

SNEWT: SON of QOTC, 1997
Toss-ups by Yale A

1. A man and his wife want to buy Christmas presents for each other, but neither has enough money. So, each sells off the one possession they most prize, to buy a present that would go perfectly with the possession the other had just sold. FTP, this is the plot of what famous story by O. Henry, which takes its name from the Epiphany?

ANSWER: The _GIFT OF THE MAGI_ (prompt on O. Henry)

2. This actor had an uncredited appearance in "Spy Hard". A graduate of the University of Ottawa, he also had an uncredited appearance as a Man in Black on The X-Files. FTP, name this man, far better known as the host of Classic Concentration and Jeopardy!

ANSWER: Alex _TREBEK_

3. It took four months to negotiate this treaty, named for a town in what is now Poland. In this treaty, Russia acknowledged the independence--or more accurately, loss--of Finland, Poland, the Ukraine, and the Baltic Republics. FTP, name this 1918 treaty which marked Russia's exit from World War I.

ANSWER: Treaty of _BREST-LITOVSK_

4. He received a Ph.D. in engineering for a thesis on the meshing of gears--only the second science Ph.D. granted in the US. From 1866 to 1869 he studied math and physics in Paris and Berlin, and once stated "Mathematics is a language". FTP, name this Yale professor whose name is associated with free energy.

ANSWER: Josiah Willard _GIBBS_, Jr.

5. In Jainism, it is the term for moral virtue. In Buddhism, it is the universal doctrine proclaimed by Buddha. In Hinduism, this term refers to the religious and moral law governing individuals which is one of the four ends of life. FTP, give this common term, which shares its name with Jenny Elfman's character on a new TV series on ABC.

ANSWER: _DHARMA_ [DNA: GREG AND DHARMA]

6. When the United States was formed, most states ceded all unsettled chartered lands to the federal government. However, until 1800, Connecticut claimed this region, over which it nearly went to war with Pennsylvania. FTP, name this region of Ohio, whose name was given to a Cleveland university.

ANSWER: _WESTERN RESERVE_

7. It can describe a second-order differential equation that is equal to zero; it also describes first-order differential equations that can be expressed in terms of y over x. This term is more commonly used in chemistry to denote matter that is of constant composition. FTP, name this term, which also describes processed milk.

ANSWER: _HOMOGENEOUS_ [ACC: _HOMOGENIZED_ after "milk"]

8. The Athenian Treasury at Delphi was built out of the battle's spoils, and the equestrian figures on the frieze of the Parthenon supposedly represent this battle's dead. For ten points, name this 490 BC battle in which Athens and Platea defeated Persian King Xerxes.

ANSWER: MARATHON

9. Many of her works are based on Greek mythology, including "Elektra." Her first major work was "El Penitente"; her last works included "Acts of Light" and "Maple Leaf Rag". FTP, name this choreographer, best known for her choreography to "Appalachian Spring."

ANSWER: Martha GRAHAM

10. On September 8, this company, which last year announced it would lay off almost two-thirds of its work force, filed suit in federal court for breach of contract, after the American Medical Association decided to withdraw its planned endorsements of nine of this company's products. FTP, name this company, known for toasters and other home appliances.

ANSWER: SUNBEAM Corporation

11. The ancient Greeks knew it as the Ra. Rising in the Valdai hills, this 2193-mile-long river drops 250 meters from its source to its delta in the Caspian Sea. FTP, name this Russian river, whose basin is home to most of Russia's population.

ANSWER: VOLGA

12. He was the son of a Caribbean woman and a general in Napoleon's army. His plays "Napoleon Bonaparte" and "Antony" were well received in the 1820s and 1830s but today he is best remembered for his novels which include "The Black Tulip" and "Twenty Years After." FTP, name this French historical novelist who penned "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Three Musketeers."

ANSWER: Alexandre DUMAS, pere [DOO-mah]

13. One of its features is the "Great Dark Spot" roughly the size of Earth. Its magnetic axis is rotated 47 degrees from its axis of rotation, and in about 100 million years, it will have a ring system when its approaching satellite Triton disintegrates. FTP, name this planet currently the farthest from the Sun.

ANSWER: NEPTUNE

14. Promoted by J. Sterling Morton of the Nebraska City News, it was first celebrated in that state in 1872. The date of this celebration varies from as early as January 21 to as late as May 15, though it is celebrated nationally on the last Friday in April. FTP, name this holiday you might really dig.

ANSWER: ARBOR DAY

15. A professor at Cornell from 1945 to 1950, he gave an explanation for the discovery of superfluidity. He worked on the theoretical division of the Manhattan Project, and devised a formula to predict the energy yield of a nuclear weapon. FTP, identify this scientist, who developed eponymous diagrams for the study of quantum electrodynamics and is remembered for his lectures at Caltech, his eccentric hobbies, and his sense of humor.

ANSWER: Richard Phillips _FEYNMAN_

16. Its working title was "Scary Movie". Its credits give *no* thanks to California's Santa Rosa HS, which refused to allow the director to shoot scenes there. FTP, name this movie starring Drew Barrymore and directed by Wes Craven, whose sequel is due for release in the next year.

ANSWER: _SCREAM_

17. This psychologist studied crowds and social movements during the 1950s. He is known for an experiment which led to strict ethical guidelines for psychological experimentation on humans. FTP, name this Yale professor, whose shocking study on ordinary people's willingness to follow orders was detailed in "Obedience to Authority."

ANSWER: Stanley _MILGRAM_

18. Herbert Howells, in "Hymnus Paradisi." Steve Reich, in "Tehillim." Ralph Vaughan Williams, in "Dona Nobis Pacem." John Rutter, in his "Requiem." Igor Stravinsky, in a Symphony. Leonard Bernstein, in a work first performed in Chichester, England. All of these composers have set to music, FTP, what longest book of the Bible?

ANSWER: the Book of _PSALMS_

19. The official game of Canada, the father of this sport was George Beers. This sport uses a field 100 yards long and 60 yards wide, with 12 players per side, and goals set 80 yards apart. FTP, name this sport, whose Hall of Fame is located at Johns Hopkins University and whose Western name comes from the shape of the sticks used.

ANSWER: _LACROSSE_

20. This poet was enchanted with the dash, which is commonplace in poems such as "Wild Nights." Born in Massachusetts, she wrote over 1000 poems, but published only five during her lifetime. FTP, identify this woman who penned "Because I Could Not Stop for Death."

ANSWER: Emily _DICKINSON_

21. This Brown graduate took over his father's advertising company in 1963; an unsuccessful bid for control of CBS in the 1980s cost him over \$20 million. FTP, identify this "right man in the right place at the right time," who recently pledged \$1 billion over 10 years to the United Nations.

ANSWER: Robert Edward "Ted" _TURNER_, III

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1. Answer the following about the art of letters for the stated number of points.

5 pts) What term describes a novel written as a series of letters?

ANSWER: EPISTOLARY novel

10 pts) What was the first epistolary novel, written by Samuel Richardson?

ANSWER: An Apology for the Life of Miss PAMELA Andrews

5 pts) What author of Tom Jones parodied Richardson's "Pamela" twice?

ANSWER: Henry FIELDING

10 pts) What were the titles of either of Fielding's parodies.

ANSWER: An Apology for the Life of Miss SHAMELA Andrews or JOSEPH ANDREWS

2. Given the recently-formed nation, identify the capital, 10 points each.

- a. Slovakia
- b. Slovenia
- c. Croatia

ANSWER: BRATISLAVA

ANSWER: LJUBLJANA (lyoob LYANA)

ANSWER: ZAGREB

3. 30-20-10. Identify the term from clues.

30) In NMR spectroscopy, nuclei alternate between two spin states. This term describes what happens when the two states have equal populations.

20) In organic chemistry, this term also describes a compound with no double bonds, triple bonds, or aromatic systems.

10) In chemistry, it describes a solution that contains the maximum possible amount of a given solute.

ANSWER: SATURATED or SATURATION

4. Given a ruling family, identify the first ruler of that family for 10 points.

- a. Valois
- b. Romanov
- c. Hanover

ANSWER: LOUIS XI (prompt on Louis)

ANSWER: MICHAEL

ANSWER: GEORGE I

5. For 10 points each, identify the musical groups from popular music videos.

- a. Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)
- b. Machineheads

ANSWER: BACKSTREET BOYS

ANSWER: BUSH

c. Chasing After Waterfalls

ANSWER: TLC

6. Identify the foreign-language play on a 15-5 basis: 15 points from characters, 5 points if you need the authors.

- 15) Loevborg, Judge Brack
- 5) Henrik Ibsen

ANSWER: HEDDA GABLER

- 15) Hippolyte, Oenone
- 5) Jean Racine

ANSWER: PHEDRE [ACC: PHAEDRA]

7. 30-20-10. Identify the country.

- 30) This empire developed from the state of Kangaba, and is reputed to have been founded before AD 1000.
- 20) Muslim traders from this nation, were called Dyula or Wangara.
- 10) This Western African nation borders Algeria, Mauritania, and Niger..

ANSWER: MALI

8. How well do you know what's floating in space? Answer these questions, 10 points each.

- a. Environmentalists are concerned about this probe to be sent to Saturn, because of possible radiation accidents.

ANSWER: CASSINI

- b. He is the only American astronaut currently aboard the space station Mir.

ANSWER: Michael FOALE

- c. Most of the comets that traverse the Earth's orbit are believed to come from this region of space beyond Pluto.

ANSWER: OORT Cloud

9. 30-20-10. Name the author from works.

- 30) Black Comedy
- 20) Equus
- 10) Amadeus

Answer: Peter SCHAFFER

10. Identify the following figures from Egyptian mythology, 10 points

each.

a. He was the jackal-headed god of the dead.

ANSWER: ANUBIS [DNA: Osiris, who was not jackal-headed]

b. This Egyptian god of wisdom became associated with the Greek god Hermes.

ANSWER: THOTH

c. She was the wife of Osiris and mother of Horus, and later made an appearance in the Roman Empire as a mystery cult.

ANSWER: ISIS

11. Identify the poet from lines, for the stated number of points.

5) A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

Answer: John KEATS

10) Darest thou now, O Soul/Walk out with me toward the Unknown Region?

ANSWER: Walt WHITMAN

15) Rise heart, thy Lord is risen!, (written c. 1600)

ANSWER: George HERBERT

12. Identify these composers from works, 10 points each.

a. Roman Carnival, Ancient Airs and Dances, The Pines of Rome

ANSWER: Ottorino RESPIGHI

b. Vespers, Symphonic Dances

ANSWER: Sergei RACHMANINOFF

c. Rhapsodie Espagnole, La Valse, Daphnis et Chloe

ANSWER: Maurice RAVEL

13. Given a definition from Ambrose Bierce's 1911 "Devil's Dictionary", identify the word for 15 points, or 5 points, if you need the first letter.

15 pts) An invention of the devil which abrogates some of the advantages of making a disagreeable person keep his distance.

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- 30) He penned "When Elephants Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd" and wrote a stage play based on "Moby Dick."
20) His first anthology of short stories was 1947's "Dark Carnival" ; other works include "I Sing the Body Electric!"
10) This American author, who had an eponymous series on USA, also wrote "Something Wicked This Way Comes" and "The Martian Chronicles".

ANSWER: Ray _BRADBURY_

18. Answer these questions about the NHL, 10 points apiece.

- a. Who was the winner and who was the loser of this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

ANSWER: _DETROIT_ Red Wings and _PHILADELPHIA_ Flyers [ACC: team names]

- b. Which team signed away Mark Messier from the NY Rangers?

ANSWER: _VANCOUVER_ Canucks

- c. In response, what player did the Rangers try to sign away from the Colorado Avalanche with a \$15 million signing bonus?

ANSWER: Joe _SAKIC_

19. Given a description, identify the sculpture, 15 points each.

- a. Michelangelo wanted to destroy this sculpture depicting Mary holding Jesus's crucified body because he accidentally made Jesus shorter than his mother.

ANSWER: _PIETA_ [pee-ay-TAH]

- b. A Trojan and his sons are crushed to death by serpents in this famous sculpture bearing the Trojan's name.

ANSWER: _LAOCOON_ [lah-OH-koh-un]

20. Answer these questions about the Miss America pageant, five points per answer.

- a. First, name this year's two hosts.

ANSWER: John _CALLAHAN_ and Eva _LARUE_ Callahan

- b. Now, for five points each, name the 1998 Miss America and her state.

ANSWER: Katherine _SHINDLE_ of _ILLINOIS_

- c. For 10 points, name the 1997 Miss America who crowned Shindle.

ANSWER: Tara _HOLLAND_

ANSWER: _TELEPHONE_

15) A rich . . . old gentleman who has trained himself to grin while his conscience is picking his pocket.

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ANSWER: _PHILANTHROPIST_

14. Given a philosophical treatise, name the author, for ten points apiece.

- a. Tractatus Politicus
- b. In Praise of Folly
- c. Summa Theologica

ANSWER: Baruch _SPINOZA_

ANSWER: Desiderius _ERASMUS_

ANSWER: St. Thomas _AQUINAS_

15. Identify these terms from psychology, for the stated number of points.

5) According to Freud, the pleasure principle was associated with this part of the subconscious.

ANSWER: _ID_

10) Maslow used this term to describe what he believed was the ultimate goal of human experience.

ANSWER: _SELF-ACTUALIZATION_

15) This effect says that results of an experiment may be altered if a subject knows he is being observed.

ANSWER: _HAWTHORNE_ effect

16. Answer these questions on geometrical geography, 10 points each.

a. The residents of which European country refer to their nation as The Hexagon?

ANSWER: _FRANCE_

b. Which state has no straight-line borders of ten miles or longer?

ANSWER: _HAWAII_

c. Assume the equator is the x-axis and the Prime Meridian the y-axis on a piece of graph paper. Now name _either_ the first country along the x-axis _or_ the first along the y-axis when you move in a positive direction.

ANSWER: _GHANA_ or _GABON_

17. 30-20-10. Identify the author from clues.