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Swarthmore toss-ups

LIT

1. Discharged from the merchant marine as a "schizoid personality", this writer travelled his own route. While his first novel, *The Town and the City*, was fairly uncontroversial, later works stressed restless alienation and the search for spiritual enlightenment, or dharma, through debauchery. FTP, name this beatnik and author of *Satori in Paris*, *Big Sur*, and *The Dharma Bums*.

Answer: Allen ~~GINSBERG~~ *Jack Kerouac*

2. In this early chanson de geste, Ganelon, a treacherous French nobleman, plots with the Moors to destroy a pesky paladin. The entire Moorish army sweeps upon the French rearguard and slaughters it to a man. The title refers to the horn call of the hero, who honorably refuses to summon assistance until his dying breath. FTP, name this medieval French tale.

Answer: *THE SONG OF ROLAND*

3. He falsely claimed to have killed the rebel leader Hotspur, but is better known for frequenting the Boar's Head Tavern with his drunken friends. He was portrayed by Shakespeare as a good friend of Prince Hal until his young friend became king and rejected him. FTP, name this cowardly and drunk Shakespearean character, popular despite his faults.

Sir John *FALSTAFF*

4. This play tells the story of the Ranevsky family and its declining fortunes. Even when the family nears bankruptcy, it rejects the advice of the businessman Lopakhin to build houses on the family's favorite parcel of land. FTP, name this Chekhov play, which ends with the sound of a chopping axe as Lopakhin's plan is finally carried out.

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

History

1. Warning: Two answers required. In 1827, these two dwellers in an Edinburgh lodging house began their storied criminal career with the death of another lodger, whose body netted them 7 pounds. Later bodies, sold to doctors and medical students for medical research, netted from 8 to 14 pounds. FTP, name this duo of murderers in the name of science.

Answer: William *BURKE* and William *HARE*

2. Considered a golden age of Chinese civilization, this dynasty saw the expansion of the empire and the birth of Ch'an Buddhism. Expanded contact with the outside world brought Islam, Nestorian Christianity, and Zoroastrianism into China. FTP, name this dynasty, weakened by the An Lu-Shan rebellion, which was preceded by the Sui and succeeded by the Sung.

Answer: *T'ANG*

3. He was censured by the Massachusetts legislature for a Senate resolution seen as overly conciliatory after the civil war, despite his reputation as a Radical Republican; a year before, he had lost the chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for opposing Grant's proposed annexation of Santo Domingo. FTP, name this MA senator beaten with a cane by Preston Brooks in 1856.

Charles _SUMNER_

4. It began when a newspaper printed an ad entitled "Heed their Rising Voices" asking for donations to help Martin Luther King and giving examples of racism in, among other places, Montgomery, Ala.; a Montgomery city commissioner sued for libel, and his case went to the Supreme Court. FTP, name this landmark 1964 case dealing with press freedom.

NEW YORK TIMES v. SULLIVAN

Current events

1. The son-in-law of former Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen, he served as chief of staff in the second Reagan administration, preceded Bob Dole as Senate Majority leader, and preceded Al Gore in the Senate. FTP, name this former senator, who recently married Nancy Kassebaum.

Howard _BAKER_

2. Double negatives are allowed, "th"'s are replaced by "d"'s at the start of words, many verbs aren't conjugated, and the word "be" is frequently used under its rules. First named in 1973, it leapt to prominence after a recent decision by the Oakland School Bd.; FTP, give the name given to Black English by some who consider it a language.

EBONICS

3. Science Minister Binyamin Begin resigned to protest the withdrawal of troops from this city, despite the presence of 450 Jewish settlers. Many Israelis opposed the transfer of this city, said to be the burial site of the patriarchs, to the Palestinians. FTP, name this West Bank city of 100,000 residents.

HEBRON

Religion/Myth/Philosophy

1. In Greece, he was venerated as the protector of shepherds, fishermen, and farmers, because of his abilities to make game and flocks plentiful. Later on, he was invoked as the chief deity of lasciviousness and obscenity. FTP, name this God of the phallus.

Answer: _PRIAPUS_

2. In this work, the author attempts to find universal rules that underlie human society, such as gregariousness, universal peace, and reproduction. It contains an analysis of three types of government, with a bias towards a constitutional monarchy for France. It influenced the U.S. Constitution and Catherine The Great's efforts to revise Russian law. FTP, name this work of Montesquieu.

Answer: Concerning _The Spirit of Laws_, or the Relationship Which Laws Must Have To The Constitution of Each Government, to Mores, Religion, Etc.

Social Science

1. A Swarthmore graduate, this social psychologist worked to describe the influence groups have on individuals. His most famous experiment involved a judgment of the lengths of lines. Six individuals, working with the experimenter, gave an answer that was obviously wrong, and most experimental

subjects fell in line with the majority and gave the wrong answer. FTP, name the researcher who designed this famous experiment.

Answer: Solomon _ASCH_

Misc.

1. They were cribbed from a French satire, Dialogues in Hell between Machiavelli and Napoleon. Revealed as a forgery by the London Times in 1925, they nevertheless influenced the politics of tsar Alexander II, Adolf Hitler, and Henry Ford. FTP, name this enduring anti-Semitic forgery, purportedly a document showing how a secret cabal of Jewish leaders plans to take over the world.

Answer: _Protocols_ of the learned elders of _Zion_ (translations of the title vary widely)

Trash:

1. Fleeing their dying homeworld, they were placed in hibernation pods as they made the long journey to Earth-3. There, they encountered Brute-Men and Robear-Burbles, as well as sadistic mutants. FTP, name these cartoon heroes, who battled Monkion, Jackle-Man and Mumm-ra, who lived in the Cat's Lair, and whose members included Snarf, Tigra, and Lion-O.

Answer: _THUNDERCATS_

2. Inhabitants include Bob the Fern and a living meteor. Scientific research gone awry produced the purple tentacle and the green tentacle. Human occupants include Dead cousin Ted, Weird Ed, nurse Edna, and, of course, Dr. Fred. FTP, name the house and you've named both the classic graphical computer game and a family channel television spinoff.

Answer: _MANIAC MANSION_

Art/Music:

1. The son and brother of Connecticut governors, he performed diplomatic duties in Europe but is best known as an artist. After service in the Revolution, he studied under Benjamin West in London, returned to America, and began a series of historical paintings (including the picture of the signing of the Decl. of Independence reproduced on the \$2 bill.) FTP, name this artist who painted the ceiling of the Capitaol Rotunda.

John _TRUMBULL_

2. The illegitimate son of a Georgian prince, he was trained as a scientist and composed music only as a hobby. Known to many as an absent-minded professor willing to teach medical school courses to women, he is best known for using Russian folk themes in his work and for composing the opera Prince Igor. FTP, name this composer of the Polovtsian Dances.

Aleksandr _BORODIN_

Geography:

1. It flows from the Tibetan highlands to the South China Sea, touching 6 countries and forming part of the borders b/w Burma and Laos and Laos and Thailand. Phnom Penh is the largest city and the only capital located on its banks. FTP, name this longest river of Southeast Asia.

The _MEKONG_ River

2. Its capital is Douglas, and it's governed by a lieutenant governor and 2 legislative houses, the Chamber and the House of Keys. Its first inhabitants were Celts, and the most commonly spoken language was a form of Gaelic until earlier this century. FTP, name this British crown possession (after whom a breed of tail-less cats is named).

The Isle of _MAN_

Science:

1. The name's the same: one of the moons of Jupiter, a sea goddess who was the wife of Oceanus, and a major prehistoric sea, from which several present-day oceans are descended. FTP give the common name.

TETHYS

2. Environmental harm to the bald eagle by DDT is explained in part by this idea, which holds that harmful substances will grow in toxicity as they move up the food chain. FTP, name this principle.

biological _MAGNIFICATION_

3. In Heinlein's _The Moon is a Harsh Mistress_, they pummeled Earth into submission. The basic idea is simple: using a series of electromagnets, accelerate a ferrous particle to extremely high speeds. FTP, what two-word phrase is applied to these devices, which have nothing to do with trains? Ans: _RAIL GUN_

4. Resembling benzene, but less dangerous, this petroleum derivative is used in organic synthesis, as a solvent, and in anti-knock gasoline. FTP, name this liquid aromatic hydrocarbon with chemical formula C_7H_8 , a component of TNT. Ans: _TOLUENE_

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Lit.:

1. Given the description, name the Nathaniel Hawthorne story, FTP each.

(10) A young man woos a woman whose very touch is venomous, due to bizarre experiments by her father. Ans: _RAPPACINI'S DAUGHTER_

(10) A young man attempts to remove the one imperfection from his wife's body; she dies when he succeeds. Ans: _THE BIRTHMARK_

(10) A young man attends a satanic rite with his beautiful wife. Ans: _YOUNG GOODMAN BROWN_

2. I'll give you a book from a work of fiction. For ten points, name the fictional author of the book, and for five points, give me the real author in whose works it appears.

a) _The Necronomicon_

(5) H.P. _LOVECRAFT_ (10) Abdul _ALHAZRED_

b) _The second book of the Poetics_

(5) Umberto _ECO_ (10) _ARISTOTLE_

3. Name the author from clues, 30-20-10.

a) "Hepworth 16, 1924", the author's first new book in 34 years, will be published for the first time later this year, though it was printed in the _New Yorker_ in 1965.

b) Many of his other works first appeared in the _New Yorker_, including "Carpenters", "Seymour: An Introduction," and over half of the stories in "Nine Stories."

c) He is a well-know recluse, most famous for his first book.

J.D. _SALINGER_

4. 25 points. Name the English author from the work for the stated # of pts.

a) FTP, "On an athlete dying young"

A.E. _HOUSMAN_

b) (15 points), "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner"

Alan _SILLITOE_

History:

1. (30 POINTS) Name the Greek leader FTP each,

(10) In 621 B.C., this Athenian legislator was given the power to revamp the entire legal system; his new laws were harsh. Ans: _DRACO_

(10) Elected archon 30 years after Draco's legal reforms, this man established universal courts of justice, the Heliaea, and he became known as the founder of Athenian democracy. Ans: _SOLON_

(10) Becoming tyrant in 560, he altered parts of Solon's constitution, and arranged for the editing of Homer's works. Ans: _PISISTRATUS_

2. Answer the following questions about Byzantine war leaders FTP each.

(10) The best-known Byzantine general, he led Justinian's forces to Ans: _BELISARIUS_

(10) This emperor's slaughter of invading hordes gave him the moniker, Bulgar-slayer. Ans: _BASIL II_
or _BASIL THE GREAT_

(10) The Byzantine elite Varangian guard was made up of what race of people? Ans: _VIKINGS_

3. (30 points) Put the following German chancellors in chronological order 5PE:

Helmut Schmidt, Ludwig Erhard, Willy Brandt, Konrad Adenauer, Helmut Kohl, Kurt Kiesinger

Ans: _ADENAUER, ERHARD, KIESINGER, BRANDT, SCHMIDT, KOHL_

4. (20 points) Name these two Northeastern Republican political families FTPE.

a) The first politician to hold this name was Grant's Secretary of State; among his descendants with the same name were 2 New York congressmen, one of whom was one of FDR's leading opponents and the second of whom retired from politics in 1994.

Hamilton _FISH_

b) This family has been politically active in New Jersey for years: Frederick was a revolutionary soldier and U.S. Senator, Theodore was a senator and vice presidential candidate, Frederick Theodore was the Secretary of State who obtained Pearl Harbor as a naval base, and Rodney is in the House today.

FRELINGHUYSEN

Social Science

1. In medieval thought, individual personality traits were said to be governed by bodily fluids. 4 temperaments were felt to reflect the range of human personality. For five points each, and five more for all four, name the four temperaments.

Ans: _BILIOUS, MELANCHOLIC, SANGUINE, CHOLERIC_

Current events:

1. (25 points) Name the following figures associated with the Clinton fundraising scandals for the stated # of points.

a) FTP, name the former Commerce Department official and DNC vice-chair accused of raising thousands of dollars in questionable funds.

John _HUANG_

b) For 15 points, name the Arkansas restaurateur appointed to a trade commission after raising funds in the Asian-American community.

Charles Yah Lin _TRIE_

2. (30 points) The case of a female midshipman who faces expulsion from the U.S. Naval Academy on a charge of lying has made the national news recently. Answer the following questions for 15 points each.

a) Name the midshipman, accused of violating the school's honor code.

Jennifer _DELLA BARBARA_

b) Name the U.S. Navy Secretary currently reviewing the case.

John _DALTON_

3. Answer the following questions about the Gingrich case for 10 points each.

a) Name the ranking Democrat on the Ethics Committee, who recently recused himself from the case.

Jim _McDERMOTT_

b) Name the Florida couple who tape-recorded Gingrich and his lieutenants discussing strategies to deal with the investigation.

John and Alice _MARTIN_

c) Name the special counsel whose work has lately been overshadowed by the controversy over the tapes.

James _COLE_

Religion/Mythology/Philosophy

1. Knowing how to kill a divine being might come in handy someday. Given instructions on how to kill a deity, identify the victim.

(10) Take large piece of mistletoe. Sharpen. Hand to this god's blind best buddy. Ans: _BALDUR_

(10) Wait until Ragnarok. Then apply Midgard serpent to midsection. Squeeze until dead. Ans: _THOR_

(10) Save powerful son from being swallowed. Give son sickle. Arouse deity, then hack away. Ans: _CRONOS_

Fine Arts

30-20-10 Name the artist

(30) At an early age he began translating various works into English, among them Francois Villon's _The Ballad of Dead Ladies_

(20) He painted several versions of his poem, "the Blessed Damozel", and was known for lush portraits of women.

(10) He often painted his wife, Elizabeth Siddal, and also helped found the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

Answer: Gabriel Charles _DANTE ROSSETTI_, known as Dante Gabriel Rossetti

2. (30 points) Name the French composers from works, TPE:

a) "Suite Bergamasque", "the Children's Corner", "La Mer"

Claude _DEBUSSY_

b) "Danse Bacchanale", "Phaeton", "the Organ Symphony", "Danse Macabre"

Camille _SAINT-SAENS_

c) "Le Bonne Chansons", "Ballade", "Incidental music for Pelleas et Melisande", "Requiem"

Gabriel _FAURE_

3. (30 points) Identify the following artists of the Late Gothic period and German Renaissance for 15 points each.

a) This painter and engraver is known for his wood-cuts (especially those of the Passion and the apocalypse) and his pictures of animals.

Albrecht _DUERER_

b) This sculptor and woodcarver is best known for the Altar of the Holy Blood in Sankt Jakobskirche, Rothenburg, and the Altar of the Virgin in Creglingen.

Tilman _RIEMENSCHNEIDER_

GEOGRAPHY:

1. (30 points) China's growing regional military presence has led to concern that it will attempt to seize some disputed, oil-rich islands in the South China Sea.

a) FTP, name the island group

The _SPRATLY_ Islands

b) For 5 points each, name the other four countries which claim the Spratly Islands.

VIETNAM, _MALAYSIA_, the _PHILIPPINES_, _TAIWAN_

2. Everyone knows the Isthmus of Panama and the Isthmus of Suez- but how many others do you know? F15PE, identify the isthmus given a clue.

a) This Thai isthmus connects the Malay peninsula to the Asian mainland, and separates the Gulf of Thailand from the Andaman Sea.

The Isthmus of _KRA_

b) This Greek isthmus connects the Peloponnese with the rest of the country; it was the site of the Isthmian Games.

The Isthmus of _CORINTH_

Trash

1. Answer answer these these questions questions about about Duran Duran.

(5) This video, shot in Sri Lanka and using Indiana Jones-like imagery, shot them to stardom.

Answer: _HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF_

(10) A plot was hatched to assassinate this noteworthy nobleman at a Duran Duran concert.

Answer: _THE PRINCE OF WALES_

(15) Duran Duran was the name of a mad scientist in what sci-fi schlock classic?

Answer: _BARBARELLA_

2. Yo, Joel! FTP each, name these leaders of the G.I. Joe team during its various cartoon incarnations.

(10) Six-foot two with eyes of blue, this blond, all-American man of action was the combat leader of G.I. during the first few seasons of the cartoon.

Answer: _DUKE_

(10) This hard-nosed grunt with a beret was the suitor of Lady Jaye.

Answer: _FLINT_

(10) Duke's half-brother, this brooding dark-haired rebel without a clue led the Joes against Cobra-la.

Answer: _FALCON_

Lit/Trash

(20 POINTS) Name the Douglas Coupland work FTP each.

(10) It deals with young, dazed lovers and their attempts to find themselves in the desert; the title has become ubiquitous, even titling a comic book. Ans: _GENERATION X_

(10) Employees of a certain borg-like computer company deal with their geekiness and strike out on their own. Ans: _MICROSERFS_

Science

1. (20 points) Comets with hyphenated names have been prominent in the news in recent years.

a) FTP, what especially bright comet, already nearing the earth, is expected to put on an especially impressive show?

HALE-BOPP

b) FTP, what comet crashed into the planet Jupiter, treating astronomers to a fiery spectacle?

SCHUMACHER-LEVY

2. Identify the following astronomers royal, or heads of the Greenwich Observatory, for the stated number of points.

a) (10) This second astronomer royal won a reputation as the "southern Tycho" for his observations from Saint Helena, but is better known for his work with comets.

Edmond _HALLEY_

b) (15) Halley's predecessor, the home of the director of the observatory is now named for him; he attempted to map the night sky during his decades at the observatory's helm, and is known for his meticulousness.

John _FLAMSTEED_

3. Name the scientist, 30-20-10

(30) The inspiration for the mad scientist in Brisco County, Jr., disciples claim that he discovered the secret of perpetual motion.

(20) He fought long legal battles against Thomas Edison over control of some of his inventions, and, losing, was forced into penury.

(10) This immigrant, born in Croatia but with Serbian ethnic roots, was an innovator known for developing current.

Answer: Nikola _TESLA_

Name the useful poison FTP each.

(10) Derived from the foxglove plant, this toxin is often used in heart surgery. Ans: _DIGITALIS_

(10) A bitter alkaloid, it stimulates the nervous system to oblivion and is often used as rat poison. Ans: _STRYCHNINE_

(10) A dried extract of a Central American vine, it is often used in arrow poison and as a muscle relaxant. Ans: _CURARE_