

500 Questions Volume II - Set 22

1. He was a lowly cook aboard the schooner Hispanola, but his parrot, Cap'n Flint, his black patch, his peg leg, and his insatiable greed make him one of the most memorable characters in all of English literature. For 10 points, who is this central character of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island?

Answer: Long John Silver

2. Though the winter of 1777-1778 was a mild one, it was plenty bitter for George Washington's Continental Army. With "no pay, no clothes, no provisions, and no rum," 2500 of the 10,000 men died on the banks of the Schuylkill River. For 10 points, name the location of this ordeal from which the patriots emerged a much more disciplined force.

Answer: Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

3. It was carried out in 1887 and was an attempt to measure the absolute velocity of the Earth with respect to the rest of the universe. What it showed was that there was no ether and that the speed of light was constant no matter how it was observed. For 10 points, identify this famous experiment with light named after the two scientists who conducted it.

Answer: Michelson-Morley experiment

4. The Northwest Territories can be found in Canada, but this nation has a region called the North-West Frontier as well as the regions of Sind, Baluchistan, and Punjab. For 10 points, identify this Asian nation bordered on the west by Iran and Afghanistan and by India in the East.

Answer: Pakistan

5. Born in 65 B.C. with the patronym Flaccus to a freed slave and tax collector, his father spared no expense in getting him the finest education. For 10 points, who was this Roman lyric poet and satirist who wrote the Epodes, the Sermones, the Carmina, the Epistulae, and a handbook on style--Ars Poetica?

Answer: Horace

6. It dates back to 1893 and its measures are selected by the editors of the Wall Street Journal. For 10 points, identify this index of 30 "blue chip" stocks that is the most widely cited indicator of the performance of the U.S. stock market.

Answer: Dow Jones Industrial Average

7. Born in 1577, he was the son of a Protestant lawyer from Antwerp; and he distinguished himself later in life as a diplomat. His renown is for his artistic mastery, however. For 10 points, who was this cosmopolitan painter who was court painter to King Charles I of England, and who painted the celebrated "Raising of the Cross" and "Descent from the Cross"?

Answer: Peter Paul Rubens

8. The octopus...the chambered nautilus...the squid...and the cuttle-fish are all members of this class of the phylum Mollusca. For 10 points, what is this class, the members of which have large eyes, highly centralized nervous systems, and tentacles crowning their heads, and which derives its name from the Greek words meaning "head-foot"?

Answer: Cephalopoda

9. Representing a predominantly Republican district, this Democratic Congressman from Spokane, Washington rose quickly in the leadership ranks. He won the Chair of the House Agriculture Committee with less than 10 years seniority and was soon appointed Majority Whip. For 10 points, name this Congressman who followed Jim Wright as Speaker of the House.

Answer: Thomas Foley

10. Pencil and paper may be necessary. For 10 points, in terms of the sine of x and the cosine of x, how may the trigonometric expression, sine of 2x, be most simply expressed?

Answer: 2sin(x)cos(x)

11. This Polish-born novelist set many of his novel against the backdrop of the sea. They include An Outcast of the Islands, Victory, Chance, and Typhoon. For 10 points, who was this late- nineteenth and early-twentieth century English author of Nostromo, Heart of Darkness, and Lord Jim?

Answer: Joseph Conrad

12. Born in the Bronx in 1963, she appeared in many Disney TV productions before graduating to feature films in 1972. She first captured public attention in 1976, however, in the role of Iris, the drug-addicted teenage prostitute in "Taxi Driver". For 10 points, who is this actress who in 1988 gave her Oscar-winning performance in "The Accused"?

Answer: Jodie Foster

13. This term was frequently used by 17th century political theorists such as Thomas Hobbes and John Locke to refer to an organized community that exists through the consent of the governed. Today, the best known organization with which the name is associated is the British one. For 10 points, identify this term and entity comprised of Great Britain, its dependencies, and many of its independent former dependencies.

Answer: Commonwealth or British Commonwealth of Nations

14. One of the most famous examples in English literature is from Shakespeare's The Tempest: "Full fathom five thy father lies." For 10 points, what is this method of phrasing which uses several words which begin with the same sound?

Answer: alliteration

15. She was born in 1923 with the last name Kalogeropoulos and after study in Athens, she debuted there in the opera "Boccaccio." In 1947, she won acclaim in Verona, Italy for her performance in the title role in Ponchielli's "La Gioconda." For 10 points, identify this American coloratura soprano whose "Carmen" was one of her most popular operatic roles.

Answer: Maria Callas

16. Like Hathor, she was identified with the cow by the ancient Egyptians, and her cult was even popular among the Romans. For 10 points, who was this Egyptian goddess whose travels took her as far as Phoenicia in an attempt to reintegrate her husband, Osiris?

Answer: Isis

17. Her father openly and frequently stated that he wished he had a son instead. She eventually became a pioneer of the women's rights movement and with Lucretia Mott organized the Seneca Falls Convention to launch the movement. For 10 points, name this woman who accomplished much for women's rights even while raising a family of seven.

Answer: Elizabeth Cady Stanton

18. With lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and music by Leonard Bernstein, it was choreographed by Jerome Robbins. It first opened on Broadway in 1957, and featured the songs "Tonight," "I Feel Pretty," "Gee, Officer Krupke," and "America." For 10 points, what is this musical which centers about the conflict between two street gangs—the Sharks and the Jets?

Answer: "Westside Story"

19. They are represented in the New Testament as the quintessential liars—selling some land, giving part of the proceeds to the apostles, but representing them as all of the profit. For 10 points, who were this husband and wife who, according to The Acts of the Apostles, fell dead in the presence of the apostle Peter?

Answer: Ananias and Sapphira

20. An American novelist, his early works present realistically the vanishing way of life on the Texas plains. For 10 points, identify this author of Cadillac Jack, The Last Picture Show, Terms of Endearment, and the Pulitzer Prize winning, Lonesome Dove.

Answer: Larry McMurtry