

500 Questions Volume II - Set 5

1. He was a cooper by vocation, but was one of Athens most respected teachers. For 10 points, who was this philosopher who called himself a gadfly, was a friend of Alcibiades, teacher of Plato, and was finally condemned to death by the Athenian council of 500?

Answer: Socrates

2. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, he co-authored the Connecticut Compromise in 1787. In 1796, he was confirmed as the third Chief Justice of the U.S. For 10 points, name him.

Answer: Oliver Ellsworth

3. This American researcher received the 1930 Nobel Prize for medicine/physiology for work he had done in 1900—the discovery of blood types. For 10 points, who was this scientist who was a co-discoverer of the Rh-factor in 1940?

Answer: Karl Landsteiner

4. He was the NCAA basketball player of the year in 1958—the first sophomore ever to be so honored. It was not until after he graduated—in 1961 and 1962—that his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati, won its back-to-back national championships. He was the 1961 Rookie of the Year with the Cincinnati Royals and went on to set the NBA career assist record. For 10 points, who is "The Big O"?

Answer: Oscar Robertson

5. An Indefatigable worker, he wrote over 50 plays from 1893 to 1948. Among these were The Apple Cart, Fanny's First Play, and Back to Methuselah. For 10 points, identify this Irish playwright better known for his Heartbreak House and Major Barbara.

Answer: George Bernard Shaw

6. It is located on Georgian Bay at the mouth of the Burrard Inlet. It is the western terminus for the Transcontinental Railway, and it has a large oriental community. For 10 points, what is this principal city of British Columbia which shares its name with a large island right across Georgian Bay from it?

Answer: Vancouver

7. Its Russian title is "Schelkunchik" and it is based on a fairy tale featuring a battle between the title character and the King of Mice. For 10 points, identify this 1892 ballet by Peter Tchaikovsky - often performed around Christmas.

Answer: The Nutcracker

8. They used to call themselves We Can't Think of a Name and before that performed as Uncle Vanya and His Three Sisters. For 10 points, give the collective name for the five Canadian comics Bruce McCullough, Kevin McDonald, David Foley, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson who have recently come into a modest spot of fame with their Lorne Michaels produced show on HBO.

Answer: The Kids in the Hall

9. During the War of 1812, 10,000 British veterans of the Napoleonic Wars embarked from Montreal to invade New York. However, on September 11, 1814, Captain Thomas MacDonough defeated a British fleet on this lake to cut the enemy supply line. For 10 points, name this battle which forced a British retreat in the northern theater. Answer: Battle of Lake Champlain

10. Found significantly only in Burma, Thailand, and Sri Lanka they have been synthesized by the Vernueil flame-fusion process since 1902. They have chemical formula  $Al_2O_3$  and are colored by a minute proportion of chromium ions. For 10 points, identify these deep red precious gems.

Answer: rubies

11. It was erected in about 270 B.C. during the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus, and was destroyed by invading Romans in 47 B.C. Reputed to have been able to have been seen for over one hundred miles, what, for 10 points, was this Wonder of the Ancient World on an islet in the harbor of the Egyptian city of Alexandria?

Answer: Lighthouse of Pharos, or -- of Alexandria, or Pharos

12. Born in Washington D. C. In 1960, his father was a State Department official. When his mother divorced and remarried, he became the step-son of Henry Luce III, and he went on to study theology in Boston and London before turning to acting. For 10 points, who is this actor who has starred in "Body Heat", "Altered States", "The Big Chill", and "Children of a Lesser God", who won the Best Actor Oscar in 1985 for "Kiss of the Spider Woman"?

Answer: William Hurt

13. First appearing in the Overland Monthly in 1868, it tells the story of a child born to Cherokee Sal. When she dies, the child is adopted by a group of hardened miners whose spirits are changed to a beautiful though awkward symphony. For 10 points, identify this western tale by Bret Harte.

Answer: The Luck of Roaring Camp

14. It consists of blind strivings for immediate biological satisfaction regardless of cost. For 10 points, what is this aggregate of the most primitive reactions of the human personality as identified by Sigmund Freud?

Answer: Id

15. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Consider the polynomial  $5x^2 + 32x - 21$ . For 10 points, of what two binomials is this polynomial the product?

Answer:  $(x+7)$  and  $(5x-3)$

16. It was established by the McMahon Act of 1946 and was composed of five men. The first head was David Lilienthal and the agency survived until 1975. For 10 points, what was this government body replaced by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1975.

Answer: Atomic Energy Commission

17. Born Nathaniel W. Weinstein, he and his wife were killed in an automobile accident in 1940. At his death, he was barely acknowledged as a writer of merit though he had already completed four novels. For 10 points, identify this American author of The Day of the Locust, A Cool Million, The Dream Life of Hans Snell, and Miss Lonelyhearts.

Answer: Nathaniel West

18. A seaport, it is located partly on Sjaelland island and Amager island. Founded in the 12th century by Valdemar, it became a national capital in 1443, and in 1801, it was the scene of the destruction of the Danish fleet by Nelson. For 10 points, identify this modern capital of Denmark.

Answer: Copenhagen

19. He married Hildegard of Swabia in 771, three years after becoming king of Neustria upon the death of his father. That same year, upon the death of his brother Carloman, he became king of all the Franks. For 10 points, identify this son of Pepin the Short who was crowned Emperor of the Romans on Christmas Day, 800 A.D.

Answer: Charlemagne

20. The irascible Inspector Colombo of TV fame was actually fashioned after the fictional detective Porfiry Petrovich who pursues the murderer Raskolnikov. For 10 points, in what work by Feodor Dostoevsky does Petrovich appear?

Answer: Crime and Punishment