

500 Questions Volume II - Set 1

1. As a result of its efforts, the collectors of internal revenue at St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, and Brooklyn all resigned. For 10 points, identify these televised Senate hearings of 1950-51 that uncovered substantial evidence of corruption among federal officials that are named after the Tennessee Senator who led them.

Answer: Kefauver Committee or Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Interstate Crime

2. It was here that the Spartans, commanded by Leonidas, made a heroic, but unsuccessful, stand against the vastly superior forces of the Persians under king Xerxes in 480 B.C. For 10 points, what is this historic pass which links northern and southern Greece?

Answer: Thermopylae

3. During it, chromatids, daughter chromosomes, separate and move rapidly towards the poles of the spindle. They do not reach the poles, but the spindle itself elongates, pushing the two groups of chromosomes further apart. For 10 points, what is this third active stage of mitosis?

Answer: anaphase

4. It tells the story of the murderer of an old man who buried the dismembered body beneath his floor in his room. While the police are investigating, he begins to hear the heartbeats of his victim and confesses in a frenzy. For 10 points, identify this Poe story that ends with the police finding the murdered man's watch - still ticking.

Answer: The Tell-Tale Heart

5. It takes its nickname from Sir Benjamin Hall, baron Llanover who was chief commissioner of works when it was made in 1859. Though it originally meant only the largest bell, it has come to represent the entire tower. For 10 points, identify this 326 foot high clock tower with dials 22.5 feet in diameter attached to the Houses of Parliament in London.

Answer: Big Ben

6. She was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1954, began playing tennis at the age of six, and turned pro at 18. Her career has included three Wimbledon, six US Open, and six French Open titles. For 10 points, who is this first woman tennis player to earn more than \$1,000,000 who recently retired?

Answer: Chris Evert

7. It is this man who puts his life at risk to borrow 3000 ducats to help his friend Bassanio. In the end he escapes death by the wise rulings of Portia. For 10 points, identify this title character of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice.

Answer: Antonio

8. In 1854, he joined in writing the Ostend Manifesto, which further enhanced his popularity in the south. He was further aided by not having to take a stand on the Kansas-Nebraska Act. For 10 points, identify this man who defeated Millard Fillmore and John C. Fremont to be elected president in 1856.

Answer: James Buchanan

9. It is given by subtracting the product of temperature and entropy change from the change in enthalpy in a system. For 10 points, identify this quantity of energy available for doing useful work designated with a capital G. Answer: Gibb's Free Energy

10. It was first produced in Milan in February, 1904, but achieved success only after revision and re-introduction three months later. With a libretto based on a play by David Belasco, it is among the most famous operas by Puccini. For 10 points, identify this story of Lieutenant Pinkerton and Cho-Cho-Son.

Answer: Madam Butterfly

11. Also known as active sleep, it that period when the EEG is similar to waking. For 10 points, what is this period of sleep in which dreams occur which is marked by rapid eye movements?

Answer: REM sleep

12. Born in 1491, his real name has been recorded as Inigo Lopez de Recalde, but this is probably a copyists error. Wounded in 1521 at the siege of Pamplona; during his recovery he resolved to devote himself to the Church. For 10 points, identify this founder of the Roman Catholic order called the Society of Jesus.

Answer: St. Ignatius of Loyola

13. It is the home of the Prince Albert National Park as well as the Vermillion Hills, the Thunder Hills, and the Great Sand Hills. Its main river separates into north and south branches and shares its name. And, its towns include Uranium City, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon. For 10 points, what is this Canadian province which borders Montana and North Dakota, and which has its capital at Regina?

Answer: Saskatchewan

14. Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1908, he was the second of eight children of an Italian-born saloon keeper. At one time his \$7500 a week salary was the highest in Hollywood. In his first film, "Sins of Man", in 1936, he played the dual role of the sons of Jean Hersholt. A versatile actor, he went on to star in "Heaven Can Wait", "Down Argentine Way", "Moon Over Miami", and more recently "Trading Places". For 10 points, who was this 20th Century Fox heartthrob who didn't receive an Oscar until his supporting role in the 1985 movie "Cocoon"?

Answer: Don Ameche

15. One of its central tenets is the principle of the li, which is the outward expression of inner harmony with the ethical principles of the universe. For 10 points, what is this eastern religion which attempts to follow the aphorisms of the Analects?

Answer: Confucianism

16. He helped write speeches for Franklin D. Roosevelt and later won the Pulitzer Prize for his Roosevelt and Hopkins: An Intimate History. For 10 points, identify this ardent pacifist playwright whose works include The Road to Rome, The Petrified Forest, Idiot's Delight, and Abe Lincoln in Illinois.

Answer: Robert E. Sherwood

17. According to Will Rogers, the main effect of this constitutional amendment was that it "made liars out of more Americans than golf." For 10 points, what is the number of this amendment, adopted in 1913, which gave Congress the power to lay and collect taxes on income?

Answer: 16

18. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Consider the following equation:  $7x - 13 = 2x + 12$ . For 10 points, what value of  $x$  satisfies this equation?

Answer:  $x=5$

19. Though this name is usually applied to a large mammal of the cat family, it is also used to designate a type of European moth, a family of seals and a small shark. For 10 points, what is this name for *Felis pardus*, that is a large spotted mammal widely distributed over Asia and Africa.

Answer: leopard (leopard moth, leopard seal, leopard shark)

20. Its main characters include Natasha Rostov, Pierre Bezukhov, and Prince Bolkonsky, and it features such personages as Czar Alexander I and Napoleon. For 10 points, what is this 1869 magnum opus by Leo Tolstoy?

Answer: War and Peace