

MKULTR4: Very Vague And Not Well-Funded

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## Tossups

1. **Techno and house music inspired the *Ecstatio* third movement of a composition from this country, which evokes a scene in a loud nightclub. Several fishing reels are used as instruments during a solemn hotel scene in a controversial opera from this country, in which a soprano repeatedly hums and coughs to simulate (\*) fellatio. Interludes titled *Dawn*, *Sunday Morning*, *Moonlight*, and *Storm* appear in an opera from this country, though they are often performed separately as the *Four Sea Interludes*. In that opera from this country, the title fisherman loses his sanity and sinks his boat into the sea. For 10 points, name this home country of Thomas Adès and Benjamin Britten.**

ANSWER: United Kingdom [or Great Britain; or England] <BS>

2. **In one novel by this author, a soldier eats a rose to startle a group of old ladies, and in another novel by this author a character invents an ineffective 'Cavalry Eradicator'. One novel by this author opens with a vegetarian nude gardener rubber company chairman dying at a garden party. Two doctors dispute the cause of cholera in a novel by this author which begins with chapatis mysteriously appearing across northern India, and another of this author's novels ends with an (\*) Irish nationalist razing the Majestic Hotel. For 10 points name this author of *The Singapore Grip* whose 'Empire Trilogy' includes Booker Prize winners *Troubles* and *The Siege of Krishnapur*.**

ANSWER: James Gordon Farrell

3. **This person used proceeds from an ice-cream parlour in Worcester and an unsuccessful attempt at sex work to fund an assassination attempt, and then attacked their mentor Johann Most with a horsewhip for not being sufficiently supportive. After being deported aboard the *Buford* this person plotted, with Alexander Berkman, to assassinate Henry Clay Frick during the (\*) Homestead strike. This person founded the journal *Mother Earth* and claimed they would willingly nurse William McKinley after allegations that their activism had inspired his assassination. For 10 points, name this Lithuania-born American feminist, birth control advocate and anarchist.**

ANSWER: Emma Goldman

4. **In this film, Hingham Bridge is the only remaining access to the In-Between, and one character lies that St Lazarus was razed a few days ago to prevent another from following them. After finding out that this film's eponymous entities can set traps, one character in this film remarks that "Before we know it, they'll be running for Parliament". In this film, richer members of the gentry, such as Lena Headey's eyepatch-wearing character, are trained in Japanese martial arts; poorer ones in the Chinese style. In this film, pig (\*) brains are revealed to be an acceptable substitute for human brains that stop many of the title characters from descending into savagery, a trick that nearly allows Mr Wickham to beat Mr Darcy in the final showdown. For 10 points, name this alternate-universe adaptation of an Austen novel with added undead.**

ANSWER: *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* [do not accept or prompt on '*Pride and Prejudice*']

<EL/Ostentatious>

5. **Inhabitants of these islands make traditional kites with geometric designs which are flown at Easter. Two road cuttings in this island group are called the "Khyber Pass" and these islands are where John Rolfe's first wife and child are buried. These islands name a type of sailing rig consisting of a single triangular sail set behind the mast. These islands are the only place name in the (\*) New World specifically mentioned in the works of Shakespeare and support the most northerly**

coral reefs in the Atlantic as they are warmed by eddies spinning off the Gulf Stream. For 10 points, name this British Overseas Territory, an island group in the North Atlantic with capital Hamilton, and the northernmost point of a namesake "Triangle".

ANSWER: **Bermuda**

6. A recent study by Ian Anson applies this effect to explain widespread political partisanship. The case of McArthur Wheeler prompted the identification of this phenomenon, when he was on trial for robbing a bank with his face covered in lemon juice in the belief that it would make him invisible. This phenomenon is described by one of its formulators as the 'an●●●so●gno●si●a of everyday life'. In (\*) low-ability people, this phenomenon occurs due to an error about the self; in high-ability ones, due to an error about others. For 10 points, name this cognitive bias, where people mistakenly assess their own competency at a given task.

ANSWER: **Dunning-Kruger Effect**

7. William Mickle produced an early English translation of this work. A villain of this work is reimaged as the Khoikhoi giant T'Kama in a novel by Andre Brink. Only those with "corporeal eyes" are able to see the Machine of the World in this work. A Council of Gods is called to thwart the protagonist of this work who becomes a lover of Tethys on the Isle of Love. The monster (\*) Adamastor harries the protagonists of this work. Bacchus and Venus contend over the fate of sailors in this work that concludes with advice to King Sebastian. For 10 points, name this epic poem by Camões [ca-moysh] that glorifies Vasco da Gama and the voyages of Portuguese exploration.

ANSWER: The **Lusiads** [accept **Os Lusíadas**]

8. In collaboration with Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui and Damien Jalet, this person produced a set of 5 large 3-D frames for the set design of *Babel (Words)*. This artist exhibited a bed made from 8640 slices of Mother's Pride bread in the Tate. This person's Fourth Plinth commission became a talking point on *The Archers* where they appeared as themselves; that commission was *One & Other and Involved* (\*) randomly-selected members of the public standing on the plinth for one hour each. This sculptor won the Turner Prize in 1994 with *Field for the British Isles*; for 10 points, name this British sculptor whose work typically centres on the human figure, most famous for *The Angel of the North*.

ANSWER: Antony **Gormley**

9. Three feline examples of these people in an eponymous series are Speedy Cerviche, Polly Esther, and Guido Anchovy. On their latest album, *The Getaway*, the Red Hot Chili Peppers have a song titled for "The Dreams of" one of these people, and Dame Irene Stoat is pushed into a river by one of these people, shortly after four Arabs throw hampers containing Anne Zeigler and Webster Booth into the same river. (\*) Afro is one of these people in a namesake animated franchise, and a standalone expansion to *Total War: Shogun 2* is named for "The Fall Of" these people. William Adams and Jan Joosten were two of the first Westerners to become these people. Tom Cruise plays "The Last" of these people in an eponymous movie, and seven of these people title a Kurosawa film. For 10 points, name this group, the Japanese warrior class.

ANSWER: **Samurai** [accept **bushi** or **buke**, or **Samurai Pizza Cats** until '*The Getaway*']

<EL/Ostentatious>

10. A phenomenon named for this scientist is the observed decrease in electrical conductance at small bias voltages of very small devices such as quantum dots. This scientist names a form of constant mechanical damping in which energy is absorbed via sliding friction. With Christian Otto Mohr, this scientist developed a theorem for modelling the shear strength of (\*) soil behind a retaining wall. In SI units, this scientist's law contains a term of four-pi-epsilon-nought and describes the inverse-square electrostatic interaction between charged particles. For 10 points name this French scientist who gives his name to the SI unit of electrical charge.

ANSWER: Charles-Augustin de Coulomb

11. According to one Monty Python sketch, it's just gone eight o'clock and time for one of these things on top of your television set to explode. Another sketch shows these animals to have a higher IQ than BBC programme planners, but a lower one than Bushmen, and, in *The Father Christmas Letters*, a squad of these animals arrives in 1940 to help Father Christmas fight the goblins. One of these animals, called (\*) Nils Olav, holds the rank of Brigadier in the Norwegian army, has been knighted, and is Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Guard, though he lives in Edinburgh Zoo. Perhaps the most famous of these animals has friends of other species named Robby and Bajoo, and goes "Noot, noot!". For 10 points, name this type of bird exemplified by Pingu.

ANSWER: Penguin <EL/Ostentatious>

12. Mazdakism explicitly promoted this practice and, according to the Pahlavi scriptures, all of mankind will adopt this practice when the Saoshyant arrives. According to the *Shahnameh*, when King Zohak abandoned this practice, an age of great evil began for Iran, and the *Guru Granth Sahib* states that only fools argue over this practice and its associated issues. (\*) Jewish advocates of this practice argue that it better embraces the presence of God in all Creation, and many Hindus and Buddhists, in line with the principle of *ahimsa*, adopt this practice, which, for Jains, is mandatory and includes even the most minuscule forms of life. For 10 points, name this dietary practice, common in many religions, where people do not eat meat.

ANSWER: Vegetarianism [accept Veganism, or any description about not eating meat before said] <EL/Ostentatious>

13. This number titles A. R. Kane's debut album, and one song with this number in the title claims that "what you did is Ignoramus 103". This number was reversed by Question Mark and the Mysterians for the number of teardrops that is too many for one heart to be crying, and a song from Sonic Youth's second album that also named their fourth EP was named for 'Death Valley' and this number. "They know what is what but they don't know what is what" according to a Fatboy Slim song which, like a track on R.E.M.'s *Monster*, is titled (\*) "Star" this number. There are this many *Love Songs* on a 1999 Magnetic Fields album, and This number doesn't mean a year in the song where Bryan Adams gets his "first real six-string", "Summer of", for 10 points, this number, used in that title to refer to a sex act.

ANSWER: 69 <EL/Ostentatious>

14. In this series, one character is framed for murder after several of his men are killed at a Passover Seder in response for that character taking over a nightclub. A war is started with the Lees in this series over an incident when acquiring a horse; that horse later has to be shot when it falls lame. A key location in this series is the (\*) Garrison, where Grace is initially stopped from singing, though this is later reversed, and several characters in this series receive a card with a black hand on, sent by Luca Changretta, played by Adrien Brody, who is later responsible for assassinating John and nearly killing Michael. This series takes its name from the razor blades many of the main characters have sewn into their caps. For 10 points, name this BBC drama series that follows the rise of the Shelby family in interwar Birmingham, starring Cillian Murphy.

ANSWER: Peaky Blinders <EL/Ostentatious>

15. The hexafluoride of one of these elements is slightly distorted from octahedral symmetry, instead forming part of the C<sub>3v</sub> point group. Excimer lasers typically use a combination of one of these elements and either fluorine or chlorine. After comparing the ionisation energy of one of these elements with that of molecular oxygen, Neil (\*) Bartlett had the idea to try reacting one of them with platinum hexafluoride. One of these elements was the first to be discovered outside the Earth, and

another of them makes up around 1% of the atmosphere. For 10 points, name this group of unreactive elements at the far right of the periodic table.

ANSWER: **Noble gases** (or **Group VIII** or **Group 18**) <EM>

16. In Siberia, a deity in the form of this animal created the world by vomiting the Earth and then sneezing, and is known as Kutcha, whilst, in Tlingit myth, one deity named after this animal saves the world from a great flood by swimming down to the bottom of the sea and releasing a plug. This animal is the vehicle of Shani in Hindu mythology, and in *The Dream of Rhonabwy*, Owain has an army of these animals. In Serbian myth, a pair of this kind of animal are the usual (\*) messengers who bring news of a hero's death to their family, and the Morrigan showed Cu Chulainn was dead by landing on him in the form of this animal. England is prophesied to fall if these animals are removed from the Tower of London. For 10 points, name this type of bird, of which Huginn and Muninn, who accompany Odin, are examples.

ANSWER: **Ravens** [accept **crows** until 'Morrigan'] <Ostentatious/EL>

17. A character in a short story by this writer describes herself as "trapped like a trap in a trap", and another of this writer's characters lies awake quoting La Rochefoucauld at 4am in "The Little Hours". This poet wrote that they would be "young and lusty/Among the roaring dead", and lamented receiving "one perfect rose" instead of "one perfect limousine". This poet's collection *Enough Rope* includes (\*) "Résumé", which lists the downsides of nooses, guns and razors before concluding "You might as well live". This book reviewer under the name "Constant Reader" claimed "men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses." For 10 points, name this woman wit and member of the Algonquin Round Table.

ANSWER: Dorothy **Parker**

18. The reign of this monarch featured the Unlearned Parliament, so-called as lawyers were barred from standing as members, and this monarch was the first English king to execute a bishop, Richard le Scrope, for which their later illness was seen as punishment. This monarch's interest in artillery likely developed from his involvement in a Teutonic siege at Vilnius. This monarch defeated the first Percy rebellion at the Battle of Shrewsbury, which saw the death of (\*) Hotspur. Before he became king, this man was one of the Lords Appellant, who was, just before fighting a duel with the Duke of Norfolk, exiled to France by the then king, his cousin. For 10 points, name this British monarch who deposed and succeeded Richard II.

ANSWER: **Henry IV** [accept **Henry** of **Bolingbroke**; prompt on **Henry** alone or on **Henry of Lancaster**]

19. This leader avenged two defeats by winning the Battle of Crocus Field, taking 3000 prisoners that were later drowned, leading to this leader's eventual victory in the Third Sacred War. The response from the Spartans to this leader's conditional threats of invasion was "If" and this leader's remains are almost certainly those found in Tomb II at Aigai [eye-guy]. This leader's victory at (\*) Chaeronea [k(eye)-rho-nee-a], which allowed him to found the League of Corinth and extend his hegemony across all of Greece, was greatly helped by his introduction of the sarissa and the phalanx. For 10 points, name this king of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great.

ANSWER: **Philip II** of Macedon [prompt on **Philip** alone]

20. The first species where strong evidence for this behaviour exists is the bolosaurid *Eudibamus*, which became extinct in the early Permian. Giant pangolins are one of the few mammal species to exhibit this behaviour, which allows it to protect its powerful claws, and spotted skunks, to bring their anal glands into play whilst facing an attacker, will engage in this behaviour when threatened. Cockroaches can exhibit this behaviour when (\*) moving at high speed and there are several theories for the evolution of this behaviour in humans, including the thermoregulatory hypothesis

and the endurance running hypothesis. For 10 points, name this behaviour; a method of locomotion where you move around on two legs.

ANSWER: **Bipedality/Bipedalism** [accept anything about **moving** on **two legs** before mentioned, prompt on **walking** alone]

## **Bonuses**

1. Genesis P-Orridge and Cosey Fanni Tutti were members of one pioneering band of this genre. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this genre, named for Throbbing Gristle's record label. Other bands in this genre include Cabaret Voltaire and Front Line Assembly, and Lou Reed's *Metal Machine Music* was an important forebear.

ANSWER: **Industrial** music (accept **industrial rock**, **industrial metal**, and other combined forms)

[10] Trent Reznor is the principal member of this American industrial rock act, which has released albums including *Pretty Hate Machine* and *The Downward Spiral*, featuring the single "Closer".

ANSWER: **Nine Inch Nails**

[10] This German industrial band, helmed by Blixa Bargeld, has released albums including *Kollaps*, *Zeichnungen des Patienten O.T.*, and several compilations titled *Strategies Against Architecture*.

ANSWER: **Einstürzende Neubauten** (prompt on **Neubauten**) <Ostentatious>

2. For 10 points each, answer some questions on a surprisingly tough animal.

[10] This species of rodent is native to the Congo Basin and can support a 72 kg human standing on it, despite weighing a thousand times less itself. Scaled up, this is equivalent to a human supporting 10 elephants.

ANSWER: **Hero Shrew** [accept **Armoured Shrew**]

[10] The Hero Shrew's exceptional toughness comes from having, uniquely for mammals, interlocking forms of these bones that make up its spine.

ANSWER: **Vertebrae**

[10] Until the discovery of its sister species, Thor's Hero Shrew, which seems to descend from an intermediate species, the Hero Shrew's differences from other shrews were taken as evidence for this theory, where species change rapidly after a long period of stability.

ANSWER: **Punctuated Equilibrium**

3. There were an awful lot of people called Alfonso in Spain in the Middle Ages. For 10 points each, answer some questions on some non-Spanish Alfonsos instead.

[10] Afonso [sic] I Henriques was the founding monarch of this country that shares the Iberian Peninsula with Spain.

ANSWER: **Portugal**

[10] Afonso I was also the name of the first Christian king of this African kingdom, where Portuguese missionaries persuaded him to convert.

ANSWER: **Kongo**

[10] With a slight change of spelling, England very nearly had a king called Alphonso I, as the child was the first-born son of this monarch.

ANSWER: **Edward I**

4. Answer some questions on the foundation of the Knights Templar, for 10 points each.

[10] The co-founder and first Grand Master of the order was this man, a French knight from Champagne who approached King Baldwin II of Jerusalem in 1119 about setting up an order that would protect pilgrims.

ANSWER: **Hugh of Payns** [accept **Hugues de Payens**]

[10] The order really took off, though, when this man, the outstanding Christian spiritual force of the 12th century, and preacher of the Second Crusade threw his weight behind them at the Council of Troyes.

ANSWER: St **Bernard of Clairvaux** [accept **St Bernard**]

[10] The Templars largely followed the example set by this other Jerusalem-based militant monastic order, founded a little earlier, in 1113, who later found themselves possessors of Rhodes and then Malta, and who still exist today.

ANSWER: The **Knights Hospitaller** [accept **Order of Knights of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem**, **Order of Saint John** or anything about some **order** or **knights** related to a **hospital** or **St John**]

5. Because everyone enjoyed it so much at CamO this year, for 10 points each, answer some more questions on birds in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien.

[10] In *The Hobbit*, a key role is played by an individual of this species of snail-eating bird, who tells Bard where to aim to kill Smaug, as well as helping the Dwarves find the entrance to the secret passage.

ANSWER: The **thrush**

[10] In *Roverandom*, which isn't even set in Middle-earth, the eponymous hero is transported to the Moon by Mew, a member of this generic group of seabirds that will generally try to steal your chips.

ANSWER: **Seagulls**

[10] In *The Lord of the Rings*, a cloud of this large, crow-like species of bird is seen to be overflying the land of Eregion [uh-regg-ee-on], forcing the Fellowship to spend an entire day in hiding. Yes, this is the hard part.

ANSWER: **Crebain** [cre-bine] [accept **craban** if anyone, improbably, gives the singular form - it's Sindarin. I did say this was the hard part] <Ostentatious>

6. This painting inspired the ballet *Strapless* by Christopher Wheeldon. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this painting of Virginia Gautreau which caused a scandal at the Paris Salon of 1884. The sitter was originally portrayed with one strap of her dress off her shoulder, later overpainted after the outcry.

ANSWER: *Portrait of **Madame X***

[10] *Portrait of Madame X* was painted by this American portraitist. Other works by them include *Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose* and *Lady Agnew of Locknaw*, which hangs in the Scottish National Gallery.

ANSWER: John Singer **Sargent**

[10] Manet's *Luncheon on the Grass*, with its suggestive depiction of nudity, was too scandalous to even appear at the Paris Salon, and was instead displayed at this 1863 exhibition, along with Whistler's *The White Girl*.

ANSWER: The **Salon des Refusés** (prompt on exhibition of rejects)

7. This epistolary novel comprises the diary of one character bookended by letters written by another. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this novel of 1848 in which Helen Graham gives Gilbert Markham her diary to dispel his assumptions about her relationship with Frederick Lawrence.

ANSWER: ***The Tenant of Wildfell Hall***

[10] This character is Helen Graham's first husband, who she initially idolises but later flees once his alcoholic and abusive nature becomes clear.

ANSWER: **Arthur Huntingdon** (accept either part)

[10] This author of *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* and *Agnes Grey* experienced reputational damage when their books fell out of print following their death, as their harsh, unsparing depictions of vice displeased their elder sister Charlotte.

ANSWER: **Anne Brontë** (prompt on surname alone)

8. Glashow, Salam, and Weinberg won the Nobel Prize in Physics for their work on this interaction. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this interaction, the result of the unification of two of the Standard Model's four fundamental forces.

ANSWER: The **electroweak** interaction

[10] While the electromagnetic interaction is mediated by photons, the force carriers for the weak interaction are three bosons generally labelled using these two letters.

ANSWER: **W** and **Z** (accept **W+**, **W-**, **Z0**)

[10] Electroweak unification takes place at very high energies, such as those present immediately after the Big Bang, before the hadron epoch, when the universe was composed of this state of matter.

ANSWER: **Quark-gluon plasma** (prompt on **plasma**)

9. "He does not know (no one can know) my endless contrition, and my weariness." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this short story, which claims to be a statement dictated by Axis spy Dr. Yu Tsun, detailing his encounter with the Sinologist Stephen Albert.

ANSWER: "**The Garden of Forking Paths**" (accept "**El jardín de senderos que se bifurcan**")

[10] "The Garden of Forking Paths" is the title story of the first published collection by this Argentine writer.

ANSWER: Jorge Luis **Borges**

[10] In this Borges story from *The Book of Sand*, Alexander Ferri describes an association founded by don Alejandro Glencoe; Ferri and others squander Glencoe's money on books and women. The author cameos as a librarian.

ANSWER: "**The Congress**" (accept "**El Congreso**")

10. Let's have a conversation. For 10 points each:

[10] Hello. Expressions such as "hello" and "goodbye" are known in linguistics as this type of speech, since they have a social purpose rather than communicating information.

ANSWER: **Phatic** speech

[10] I hate potatoes. This linguist's 'maxim of relevance' means that listeners assume speakers' utterances will be relevant to previous utterances. It is one of four maxims that underlie this linguist's 'cooperative principle'.

ANSWER: Paul **Grice**

[10] Auf Wiedersehen. This term refers to the use of multiple languages or varieties of language within the same conversation. It is a common feature of conversation between multilingual speakers.

ANSWER: **Code-switching** <Ostentatious>

11. The main motive force of Greek myth is Zeus being randy. For 10 points each, answer some questions on one such incident.

[10] After Zeus seduces Leda in the guise of a swan, she gives birth to these twin demigods, known as the Dioscuri, as well as Helen and Clytemnestra, with all four of them possibly hatching from eggs. Just go with it.

ANSWER: **Castor** and **Polydeuces** [accept **Pollux** for the latter, prompt on either name alone]

[10] Polydeuces was indeed the son of Zeus, but Castor was the son of this man, the king of Sparta and Leda's actual husband. Again, don't worry too much about how this works.

ANSWER: **Tyndareus**

[10] After doing all the usual things Greek heroes get up to, Castor is killed in a cattle raid and Polydeuces decides to share his immortality with him, leading to the twins becoming this constellation.

ANSWER: **Gemini** <Ostentatious>

12. Alan Turing played this game against a computer at the Festival of Britain. For 10 points each:  
[10] Name this mathematical game in which players alternate taking items from a number of heaps. Depending on the variant played, the player to take the last item either wins or loses.

ANSWER: **Nim**

[10] This British mathematician analysed nim and other mathematical games such as hackenbush and sprouts in their book *On Numbers and Games*. They also created a namesake 'chained arrow notation' for denoting extremely large numbers.

ANSWER: John Horton **Conway**

[10] Conway's analysis used this class of numbers, a superfield of the hyperreals, which includes the reals along with infinites and infinitesimals. In this number system, 'left curly brace, pipe, right curly brace' represents the number '0'.

ANSWER: **Surreal** numbers <Ostentatious>

13. It is home to the last population of the Indian Ass. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this salt marsh which is located in part of the Thar Desert.

ANSWER: The Great **Rann** of **Kutch**

[10] The Rann of Kutch is mostly located in this Indian province which has its capital at Ahmedabad.

ANSWER: **Gujarat**

[10] Gujarat is also home to many sites from this ancient civilisation which also built cities like Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa in modern-day Pakistan.

ANSWER: **Indus** Valley Civilisation

14. Heavy Metal. History. Not the most obvious crossover, but, for 10 points each, answer some questions on some very metal history.

[10] Christopher Lee (yes, that one) released two symphonic metal albums on the life of this historical character, particularly notable for one refrain repeatedly stating he 'shed the blood of the Saxon men'.

ANSWER: **Charlemagne** [accept **Charles the Great** or **Carolus Magnus**]

[10] Iron Maiden, meanwhile, felt the need to commemorate the Albigenian Crusade by releasing a song entitled for this castle, one of the last Cathar strongholds, which fell after a lengthy siege.

ANSWER: **Montsegur**

[10] Disturbed took a more modern bent in their song *Never Again*, which pleads for the continued remembrance of this event, whose memorial in Berlin consists of 2,711 concrete slabs.

ANSWER: The **Holocaust** [accept **Shoah**] <EL>

15. Taiwan had a lot going on in the 17th century. For 10 points each, answer some questions about this.

[10] For much of the 17th century, Taiwan was mostly controlled by this European empire, whose East India Company, based at Batavia, colonised the island after being forced out of the nearby Pescadores by the Chinese.

ANSWER: **Dutch** empire [accept **Netherlands**]

[10] Dutch rule on Taiwan was brought to an end in 1662 by an expedition led by this Chinese commander, a Ming loyalist who wanted to turn the island into an anti-Qing base.

ANSWER: **Koxinga** [accept **Zheng Chenggong** or **Prince Wu of Chao**]

[10] Koxinga founded this kingdom, which survived to 1683, controlling a part of the island, before being conquered by the Qing, who went on to annex the whole island over the following decades.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Tungning** [accept Kingdom of **Formosa**]

16. In what can only be described as pure egomania on the part of this packet's writer, for 10 points each, answer some questions on the best Old Testament prophet, Samuel.

[10] Samuel was the last of this group of Israelite leaders, who also included Deborah and Samson, and after whom an Old Testament book is named.

ANSWER: **Judges**

[10] Before getting involved with all the appointing and anointing kings, Samuel's most important action was leading the Israelites to victory over a Philistine army at this hill, leading to a long period of peace.

ANSWER: **Mizpah**

[10] Even after he died, Samuel wasn't quite done with - Saul had this oracle summon up Samuel's ghost to predict the result of a battle. He regretted this, as Samuel mainly shouted at him and told him he'd die.

ANSWER: The **Witch of Endor** <Ostentatious>

17. Britain's national centre for this sport is at Bisley in Surrey, though at the 2012 Olympics it took place at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this sport, in which Ed Ling, Peter Wilson and Amber Hill have all competed for Great Britain at the Olympics. One of its disciplines is also a component of the modern pentathlon.

ANSWER: **Shooting** [accept specific forms, such as **rifle shooting**]

[10] This specific discipline of Olympic shooting involves using a shotgun to hit airborne clay targets. Only after the target is released can the gun be lifted, making this discipline particularly challenging.

ANSWER: Olympic **skeet**

[10] Skeet shooting was originally a mixed event, until Zhang Shan won gold at these Olympics. In all Games subsequent to these Olympics, skeet has been segregated by gender, probably for entirely unrelated reasons.

ANSWER: **1992** (accept **Barcelona**) <Ostentatious>

18. Although it seems like most composers run out of ideas after their 9th symphony, it's often a little bit more complicated than that. For 10 points each:

[10] This composer's 10th symphony was only identified as such in the 1970s, and is one of six symphonies left incomplete at his death, though only his 8th is well known as the "Unfinished Symphony".

ANSWER: Franz **Schubert**

[10] To avoid the so-called "Curse of the Ninth", Gustav Mahler described this work of his as "A Symphony for Tenor, Alto and Large Orchestra", rather than giving it a number. Its first movement is based on the Li Bai poem "The Drinking Song of Earth's Sorrow".

ANSWER: *Das* **Lied von der Erde** [or *The* **Song of the Earth**]

[10] Bruckner's symphony in F minor was his first chronologically; but as he subsequently rejected the work it was not performed until 1928. What number is it sometimes known by?

ANSWER: **00** ("Double zero") [do NOT accept or prompt on "zero", which is a different early Bruckner symphony] <Ostentatious / BS>

19. Writers of speculative fiction like libraries enough to write about them and their librarians, quite a lot. For 10 points each:

[10] Name one such character, the librarian of Jasper Fforde's BookWorld; he often disappears leaving only a grin behind, and had to change his name following alterations to the County boundaries.

ANSWER: **Unitary Authority of Warrington Cat** [accept **Cheshire Cat**, I'm feeling generous]

[10] Bungus Septrill presides over the library of this university city, located on a floating rock above a rocky outcrop called *The Edge* in an eponymous series by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell.

ANSWER: **Sanctaphrax**

[10] This author of children's fiction, including *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, makes a cameo appearance as the librarian of Garth Nix's Ermine College.

ANSWER: Joan **Aiken** <EL/Ostentatious>

20. An epidemic of this condition begins with a man driving a car waiting at a red light. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this condition which titles a 1995 novel by Jose Saramago. Sufferers are confined to a disused asylum until society breaks down too much to maintain them there.

ANSWER: **Blindness**

[10] This character is the only person immune to the epidemic of 'white blindness', though she initially conceals this. As with many Saramago characters she is referred to by description rather than name.

ANSWER: The **doctor's wife** (accept 'the **ophthalmologist's wife**' or other clear-knowledge equivalents)

[10] This other Jose Saramago novel sees its title character attempt to thwart his father's plan by getting himself executed, realising at the last that this is actually what that plan intended.

ANSWER: **The Gospel According to Jesus Christ**

### **Tiebreaker**

**The remains of this object were catalogued by Charles Rohault [roh-ho] de Fleury in 1870 and this object is celebrated in the festival of Meskel. The Alexamenos Graffito is probably the earliest depiction of this object being used in its most famous context. The components of this object were first found in a bridge fourteen generations before its most famous use. Very early writings replace the name of this object with the staurogram, and a fresco sequence by (\*) Piero della Francesca in Arezzo recounts the history of this object. John Calvin remarked there were enough pieces of this object to fill a boat, and this object was reportedly discovered in the early fourth century by St Helena whilst on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For 10 points, name this object, the bit of wood that Jesus was crucified on.**

ANSWER: The **True Cross** [accept **Holy Cross** or anything to do with **cross** and some suggestion that it's the one Jesus died on, accept **cross** alone after 'Jesus'; prompt on **cross** alone before 'Jesus']