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Round 1

1. It held that moral choices are only valid if they are choices that everyone should hold to at all times. In Kant's view it was an injunction, to be obeyed as a moral duty, regardless of an individual's impulses, to produce a humanitarian society based on reason and thus created by free will. It designated what he considered to be an unconditional, necessary, and absolute moral law, which he believed to be that rational foundation for moral conduct. FTP, identify this two-word phrase coined by Immanuel Kant.

Answer: _categorical imperative_

2. Fully developed by the late 12th century, it became a written code in the 16th century. When feudalism was abolished about mid-19th century, the code was abandoned, but its influence, mainly on the army, persisted. It was based on such virtues as rectitude, endurance, frugality, courage, politeness, veracity, and, especially, loyalty to ruler and country. Only through the exercise of these virtues could a samurai maintain his honor, and one who had forfeited honor was compelled to commit suicide by hara-kiri. FTP, identify this code of ethics observed by the samurai of feudal Japan, which translates as "the way of the warrior."

Answer: _Bushido_

3. He was born in Texas in 1936, and all of his popular western novels are set there. His first novel, *Horseman, Pass By*, describes life in the Texas ranching country. The *Last Picture Show* examines the isolation of small-town life, and that novel was the first of many to be turned into a popular film. FTP name this author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Lonesome Dove* and its 1993 sequel, *Streets of Laredo*.

Answer: LARRY _MCMURTRY_

4. He was the founder of the Socialist newspaper *L'Humanite*, but by 1906 had been ousted by the Socialist party. He held 26 different ministries over the course of 11 different premierships. As premier he represented France at the Washington Conference and urged a postwar policy of conciliation with Germany. He, along with Gustav Stresemann, the German foreign minister, were instrumental in effecting the mutual security treaties signed at Locarno in October 1925, for which they shared the 1926 Nobel Peace Prize. In 1931 he sought the French presidency but was defeated by Paul Doumer. FTP, identify this French statesman, most famous for a multilateral treaty that he co-sponsored which aimed at outlawing war.

Answer: Aristide _Briand_

5. He also investigated the atomic structure of proteins, including hemoglobin, and discovered that cell deformity in sickle-cell anemia is caused by a genetic defect that influences the production of hemoglobin. During the 1930s, he introduced concepts that helped reveal the bonding forces of molecules. *The Nature of the Chemical Bond*, the result of these investigations, has been a major influence on scientific thinking since it was published in 1939. FTP, identify this American chemist and physicist who won the 1954 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Answer: Linus _Pauling_

6. Though he wrote a novel about an ill-fated romance in Paris, he is best known as a vocal supporter of civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s. His play about a woman evangelist, *The Amen Corner*, was performed in 1965 to critical acclaim. His better known works include *Notes of a Native Son*, *Nobody Knows My Name*, and *The Fire Next Time*. FTP, name this author of 1953's *Go Tell It On The Mountain*.

Answer: James _Baldwin_

7. It was assigned a genus, *Eoanthropus*, and a species, *dawsoni*, named after the discoverer, Charles Dawson, an amateur naturalist. Reported in 1912, it included fragments of what were later proved to be a modern human cranium and the jawbone of an ape. FTP, identify this famous scientific hoax involving the supposed discovery in England of an apelike fossil ancestral to modern humans.

Answer: _Piltdown_ man

8. As the 8th earl of Carrick, his murder of an old enemy demonstrated his commitment to independence and won him the trust of his country's patriots. His victim was John Comyn, who had King Edward's support and had inherited John Baliol's claim to the throne. For ten points, name this man, crowned on Mar. 27, 1306 at Scone, whose 1314 victory over the English at the Battle of Bannockburn established independence for Scotland and confirmed his claim to the throne.

Answer: Robert (the) BRUCE or ROBERT I

9. His early novels describe poignantly the effects of European colonialism on Igbo society, Nigeria, and newly independent African nations. He served as a diplomat for Biafra during the Nigerian civil war and later wrote two volumes of poetry, "Beware, Soul Brother" and "Christmas in Biafra". FTP identify the Nigerian author of "Anthills of the Savannah", "No Longer at Ease", and "Things Fall Apart".

Answer: Chinua _Achebe_

10. The Egyptians tried to cure this condition with a mixture of ink and cerebrospinal fluid, or with an ointment made of fat from lions, hippopotami, crocodiles, geese, serpents, and ibexes. Also called alopecia, for ten points, name this condition, modern treatments of which include finasteride and minoxidil.

ANSWER: male-pattern _baldness_

11. Maya Angelou can't appear on an American stamp yet because she's still alive. But she did appear on a 1997 stamp for this nation whose currency, the cedi, is now trading at about 2300 to the U.S. dollar. For 10 points, identify this African country whose capital is Accra.

ANSWER: _GHANA_

12. This moon completes one orbit in about 13.5 Earth days. It is spherical and measures about 913 miles across, or about half the diameter of Earth's moon. At the edge of photos of this moon of Uranus taken by the United States Voyager 2 probe in 1986, a lone mountain stands about 4 miles high. FTP, identify this satellite discovered by Sir William Herschel, who named it for a character in the play _A Midsummer Night's Dream_, the largest moon of Uranus.

Answer: _Oberon_

13. In 1939 it became part of the Federal Security Agency, and in June 1942 Congress, against the wishes of the president, voted to abolish it within 12 months. While it was in operation, it provided for the enrollment of unemployed and unmarried men between the ages of 17 and 23 who were U.S. citizens. Members received a base pay of \$30 per month and lived in work camps that were generally operated by the Department of War. While this agency was in operation, about 3 million men received employment on projects that included such work as reforestation, construction of fire-observation towers, laying of telephone lines, and development of state parks. FTP, identify this former federal agency which was part of the New Deal for the preservation of the natural resources of the country.

Answer: _CCC_ or _Civilian Conservation Corps_

14. It is formed by the confluence of the Holston and French Broad rivers and ends 652 miles later, after merging with the Hiwassee, Paint Rock, Duck, Clinch, Flint, and Elk rivers. After flowing through Kentucky Lake, it empties into the Ohio river near Paducah, A system of dams makes the river navigable above Muscle Shoals. FTP, name this river, which flows in a half circle through the states of Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky.

Answer: _TENNESSEE_ River

15. 1998 marked the 40th anniversary of this resident of "Darkest Peru," a Michael Bond character who now lives at 32 Windsor Gardens.. He joins an elite pantheon of literary characters in being named for the railway station where he was found. For 10 points, identify this animal found by the Brown family with a note on his sleeve that said "PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BEAR. THANK YOU."

ANSWER: _PADDINGTON_ Bear

16. When he visited the United States in 1938 and 1939 he told American scientists of his belief, based on experiments reported by German scientists, that the uranium atom could be split into approximately equal halves. FTP, identify the Danish physicist who won the 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics and was noted for combining quantum theory with the atomic structure.

Answer: Niels_Bohr_

17. The son of a mining inspector, at the age of 21 he entered the St. Petersburg Conservatory where he studied composition with Anton Rubinstein. He received an annuity from his wealthy patroness, Mme von Meck, whom he never met despite corresponding with her for 14 years and dedicating his 4th symphony to her in 1878. FTP, what Russian composer of the "Pathetique" symphony is today better remembered for works such as "Swan Lake" and the "1812 Overture".

Answer: Peter Ilyich_Tchaikovsky_

18. During the early years of his reign he was overshadowed by Queen Hatshepsut, who became the supreme ruler, giving the young king only a nominal role. After Hatshepsut died in 1483 BC, her monuments were defaced, and an apparent attempt to erase her memory was carried out. As ruler he conducted 17 successful campaigns into Asia, the most famous of which are the war against Mitanni and victory over the Syrians at Megiddo. FTP, identify this pharaoh of ancient Egypt.

Answer: _Thutmose III_

Tiebreaker

19. This programming language, based on the C++ model of Object-Oriented programming, is platform independent. It is being used to design much more intricate websites than would ever be possible with HTML. FTP, what is this language, developed by Sun Microsystems, that has been touted as a possible end to the Microsoft juggernaut of domination?

Answer: _Java_