

500 Questions Volume II - Set 24

1. They all have the common taxonomical classification Animalia, Vertebrata, Mammalia, Artiodactyla, Pecora. They were considered kosher under Talmudical law because they have both cloven hooves and they chew their cud. For 10 points, what are these mammals with complex stomachs which include deer, giraffes, antelopes, goats, and cattle?

Answer: Ruminants

2. Born in 1920, he began his career as a jockey, and he was the British champion steeplechase rider during the 1953-1954 season. This career provided him the background for several of the novels which he began writing after 1957. For 10 points, who is the British author of Odds Against and Whip Hand?

Answer: Dick Francis

3. his devotees are strict ascetics, and he is marked by his four arms and three eyes. For 10 points, who is this Hindu deity of creation and destruction whom the Hindus must flatter to appease?

Answer: Shiva or Shiva

4. While war was never declared, this incident led to naval battles from 1798 to 1800 in which 84 French ships were lost at the expense of a single American vessel. For 10 points, name this diplomatic affair in which three French agents attempted to extract loans and bribes from the American government.

Answer: XYZ Affair

5. It is a covalent hydride prepared by heating salt with concentrated sulfuric acid or by direct combination of its constituents. A colorless, acrid gas, fuming in air, it is usually unreactive when completely dry. For 10 points, identify this compound comprised of elements with atomic number 1 and 17.

Answer: hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid or HCl

6. Featuring the songs "There Is Nothing Like a Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," and "Some Enchanted Evening," it centers about Nellie Forbush, an American nurse, and her love for a French planter, Emile de Becque, who has illegitimate children by a native woman. For 10 points, what is this Rogers and Hammerstein musical which first opened on Broadway in 1949?

Answer: "South Pacific"

7. It is located directly between Scotland and the northeastern tip of Greenland. 570 miles west of Norway, it is separated from Greenland by the 155 mile wide Denmark Strait. For 10 points, identify this island nation ruled by the Althing.

Answer: Iceland

8. This Roman orator, statesman, and writer probably would have been better off if he had left politics alone. After the death of Julius Caesar, he leveled his sixteen Philippics against Mark Antony. Subsequently, he was dead the next year, killed by bounty hunters. For 10 points, who was this premier orator of ancient Rome?

Answer: Cicero

9. Born in Brooklyn in 1926, he wrote for Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows and the comedy Get Smart before turning to directing, and his first film was a doosie—the 1968 "The Producers." Starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, it centered about a scam to produce the worst musical ever—Springtime for Hitler. For 10 points, who is this director whose comedic output has included "Young Frankenstein", "High Anxiety", "Blazing Saddles", and "Spaceballs"?

Answer: Mel Brooks

10. Examples of its use are in the words fête and rôle. For 10 points, what is the name of this diacritical mark which indicates a rising and falling accent, which is now indicated by an inverted "v" over the vowel accented?

Answer: circumflex

11. Virginia and Ohio both have their claims as "Mother of Presidents," but Vice-Presidents are by no means illegitimate. This state is the "Mother of Vice-Presidents" by far, boasting eight. For 10 points, what was the birth state of Vice-Presidents Wheeler, Colfax, Sherman, Tompkins, Clinton, Fillmore, Van Buren, and Teddy Roosevelt?

Answer: New York

12. When Hermann Carl Vogel used it to make the first spectrographic measures of the radial velocities of stars it was called Fizeau's principle. Today it is usually known by either a scientist's name or by a color. For 10 points, give either name for this increase in the wavelength of light from an object, usually caused by its rapid recession.

Answer: red shift or Doppler shift or Doppler Effect

13. He got his start as an illustrator—primarily for Harper's Weekly—during the Civil War, which was the subject of his first important works, "Prisoners from the Front." For 10 points, who was this American painter who then turned to the sea for much of his subject matter in works like "The Hurricane", "Breaking Storm", and "Gulf Stream"?

Answer: Winslow Homer

14. Published in 1930, the story unfolds in 60 short stories, each labeled with the name of the character who narrates his thoughts and perceptions. Written in the stream-of-consciousness technique, for 10 points, what is this story of detailing the death of Addie Bundren and the ordeals endured by her family as they transport her body to Jefferson, Mississippi for burial.

Answer: As I Lay Dying

15. Like the Rolling Stones, this rock group of the British Invasion are still rolling into the '90's. Albums included "Greatest Hits" and "Kingdom" as well as their smash "You Really Got Me" whose title track has remained a perennial favorite. For 10 points, what is this group which was formed by brothers Ray and Dave Davies while in a London art school?

Answer: The Kinks

16. Although it is often attributed to the apostle Paul, its authorship is unknown, some attributing it to the evangelist Apollos. For 10 points, what is this philosophical epistle of the New Testament which was addressed to God's chosen people?

Answer: Hebrews

17. In 1946, billionaire John D. Rockefeller made a gift of \$8.5 million, and the United States physically shrunk in size. For 10 points, what organization used Rockefeller's donation to buy a small piece of New York City for its International Headquarters?

Answer: United Nations

18. Pencil and paper may be necessary. You are playing Monopoly and are sitting on the B&O Railroad. For 10 points, what is the probability that you will land in jail on your next throw of the dice with a roll of five?

Answer: 1/9, or .1111...

19. It begins "The sea is calm tonight, the tide is full, the moon lies fair upon the straits;" and uses the image of the sea as a metaphor for the Sea of Faith, ebbing away from the naked shores of the world. It ends with the famous line "Where ignorant armies clash by night." For 10 points, what is this famous 1867 poem by Matthew Arnold?

Answer: "Dover Beach"

20. He left his native southeast Asia in 1911 and visited France, Britain, China, the U.S., and the Soviet Union before returning for good during World War II. In 1930, he founded the Indochinese Communist Party and led the Viet Minh resistance to the Japanese during World War II. For 10 points, identify this man who led North Vietnam from its creation in 1954 until his death in 1969.

Answer: Ho Chi Minh