Non-Classical Mythology
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Toss-Ups

1. She was aided by the Eleven Mighty Helpers, who included the Goat Fish, the Scorpion Man, and the Shining Snake Lakhmu. Her body was used to create the sky and the earth after the defeat of her army which was led by her son and consort Kingu. Her first consort was the freshwater Apsu, who mingled with her saltwater nature to beget the first gods. For 10 points--name this Babylonian she-dragon who was slain by Marduk.
   ANSWER: Tiamat [TEE ah maht]

2. She reproduced by chewing up her brother's sword and spitting out children, while her brother did the same with her jewels. However, later insulted by her brother, she hid in her cave and was lured out by seeing her dazzling reflection in a mirror, which later became the property of her descendants Ninigi no Mikoto and Jimmu. For 10 points--name this Shinto goddess of the sun.
   ANSWER: Amaterasu Omikami

3. When he returned from his first battle in a chariot decorated with the heads of his enemies, he was in such a frenzy that he had to be calmed down, by being immersed in three tubs of icy water, after being embarrassed by seeing naked the women of Emain Macha, led by Mughain, wife of Conchobar Mac Nessa. For 10 points--name this hero who, after the Cattle-Raid of Cuailgne, defended Ulster single-handedly, and who gained his name after killing a hound.
   ANSWER: Cúchulainn [koo-hoo'lin] or Séntanta

4. This androgynous god with seven faces, each with three eyes, had to make sacrifices for 1,000 years in order to gain twin sons. He bestowed the destructive principle az on his elder son, who ripped open the womb in order to gain this god's vow that the firstborn would rule the world. The main god of the state religion of the Sassanid dynasty, this is--for 10 points--what god of infinite time who is the father of Ahriman and Ahura Mazda in Zoroastrianism?
   ANSWER: Zurvan Akarana

5. He helps his older brother gain the throne held by Vortigern, goes on a quest to get the Giant's Ring, and, when his brother is poisoned, a celestial sign interpreted as predicting glory appears, giving him his name. He gives up his son in order to gain a union with the wife of Gorlois, duke of Cornwall, whose likeness he magically takes in order to seduce Igraine. For 10 points--name this father of King Arthur.
   ANSWER: Uther Pendragon

6. The Dalhan is a cannibal. The Silat lives in the forest and is associated with lightning. The Hatif is not seen, but gives warnings and advice. The Nasnas has one arm, one leg, and half a head. There are hundreds of species normally divided into five classes, among which are the Marid, the Afrit, and Shaitan. For 10 points--name these half-demonic spirits of pre-Islamic Arabian myth, who may occupy a lamp.
   ANSWER: Jinn or Diinn or Genie

7. Usually depicted wearing a necklace of human hearts and hands and a skirt of snakes, she was decapitated by her 400 sons and daughters, specifically by one daughter whose head later became the moon. Coyolxauhqui [coh yohl SHAU kee] was among those outraged by her seeming virgin birth after being impregnated by a ball of feathers. For 10 points--name this Aztec earth goddess who was the mother of Huitzilopochtli [wee tsee loh POCH tlee].
   ANSWER: Coatlicue [coh ah TLEE cooeh]
8. When hunting, he set his dogs upon another pack of dogs, which were white, except for their red ears. As penance to their owner, this man had to do what only a mortal can do and defeat Hafgan after spending a year and a day disguised as the white dog owner Arawn, king of the Underworld. For 10 points—name this Lord of Dyfed, the father of Pryderi and husband of Rhiannon.

ANSWER: Pwyll

9. To hide from this god, one was supposed to go under a mosquito net, while children should cover their stomachs to avoid his appetite for human navels. He is usually depicted as a red-skinned demon with claws and carrying a large drum on his back. According to legend, he sat on a cloud and sent arrows against the Mongol fleet’s attempted invasion of 1274. For 10 points—name this Japanese god of thunder and lightning who is also found in Mortal Kombat.

ANSWER: Raiden

10. Traditionally, the lips of his paper effigy are covered with honey to sweeten his words. Once a mortal man, he commits suicide out of shame when he is helped by a woman who turns out to be the wife he either abandoned or sold. Born Zhang Lang, he protects the family and reports on the behavior of each household to the Jade Emperor on New Year’s Day. For 10 points—name this Chinese kitchen god.

ANSWER: Xao Jun or Tsao Chun

11. Sometimes identified with the Milky Way, this object’s red was said to be fire that kept out the unworthy. The Urdan Fount, a source of light and heat, is sometimes said to be above it, while nearby is the dwelling Himinbjorg. It will shatter under the weight of hordes led by Surt. Also known as Asbru, this is— for 10 points—what rainbow bridge guarded by Heimdall [HAIM-doll]? Answer: Bifrost [buy-frost] (accept "Asbru" before it is mentioned)

12. One tale says he would impregnate young maidens bathing in the stream by detaching his penis and placing it in the river. His name means "wood hump" and it is in his hump that he carries seeds, or he is sometimes said to carry songs in a sack upon his back. A fertility trickster said to bring spring, this is— for 10 points—what flute-playing hunchback found in the myths of Southwest America?

ANSWER: Kokopelli

13. It is when the Horned God Cernunnos marries a goddess, which was celebrated by women going into the woods and possibly being impregnated. Sometimes associated with the daughter of Ossian, the fairie-goddess Plur na mBan [plur nuh mahn], it is named probably for a god of sheep and cattle and involves a bonfire used for purification. Walpurgis Night is the eve of—for 10 points—what Celtic fire festival generally celebrated on May 1?

ANSWER: Beltaine or Cetsamhain (prompt on "May Day")

14. She disguised herself as an old woman and used a gold ring to bribe the ferryman Nemty into taking her to island where the gods were meeting. She then disguised herself as a beautiful girl, claiming to be the widow of a herdsman whose son had been robbed of his inheritance. She tricked her brother into saying that the son’s cause was just, supporting the claim of her own son, Horus, against Seth. For 10 points—name this Egyptian goddess, the wife of Osiris.

ANSWER: Isis

15. As a man, he was reputed to be able to breathe fire, but hanged himself after losing a magical contest. One of several gods produced the second time that his mother, the goddess Yamaja, was the subject of an attempted rape, his wives were the river goddesses Oba and Oschun, as well as Oya who stole his magic. This orisha is often depicted holding a double-edged ax that represents a lightning bolt. For 10 points—name this Yoruban god of thunder, who was co-opted by both Santeria and the WWF.

ANSWER: Shango or Xango or Chango
16. He attempts to seduce the maid of Billing, but is turned off by her deception. He is more successful with Gungnild; his three nights with her are worth a sip each from Bodn, Son, and Odrerir, the containers of the Mead of Poetry. To create an instrument of revenge against Hod, he had a liaison with Rind to produce Vali, while the giantess Grid bore him Vidar. For 10 points—what god actually slept with his wife Frigg in conceiving Balder, but dallied with Jorg to produce Thor?
ANSWER: Odin or Wodin or Wotan

17. One story claims that he fathered the underworld guardian and snake-god Nehebkau with the harvest goddess Renenutet. Usually depicted with either green or black skin, this son of Shu and Tefnet was associated with the goose, for which he was known as the “Great Cackler.” An atypically male earth deity, this is—for 10 points—what sister-husband of Nut and father of Osiris?
ANSWER: Geb or Keb or Seb

18. According to the story, he was assigned to stoke coal and noticed the water rising, but the captain was unwilling to listen to such a lowly man. The passengers of the ship seek help, but, concerned only with his own survival, he answers them with bawdy rhymes, and, according to some versions, is the only survivor. For 10 points—name this 20th century trickster of African American folklore, who was the lowest-ranked crewmember of the Titanic when it hit an iceberg.
ANSWER: Shine

19. The Gond tattoo his image on their upper arms in order to gain strength for carrying things, while his name literally means “having three jaws.” The son of the nymph Arjana and the wind god Vayu, his powers include shape-changing and flight. He once set an entire city on fire because he ran round after being set on fire while spying on the kingdom of Lanka, which was ruled by the demon Ravana. For 10 points—name this faithful monkey friend of Rama.
ANSWER: Hanuman

20. One story claims that a hawk’s feathers are brown because this god was singed by the sun while stealing fire, while another tale claims that he got fire either by gaining the flaming fingernail of a fire goddess or catching a celestial mud hen while it was roasting bananas. Another myth claims that he made the sun promise to have a longer day by catching it after hiding behind Mount Haleakala. For 10 points—name this Polynesian god, the namesake of Hawaii’s second largest island.
ANSWER: Maui-tiki-tiki

21. Possibly based upon a member of the court of King Bern of Berka, he is in found the Hákornarmál and the Eiriksmál welcoming dead kings into Valhalla. In the Lokasenna, he has a verbal confrontation with Loki in which he is deemed the least willing to fight among the Aesir, before his wife Idun intervenes. Noted for his wisdom and his eloquence, this is—for 10 points—what Norse god of poetry?
ANSWER: Bragi
**BONUSES**

1. Name these Vedic gods, for 10 points each.
   A. First among the gods, he could defeat Vritri, the demon who causes drought. He could bring the rains of the monsoon and his symbol was the Vajra.
      ANSWER: **Indra**
   B. This god was responsible for maintaining the inner natural law, rita.
      ANSWER: **Varuna**
   C. One of the few female deities given high status in the Vedas is this goddess of dawn.
      ANSWER: **Usas**

2. For 10 points each--answer the following about Australian Aboriginal myth.
   A. This was the time when the world and its human inhabitants were created.
      ANSWER: The **Dreaming** or **Dream Time**
   B. Born of the earth, these ancestral spirits wandered the landscape, creating life. They disappeared after teaching humanity.
      ANSWER: **Wondjina**
   C. These sisters were the first humans, naming things and populating the land with their children. They offended the Rainbow Serpent, who swallowed them.
      ANSWER: **Wawalag Sisters**

3. Name these mythological accounts, for 10 points each.
   A. Found in the Elder, or Poetic, Edda, its name means "The Song of the Sybil." It tells of the creation of the world and the coming Ragnarok.
      ANSWER: **Völuspa**
   B. Taking its name from its first two words, which mean “When on high,” this Babylonian creation epic includes the story of Marduk defeating Tiamat.
      ANSWER: **Enuma elish**
   C. The Japanese “Record of Ancient Matters,” it differs from the **Nihon shoki** in its version of the origin of Amaterasu.
      ANSWER: **Kojiki**

4. For 10 points each--name these things from Mayan myth.
   A. Secretly written down in the mid-16th century, this book given the Mayan version of the creation of the universe.
      ANSWER: **Popol Vuh**
   B. This twin brother of Ixbalanque was beheaded in the "house of the bats" and afterwards became a sun god.
      ANSWER: **Hunapu**
   C. Hunapu's head was cut off by this vampire bat god of death.
      ANSWER: **Camazotz** or **Zotzilaha Chimalman**
5. For 10 points each--name these Slavic gods.
A. A "black god" whose dualistic opposite was Belobog, a version of him is found in Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*.
   ANSWER: **Czarnobog**
B. In Novgorod, one crime punishable by death was letting die the oak wood fire kept burning in front of an effigy of this Slavic thunder god.
   ANSWER: **Perun** or **Peroun** or **Perkons** or **Perkunis**
C. This fire god, whose name means "glad guest," was the probable source for the name of a "brown" wizard created by Tolkien.
   ANSWER: **Radagast**

6. Compiled by Elias Lönnrot, its name means "land of heroes." For the stated number of points:
A. (5) Name this Finnish national epic.
   ANSWER: **Kalevala**
B. (10) This hero of the Kalevala and son of the goddess Ilmatar is a magician-bard who steals the magical mill known as the Sampo, but who never does find a wife.
   ANSWER: **Väinämöinen**
C. (15) This smith created the Sampo, which he used to create a golden wife for himself.
   ANSWER: **Ilmarinen**

7. For 10 points each--name these Egyptian creator gods:
A. A fertility god worshipped at Thebes, he laid the cosmic egg while in goose form. He was later fused with the sun god Ra.
   ANSWER: **Amon-Ra** or **Ammon**
B. The husband of Bast, his center of worship was at Memphis. He was believed to have created the other gods by thinking of them and saying their names out loud.
   ANSWER: **Ptah**
C. Believed to control the rising of the Nile, his sacred animal was the ram and he shaped the gods, animals, and men by shaping their bodies from clay and breathing life into them. The principal center of his worship was the southern island of Elephantine.
   ANSWER: **Khnum**

8. For 10 points each--name these little people of mythology.
A. No taller than two feet, these mischievous, naked little people inhabit caves, mountains, or forests in Hawaii.
   ANSWER: **Menehune**
B. This dwarf god of music and pleasure is the only Egyptian deity depicted from a frontal view in art. He also assists the hippopotamus goddess Tawert in childbirth.
   ANSWER: **Bes**
C. This dwarf king guards the treasure of the Niebelung and gave the sword Balmung and an invisibility cloak to Siegfried.
   ANSWER: **Alberich** or **Andvari**
9. For 10 points each--name these underworlds:
A. This Norse underworld shares its name with the daughter of Loki who dwells there.
   ANSWER: Helheim
B. In some tales, it is Gwynn ap Nudd who rules this Welsh underworld.
   ANSWER: Annwn [AN-oon]
C. Zolotl, twin brother of Quezcoatl, guides the dead to this Aztec and Toltec underworld.
   ANSWER: Mictlan

10. For 10 points each--name these water-related gods.
A. Later associated with the Babylonian god Ea [AY-ah], this Sumerian water god has a consort named Nimhursag.
   ANSWER: Enki
B. This Welsh sea god is the father of Bran and Branwen.
   ANSWER: Llyr or Lir
C. By his wife Ran, this Norse sea god had nine daughters representing the waves.
   ANSWER: Aegir

11. For 10 points each--name these first men on Earth.
A. In Norse myth, this first man's wife was Embla.
   ANSWER: Ask
B. This first man in Vedic religion and first mortal to die is sometimes identified with the Hindu king of the underworld.
   ANSWER: Yama
C. The father of Mashye and Mashyane, this Zoroastrian first man was poisoned by Ahriman.
   ANSWER: Gavomart

12. For 10 points each--name these war gods.
A. Sometimes called Ryobu or Yawata, this Shinto god of war and protector of life was also worshipped as a god of agriculture and identified with the bodhisattva Daibosatsu.
   ANSWER: Hachiman
B. This Norse war god will kill and be killed by the hound Garm at Ragnarok.
   ANSWER: Tyr
C. This Celtic goddess of war and death was sometimes viewed as a trio with Badb and Macha [mak-kha].
   ANSWER: Morrigan or Morrigu

13. For 15 points each--name these legendary Irish kings.
A. Cursed by the saint Rónán, he becomes a madman in the forest, but reconciles with the Church by the aid of Moling. Seamus Heaney described him as "astray" in the title of a 1983 translation of his tale.
   ANSWER: Shuibne or Sweeney
B. This high king of Ireland was given a golden cup that could divine truth by Manannan mac Lir.
   ANSWER: Cormac mac Airt
14. For 10 points each--name these Norse ships:
A. This boat of Freyr was capable of being folded up.
   ANSWER: **Skidbladnir**
B. At Ragnarok, Hrym will sail this frost giant boat made from the nails of the dead.
   ANSWER: **Naglfar**
C. This ship of Balder was used as the god's funeral pyre.
   ANSWER: **Hringhorn**

15. Name these animals on a 15-5 basis
A. (15) The native American trickster Inktomi was this animal.
   (5) Another example of this creature was the African trickster Anansi.
   ANSWER: **spider**
B. (15) Nankil'las and Yehl are examples of this West Coast trickster who was often the rival of Coyote.
   (5) Other examples of this bird include Huginn and Muninn.
   ANSWER: **Raven**

16. For 10 points each--name these Hindu creatures.
A. This serpent people can be found in the underground city of Bhogavati.
   ANSWER: **Nagas**
B. This bird is the mount of Vishnu.
   ANSWER: **Garuda**
C. The leader of the Ganas, this white bull is the mount of Shiva.
   ANSWER: **Nandi**

17. For 10 points each--name these associates of avatars of the *Shnu*.
A. In the *Bhagavad-Gita*, Krishna is the charioteer of this Pandava prince.
   ANSWER: **Arjuna**
B. The dwarf Vamana tricked this king who had become greater than Indra by requesting a plot of land three paces wide then taking two steps that encompassed heaven and earth.
   ANSWER: **Bali**
C. The Shnu's first avatar, Matsya, was a fish who towed the ship of this lawgiver to safety after a flood.
   ANSWER: **Manu**

18. For 10 points each--name these groups.
A. Frey and Freya were members of this group who once warred with the Aesir.
   ANSWER: **Vanir**
B. This group ruled Ireland after defeating the giant Fomorians. After their defeat by the suns of Mil, they went underground as fairie folk.
   ANSWER: **Tuatha Dé Danann** [THOO-a-haw day DAH-nawn] or **People of Danu**
C. This enumerated group venerated by the Chinese usually include Zhongli Quan (Chung-li Ch'üan), He Xiangu (Ho Hsien-ku), and Lü Tung-pin.
   ANSWER: **Eight Immortals** or **Ba Xien** or **Pa Hsien**
19. For 10 points each--name these Middle Eastern deities later identified with Satan.
   A. This Canaanite god's name probably meant "lord of the house," but he later was called "lord of the flies."
   ANSWER: Beelzebub or Baalzebub
   B. Possibly identified with the Carthaginian god Baal-Ammon, his name was formed from the consonants of the Hebrew word for "king" and the vowels of the word for "shame." Some scholars suggest it is not actually the name of the god, but the name of a ritual for sacrificing children to fire.
   ANSWER: Moloch
   C. On Yom Kippur, a goat was sacrificed to this personification of uncleanness, who in Islam was later identified as Iblis.
   ANSWER: Azazel

20. For 10 points each--name these fabulous creatures.
   A. This beast had a man's face, a lion's body, and a scorpion's tail.
   ANSWER: manticore
   B. Sometimes identified with the phoenix, this bird-like Persian creature is incredibly wise and old, having seen the destruction of the world three times.
   ANSWER: simurgh
   C. This Asian creature had a bull's head and a horse's body. Its notable defense method was a fiery excretion.
   ANSWER: bonacon

21. For 10 points each--name these realms in Norse mythology.
   A. Freyr rules over this home of the light elves.
   ANSWER: Alfheim
   B. The giants live in this cold, mountainous land.
   ANSWER: Jotenheim
   C. The dark elves, who seem to be dwarves, inhabit this land.
   ANSWER: Svartalfheim

22. Answer these questions about Pecos Bill, for 10 points each.
   A. Bill's mother supposedly killed 45 Indians with what makeshift weapon?
   ANSWER: broomhandle
   B. Pecos Bill fell off the wagon when his family was moving west. He was raised by what animals?
   ANSWER: coyotes
   C. Pecos Bill is the only one who can ride what horse, who he feeds nitroglycerin and dynamite?
   ANSWER: Widow-maker