAN\_

10: This is the controversial proposed language that may be the origin of the Indo- European languages as well as the Uralic, Turkic, and Semitic languages.



Answer: \_NOSTRATIC\_

15: This is the family of languages that includes the North Caucasian, Sino-Tibetan, Haida, Athabaskan, and Basque languages.

Answer: \_DENE-CAUCASIAN\_ (DNA Caucasian)