

500 Questions Volume II - Set 9

1. It is characterized by a rash and swelling of the posterior auricular nodes. It usually has its highest incidence in the springtime and is mildly contagious. It is combated both by inoculation and by injection of gamma globulin. For 10 points, what is this viral disease which is properly known as rubella?

Answer: German measles (not just measles)

2. Its central character is reared by his sister and Joe Gargery, a blacksmith. It also features the jilted Miss Havisham who has brought up her niece Estella to hate men as well as the transported convict Abel Magwitch. For 10 points, identify this Dickens novel that revolves around the growth of Phillip Pirrip, or Pip.

Answer: Great Expectations

3. She was the daughter of Numitor, who was killed by his brother Amulius, and was made a vestal virgin by Amulius so that the lawful royal line of Alba Longa would end. For 10 points, who was this woman who was, however, visited by the god Mars by whom she conceived twins--Romulus and Remus--who founded Rome?

Answer: Rhea Silvia

4. According to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, they may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress or by a convention called by Congress on the application of two-thirds of the state legislatures. For 10 points, identify these legal modifications which are now numbered to twenty-six?

Answer: Constitutional amendments

5. It is measured in Joules per kilogram and its the amount of energy needed to bring a unit mass of a substance through a phase shift from the solid to liquid state. For 10 points, give the term for this quantity of heat.

Answer: heat of fusion

6. In an obsolete sense of the word, it refers to the flesh of all wild animals and birds hunted for their meat. Today it is used exclusively to refer to the flesh of the members of one particular family. For 10 points, what is this word that names the meat obtained from all kinds of deer.

Answer: venison

7. The nation of Botswana in southern Africa has two quite different geographical regions. In the northern part of the nation you would find the damp region called the Okavango Swamp. To the south, the exact opposite. For 10 points, what desert occupies the southern portion of Botswana?

Answer: Kalahari desert

8. This post was held by such notables as Marius, Pompey, Cicero, and Julius Caesar under the Republic of Rome. For 10 points, what was this post, of which there were two, which was the highest magistrate post in Rome?

Answer: consul

9. It starred William Powell as the wise, advice-giving doctor, James Cagney as the hard-nosed, obsessive captain, Jack Lemmon as the youthful, but indolent ensign, and Henry Fonda in the title role. For 10 points, what was this 1955 comedy about life aboard a dilapidated Navy supply ship which ended with the memorable line, "It is I, Ensign Pulver; and I just threw your stinkin' palm tree overboard. Now, what's this crud about no movie tonight"?

Answer: "Mister Roberts"

10. In the French Revolutionary calendar, the majority of the month Pluviose occurred during this "rain-month" that the Anglo-Saxons referred to as "sprout-kale" from the sprouting of cabbage. For 10 points, identify this month of purification among the ancient Romans that contains the modern celebrations of Candlemas and Ground Hog's Day on its second.

Answer: February

11. A veteran of the French and Indian War, he formed an informal group of fighters to oppose New York's claims on the Vermont area. However, when the Revolution began, he led his Green Mountain Boys against the British. For 10 points, name this man who with Benedict Arnold captured the British garrison at Fort Ticonderoga.

Answer: Ethan Allen

12. Pencil and paper ready: You are bowling with a 5 kilogram ball, which has an optimum speed of 10 meters per second. For 10 points, how much kinetic energy must you give the ball to achieve its optimum speed?

Answer: 250 joules

13. Born in 1840, this French artist attempted, through a use of plasticism, to affect a sense of movement in his works. In 1880, he was commissioned to make a bronze door for the Musee des Arts Decoratifs--entitled "The Gates of Hell"--which was to depict scenes from Dante's Inferno, but he died before he could finish it. For 10 points, who is this artist whose best-known work was actually a bronze of Dante in repose--"The Thinker"?

Answer: Auguste Rodin

14. In 1831 he resigned his pastorate of the Second Church of Boston and the following year toured Europe where he met Thomas Carlyle, William Wordsworth, and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. In his "Divinity School Address," he attacked formal religion and championed intuitive spiritual exercise. For 10 points, name this transcendentalist whose essays include "Spiritual Laws," "The Over-Soul," and "Self-Reliance."

Answer: Ralph Waldo Emerson

15. It includes the tracks "Breathe", "Us and Them", "Brain Damage", "Eclipse", and "Money". For 10 points, what is this classic Pink Floyd album which has not left the Billboard Top 200 since it debuted in 1973?

Answer: "Dark Side of the Moon"

16. It grew out of the Monophytic heresy, a reaction against Nestorianism, which stated that Jesus Christ had only a divine-- and not a human--nature. For 10 points, what is this religion virtually all of whose adherents are comprised by the 5-10% of Egyptians who have resisted conversion to Islam?

Answer: Coptic Church, or Copts

17. Between August 9th and 12th, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met aboard warships off the coast of Newfoundland. There they discussed and signed a statement of intent that outlined Allied War Aims. For 10 points, name this agreement which assured the world that neutral America was morally bound to Britain's side.

Answer: Atlantic Charter

18. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Consider a cylinder of diameter four and height eight. For 10 points, what is the volume of this cylinder?

Answer: 32 pi [or, 100(.53088...)]

19. It tells of young Marlow, a bashful young man at ease only with barmaids and serving girls and his difficult decision to attempt to win the hand of Miss Hardcastle. For 10 points, identify this Oliver Goldsmith play in which Miss Hardcastle eventually wins Marlow over only after portraying herself as a barmaid.

Answer: She Stoops to Conquer

20. With an advantage in numbers and artillery, the French attacked the British and tried to force their way to Brussels, eleven miles to the north. The British infantry, in squares, repulsed the attacks and after linking up with the forces of Blucher, defeated the French army. For 10 points, identify this site of the 1815 final defeat of Napoleon after his return from Elba.

Answer: the battle of Waterloo