

Tossups for WIT VI, 1998
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1. In 1676, he served as trustee for the estate of his friend Jan Vermeer, several years after he began grinding his own lenses. For 10 points, identify this Dutch scientist often incorrectly called "the father of the microscope."

Answer: Anton van _Leeuwenhoek_

2. Don Francisco Cuervo established it in the early 1700s by naming it for the duke who had to approve his application. Its downtown area still boasts four Confederate cannons. In 1889, it got the university while its rival Santa Fe got the penitentiary. For 10 points, identify this largest city in New Mexico.

Answer: _Albuquerque_

3. BYU's movie theatre doesn't generally show R-rated movies but did show this 1980 film after removing the profanity from the soundtrack -- though they retained its music that included Pachelbel's Canon. For 10 points, name this Oscar winner directed by Robert Redford that starred Mary Tyler Moore.

Answer: _"Ordinary People"

4. After her 74th birthday in 1998, she came to Washington DC to promote her 12th novel "The House Gun", about a wealthy family from her native land and their son accused of murder. For 10 points, name this 1991 Nobel laureate and acclaimed South African writer.

Answer: Nadine _Gordimer_

5. The 14th Dalai Lama won the Nobel Peace Prize. Salvador Dali and Georges Simenon died. Salmon Rushdie published "The Satanic Verses." These things all happened - for 10 points - in what year that also saw a massacre in Tiananmen Square and the A's sweep the earthquake-interrupted World Series from the Giants?

Answer: _1989_

6. Captain Bligh needed two trips to gather it from Tahiti and replant it in the British West Indies, but only because the first trip ended in mutiny after he took part of the crew's fresh water to irrigate the seedlings. For 10 points, name this food with size like a small watermelon, spines like a pineapple, and a rather oxymoronic name.

Answer: _breadfruit_

7. Pencils and paper ready! The hypotenuse of a right triangle is 17 feet long, and one side is 8 feet long. For 10 points, how long is the other side?

Answer: _15_ feet (square root of [289 - 64])

8. Its Chapter 65 gave us the phrase "holier than thou." Parts of it were read by Philip's Ethiopian in chapter 8 of Acts, quoted by Matthew in chapter 1 of his gospel, and expounded by Jesus in chapter 4 of Luke. FTP, name this Old Testament book whose chapters 9 and 40 contain many of the lyrics to Handel's "Messiah."

Answer: _Isaiah_

9. This author of the phrase "While the sick man has life, there is hope" once declined a speaking invitation because he hadn't read anything the day before. For 10 points, identify this man of letters whose writing includes the "Pro Caelio" in many Latin literature classes and whose speaking included 14 "Philippic" speeches against Mark Antony.

Answer: _Cicero_ (accept _Tully_)

10. His 1997 volume of collected works, published 60 years after his death, contains an introduction by Joyce Carol Oates. During his life, this former ghostwriter for Harry Houdini escaped from obscurity through his stories that include "The Colour out of Space." For 10 points, name this "Gentleman from Providence" who also wrote the horror story "At the Mountains of Madness."

Answer: Howard Phillips (H.P.) _Lovecraft_

11. His company Seven Fourteen Enterprises was named after his two space missions: Freedom 7, when he rode atop a Redstone rocket, and Apollo 14, when he hit a golf ball on the moon. For 10 points, name this astronaut who died in July 1998.

Answer: Alan _Shepard_

12. Its name comes from one of Noah's grandsons, and it was eventually spoken in Assyria, Babylon, and western Persia. For 10 points, name this ancient language spoken by Jesus in the King James Bible when he said, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Answer: _Aramaic_

13. It was named for the daughter of Lord Byron, whose suggestion that George Babbage use his Analytical Engine to calculate Bernoulli numbers is now regarded by many as the first "computer program." For 10 points, identify this software language developed by the Department of Defense.

Answer: _Ada_

14. He lived with his mother's family on Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans for 5 months, where he created his 1872 work "The Song Rehearsal." For 10 points, name this French painter whose work "The Cotton Exchange", also created in New Orleans, later became the first Impressionist work ever sold to a museum.

Answer: Edgar _Degas_

15. Its staff writers included John Leach, Dicky Doyle, and a young William Makepeace Thackeray. It once suggested that poor people be labeled with the letter P and gave London's Great Exhibition Hall the nickname of "Crystal Palace." For 10 points, name this humor magazine of early Victorian England.

Answer: _"Punch"_

16. Its "western" emperors ruled for more than 200 years before Jesus was born. Its "eastern" emperors ruled for nearly 200 years after Jesus' crucifixion and introduced the concept of "civil servants." For 10 points, name this dynasty so respected now that many Chinese think of themselves as its sons.

Answer: _Han_

17. It's named for an ancient Turkish town, and its sour varieties include Early Richmond and Montmorency (mon-ma-REN-see). For 10 points, name this fruit whose springtime blossoms mark an annual festival in Washington, DC and whose sweet types include Lambert and Bing.

Answer: _cherry_

18. Lucy Ferrier must leave her true love Jefferson to become a plural wife in 1800's Utah. After she dies in childbirth, Jefferson kills her husband and writes the German word for "revenge" in blood at the murder scene. Jefferson is eventually caught by Sherlock Holmes, who thus solves -- for 10 points -- what case that was the first collaboration of Holmes and Dr. Watson?

Answer: _"A Study in Scarlet"_

19. He studied at Union Seminary in New York before serving in parishes in Barcelona and London. He went back to New York in 1939 but soon returned to his native Germany to become a Nazi resistance leader. For 10 points, name this Lutheran pastor now honored by a statue at Westminster Abbey who wrote "Sanctorum Communio" before his hanging in 1945.

Answer: Dietrich _Bonhoeffer_

20. The international society named for this famed Catholic lawyer met in August 1998 in Ireland, within the realm where his head was hung for much of the year 1535 after he was beheaded for treason. For 10 points, name this British adviser to King Henry VIII and "Man for All Seasons."

Answer: Sir Thomas _More_

21. Uriah Levy bought it in 1836, 27 years after its original owner finally escaped "the hated occupations of politics." Lying some 70 miles north of the original owner's estate at Poplar Forest, it was also owned by Uriah's nephew from 1879 to 1923. For 10 points, name this mansion whose Memorial Foundation now operates an International Center for Jefferson Studies.

Answer: _Monticello_

22. His fiction between 1830 and 1839 included "The Waterwitch", "The Heidenmauer", and "Homeward Bound." During that time, his non-fiction included "Sketches of Switzerland" and a history of his country's Navy. For 10 points, name this American author who wrote "The Pioneers" before all of the works just mentioned and "The Pathfinder" after them.

Answer: James Fenimore _Cooper_

23. Audubon didn't know of it and so left it out of his 1840 book "Birds of America". Many later books that did picture it called it a "ground cuckoo". For 10 points, identify this fowl that is protected in Arizona, honored in New Mexico as the state bird, and vainly chased by Wile E. Coyote.

Answer: _roadrunner_

24. Eighteen years after his wife and mother both died on Valentine's Day, Owen Wister dedicated "The Virginian" to him. He served as a Civil Service commissioner and as New York City's police commissioner before becoming Assistant Secretary of the Navy. For 10 points, identify this man who later became President upon the death of William McKinley.

Answer: _T_heodore _Roosevelt_

Bonus Questions for WIT VI, 1998
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1. For 10 points each, name the John Grisham novels with these plots:

1. A man dies for lack of medical care because his greedy insurance company won't pay for it.

Answer: "The Rainmaker"

2. A man on Death Row is executed in spite of his lawyer - who is also his grandson.

Answer: "The Chamber"

3. The father of a rape victim is acquitted after killing the two rapists.

Answer: "A Time to Kill"

2. The Dilbert Web site www.unitedmedia.com also has other comics on it.

1. For 5 points, name the Lynn Johnston strip that once had a gay character named Lawrence.

Answer: "For Better or For Worse"

2. For 10 points, what's the first name of comic title character Drabble?

Answer: Norman

3. For 15 points, name the creator of "Big Nate".

Answer: Lincoln Peirce

3. For 10 points each, answer these questions from the 1998 mythology exam of the Maryland Junior Classical League:

1. Name the daughter of Cassiopeia doomed to be devoured by a horrible serpent.

Answer: Andromeda

2. Name the Greek city founded by Cadmus.

Answer: Thebes

3. What creature killed by Hercules grew back two heads for every one it lost?

Answer: Hydra

4. For 15 points each, identify these chemical elements whose names rhyme with each other:

1. Predicted by Mendeleev in 1871, it was discovered in France four years later and converts electricity into coherent light when coupled with arsenic.

Answer: gallium

2. Its bromide-iodide crystals are used as infrared detectors. First found in the waste of a sulfuric acid factory, its sulfate form is now used in rat and ant poisons.

Answer: thallium

5. For 15 points each, answer these questions about Captain James Cook:

1. Cook was commissioned in 1768 to build an observatory on the island of Tahiti so that scientists could have a better view of what planet?

Answer: Venus

2. Cook also visited an inlet on the Tasman Sea with Sir Joseph Banks. Identify this body of water and site of a later British prison camp that was named for the many plant species found there.

Answer: Botany Bay

6. For 10 points each, identify these words from Ambrose Bierce's "The Devil's Dictionary":

1. Which animal is "a soft, indestructible automaton provided by nature to be kicked when things go wrong in the domestic circle"?

Answer: cat

2. What college major is defined as "the art or science of managing revenues and resources for the best advantage of the manager"?

Answer: finance (prompt on "business")

3. What common reference work is "a malevolent literary device for cramping the growth of a language and making it hard and inelastic"?

Answer: _dictionary_

7. According to the Summer Institute of Linguistics, the 6 most commonly-spoken languages in the world are currently Mandarin Chinese, English, Spanish, Bengali, Hindi and Portuguese. For 10 points each, name the languages that rank 7th, 8th and 9th.

Answer: _Russian_, _Japanese_, _German_

8. For 10 points each, answer these questions about last year's honoree of this tournament, Busby Berkeley:

1. One of Berkeley's big breaks came when he choreographed what Darryl F. Zanuck production that contained the "Shuffle Off to Buffalo"?

Answer: _"42nd Street"_

2. Berkeley later directed the movie "For Me and My Gal", the first big hit of -- what famous dancer?

Answer: Gene _Kelly_

3. Name the last film Berkeley directed, which has the same name as a song often sung by the late Harry Caray.

Answer: _"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"_

9. Answer these "preguntas" (pray-GOON-tas) or questions about the board game "Clue" in Spanish for 10 points each:

1. Name the weapon whose name in Spanish literally means "the English key."

Answer: _wrench_

2. Which suspect's name is translated as Senora Pavorreal (pa-vo-ray-ALL)?

Answer: Mrs. _Peacock_

3. Name the murder victim in the game whose name in Spanish is "Senor Cadaver."

Answer: Mr. _Boddy_

10. "The Book of Virtues" contains a story by Herodotus about the Greek lawmaker Solon and his visit to a foreign head of state. For 15 points each:

1. Name the king of Lydia told by Solon that his immense wealth had been given him by divine favor and could disappear at any time.

Answer: _Croesus_

2. Croesus later lost his empire and was scheduled for burning at the stake - until he said Solon's name out loud and was rescued by which Persian king?

Answer: _Cyrus_ the Great

11. Pencils and paper ready! I'll give you twelve geographic locations. For 5 points each, tell which six are titles of works by the late James Michener. The locations are: Alaska, Australia, Chesapeake, Ecuador, Iberia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Texas and Vermont.

Answers: _Alaska_, _Chesapeake_, _Iberia_, _Mexico_, _Poland_, _Texas_

12. Answer these questions about America's National Marine Sanctuaries:

1. The first such Sanctuary was created in 1975 off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina around the wreck of - for 5 points - which Civil War-era ironclad ship?

Answer: _Monitor_

2. The Sanctuary called "Gulf of the Farallones" is off the coast of - for 10 points - which state?

Answer: _California_

3. The Hawaiian Islands Sanctuary is the only U.S. breeding ground of - for 15 points - what species of whale?

Answer: _Humpbacked_ whale

13. For 5 points each and a 5-point bonus for all, which state contains each of these National Seashores?

1. Fire Island

Answer: _New York_

2. Cape Hatteras

Answer: _North Carolina_

3. Canaveral

Answer: _Florida_

4. Padre Island

Answer: _Texas_

5. Cape Cod

Answer: _Massachusetts_

14. Name these nations involved in the 1998 Tour de France:

1. For 10 points, in what country did the race actually begin?

Answer: _Ireland_

2. For 5 points, what was the only nation besides France and Ireland to have any of the race within its borders?

Answer: _Switzerland_

3. For 15 points, what nation's Kelme and Vitalicio bicycle teams withdrew as part of the drug scandal that enveloped the race?

Answer: _Spain_

15. Benjamin Butler was one of the Union's most controversial generals. For 15 points each:

1. Name the border city that Butler took over without warning in 1861 with 1,000 men, an act which "horrified" Abraham Lincoln but delighted much of the rest of the Union.

Answer: _Baltimore_, Maryland

2. Name the Confederate city that Butler governed in 1862 and where he earned his nickname "Beast" by ordering that any female hassling the Union Army be treated as a prostitute.

Answer: _New Orleans_, Louisiana

16. During 1998, Amoco announced it would merge with another oil company in the biggest industrial merger ever.

1. For 5 points, what does the abbreviation Amoco stand for?

Answer: _American Oil Company_

2. For 5 points, in what city has Amoco had its headquarters?

Answer: _Chicago_

3. For 10 points, with what other oil company did Amoco merge?

Answer: _British Petroleum_ or _BP_

4. BP was founded by William D'Arcy, who found oil in the early 1900's in -- for 10 points -- what present-day Middle Eastern nation?

Answer: _Iran_

17. Identify these artists whose works were sold at a Sotheby's auction during 1998:

1. For 5 points, who painted "Casagemas in His Coffin" as part of his Blue Period?

Answer: Pablo _Picasso_

2. For 10 points, whose work "Flowers in a Vase" was part of the cycle of paintings he completed in 1890 before his suicide?

Answer: Vincent _Van Gogh_

3. For 15 points, whose bronze figure of Balzac was posthumously cast in 1971 by the Paris museum of his works and sold at the auction for more than 3 million dollars?

Answer: Auguste _Rodin_

18. Answer these (somewhat) related questions:

1. For 5 points, what Prize did Ernest Hemingway describe in 1954 as "that little Swedish thing" and later give its medal to the mayor of Havana?

Answer: the _Nobel_ Prize

2. For 5 points, who said, "I do not choose to run for President in 1928"?

Answer: Calvin _Coolidge_

3. For 10 points, what comedian once said, "I wouldn't join any club that would have me as a member"?

Answer: _Groucho Marx_ (both names needed; first initial is not enough because the Marx Brothers once had a Gummo Marx)

4. For 10 points, who turned down his Best Actor Oscar for his 1970 role as General George Patton?

Answer: George C. _Scott_

19. The 1998 book "Coined by Shakespeare" contains many of the Bard's additions to the English language. For 10 points each, name the Shakespeare play where:

1. The title character tells Princess Katherine, "If I could win a lady at 'leapfrog', I should quickly leap into a wife."

Answer: _Henry V_

2. Don Armado tells the King of Navarre that Costard "obscenely" consorts with a woman.

Answer: _Love's Labor's Lost_

3. As a baby, a title character received a "bump" on her head "as big as a cockerel's stone."

Answer: _Romeo & Juliet_

Prompt on: Juliet

20. For 10 points each, name these nations that have figured prominently in the history of Taiwan:

1. Which nation's 16th-century sailors gave Taiwan the name "Formosa", which means "beautiful"?

Answer: _Portugal_

2. Which nation was driven out of Taiwan in 1661 by Koxinga (ko-SHING-ga), a refugee from mainland China's Ming dynasty?

Answer: _Holland_ (accept _Netherlands_)

3. Which nation ruled Taiwan from 1895 until the end of World War II in 1945?

Answer: _Japan_

21. Dorothy Sayers's death in 1957 left her fans wondering how her most famous character would adapt to marriage.

1. For 5 points, name Sayers's fictional detective who first appeared in her 1923 novel "Whose Body".

Answer: Lord Peter _Wimsey_

2. For 10 points, name Wimsey's wife who once told him, "If anybody ever marries you, it will be for the pleasure of hearing you talk piffle."

Answer: Harriet _Vane_

3. For 15 points, name the Wimsey novel finished by Jill Paton Walsh in 1998 that shows Wimsey and Vane living happily ever after.

Answer: _Thrones, Dominions_