

"WesselMania III" at N.C. State University
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Tossups

1. (hist/geo) One Astor Plaza, Cityspire, A.T. and T. Tower, 1 Penn Plaza, One Worldwide Plaza, 40 Wall Tower, Citicorp Center, The World Trade Center, and Trump Tower. For 10 points - these are all buildings found in what city?

Answer: New York City, New York

2. (misc) (Two answers required.) NOMTOC, Tucks, Venus, Proteus, Comus, Endymion, Mid-City, Rex, Ponchartrain, Bacchus, and Crescent City are all groups commonly referred to as "Krewes." For ten points, with which holiday and with which city are they most commonly associated with?

Answer: Mardi Gras and New Orleans, Louisiana

3. (sci) Living from 1800 to 1882, he was considered by some to be the last great "Jack-of-all-trades" in chemistry. He began his work as a boy, preparing oxygen, extracting phosphorus, and isolating potassium at his home in Frankfurt, Germany. It may be a chemical myth that he was the first to prepare urea from inorganic sources, but he had many admirers who claimed several firsts for him. FTP, name this scientist who made important contributions to organic and inorganic chemistry.

Answer: Freidrich Wohler

4. (hist/geo) Little Boy was dropped on the city of Hiroshima by an airplane called the Enola Gay. For ten points, what was the name of the plane that dropped Fat Boy on Nagasaki?

Answer: Bock's Car

5. (lit) This man was born in a religious campground in West Reserve, Ohio in 1842 into a family of considerable poverty. He served during the Civil War, eventually becoming a staff officer. The Civil War shaped many of his attitudes about life, and instilled within him a pessimistic viewpoint. His literary career began in San Francisco where he worked with Mark Twain and Bret Harte. The exact year of his death is unknown because in 1913 he disappeared into Mexico. For 10 points - name this man, the author of such volumes as Can Such Things Be?, The Devil's Dictionary, and the short story "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge."

Answer: Ambrose Bierce

6. (sci/tech) 1,3-isoindoledione is the IUPAC (eye-YOU-pack) name for this chemical introduced in the late 1950s as a mild sedative. Withdrawn from the market a few years later, its side effects are still with us as the daughters of those who were prescribed the drug during pregnancy experience reproductive problems. For 10 points - by what name do we know this drug that produced these and other horrible side effects?

Answer: Thalidomide

7. (classical) You may know it as the music that pervades almost every United Airlines commercial, but even before United used this piece of music it was considered to be the best work of George Gershwin, symbolizing a fusion of jazz and classical styles. FTP, what nearly 15 minute-long work am I referring to?

Answer: Rhapsody in Blue

8. (hist/geo) For 10 points - name the year: "It Happened One Night" won the Oscar for Best Picture, Arthur Henderson won the Nobel Peace Prize, U.S. troops pulled out of Haiti on August the Sixth, Cavalcade won the Kentucky Derby, Saint Louis won the World Series, the Pope was Pius XI, and the United States was still in the grips of the Great Depression.

Answer: 1934

9. (gen k) Created in 1917 by the French cook Louis Diat while he was in New York at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, it is a soup composed of a pureed mixture of leek, onions, and potatoes topped with butter and chives. It is imperative that it is always served cold. For 10 points - what is the very French sounding name of this soup?

Answer: Vichyssoise

10. (lit) "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For", "Reading", "Economy", "Higher Laws". These are the names of 4 chapters from a compilation written by Henry David Thoreau. They were written about an experiment in living alone conducted by Thoreau on land loaned to him by Ralph Waldo Emerson. FTP, what is the name of the work?

Answer: Walden

11. (art/arch) He was born in Philadelphia in 1890 and died in 1976. His involvement in modern art and photography originally was due to being introduced to these subjects of Alfred Stieglitz. In 1915 he formed a lifelong relationship with Marcel Duchamp. During his early career, he was a Dadaist, but later acquired a reputation as an outstanding fashion and portrait photographer. Some of his most famous works came about due to experimenting with photographic techniques such as solarization, photomontage, and a technique of placing objects directly on light sensitive paper. For 10 points - name this man, known for such avant-garde motion pictures as "Anemic Cinema" and "L'Etoile de Mer" and for such works of art as Manikin and a piece of art entitled Cadeau which was a flat iron with tacks sticking out of its bottom in a line.

Answer: Man Ray

12. (sci) This chemist joined the German Chemical Warfare Service and became its director in 1916. He supervised the first use of chlorine at the battle of Ypres, and his wife committed suicide when he refused to stop his work in chemical warfare. He won the Nobel Prize in 1918 for what most consider to be his most important contribution, a method for the synthesis of ammonia from nitrogen and hydrogen gas. FTP, name this famous German chemist.

Answer: Fritz Haber

13. (gen k) In simpler words, it means "the escape from shipboard confinement of the wryneck bird from the valley Kibbutz as designated by the Hebrew letter qoph," but this sentence: "Cwm kvutza qoph jynx fled brigs" is in the Guinness book of World Records as the shortest sentence of its kind possible - with only 26 letters comprising the entire sentence. For 10 points - what is the distinction of this sentence, a distinction that it shares with the sentence "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog?"

Answer: It is holoalphabetic (acc. It contains every letter of the (Modern English) alphabet.)

14. (sports) Grand Slams hit off Jim Palmer, Celtics who have lead the NBA in scoring, NBA games in which Wilt Chamberlain fouled out, and major league parks where they only play day games. FTP what number answers all these questions?

Answer: Zero

15. This term has been applied to some literary works that denounce the evils of a civilization; many of the writings of Thomas Carlyle, Thoreau, or D.H. Lawrence would fit in this category. It is defined as "either a prolonged lamentation or a prophetic warning against the evil habits of a nation, ^{re}fortelling disaster. For 10 points - what is this word, which is derived from the name of a Hebrew prophet?

Answer: Jeremiad (je-ri-MY-ad)
(after the prophet Jeremiah)

16. (hist/geo) Being a sure sign of the developing sectionalism within the United States, this August 8, 1846 proposal, if it had passed, would have prohibited slavery in any territory gained from Mexico. It passed in the House but failed to pass in the Senate twice. For 10 points - what is the name of this piece of Legislation named after its originator?

Answer: The Wilmot Proviso

17. (lit) Born in New Albany, Mississippi, in September 1897, this author wrote his first work, The Marble Faun, in 1924. He is most highly regarded as a chronicler of life in the Deep South, writing novels such as Sanctuary, The Hamlet, The Town, and The Mansion. FTP, name this author of The Sound and the Fury, who won a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1949.

Answer: William Faulkner

18. (hist/geo) It was destroyed by a fire on November 28th, 1942. The fire that destroyed it proved to be quite lethal - 491 people perished. Several years ago there was an HBO special about this place and about the fire that destroyed it. For ten points, name this famous Boston nightclub.

Answer: The Coconut Grove

19. It was the name of the device used as a stage trick in classical tragedies, in which a god, usually lowered on a platform, was introduced to solve the entanglement of the plot. Now it refers to any type of providential intervention, especially in a play or novel. FTP, what is the Latin name of this phenomenon?

Answer: deus ex machina

20. (sci) Chemist Neil Bartlett was the first to form a compound with a noble gas while studying the chemistry of platinum hexafluoride. FTP, which of the noble gases did he use to make it?

Answer: xenon

21. (sports) At the beginning of the season, Steve Young was finally going to get the chance to show his wares. Of course, we know that he'll be collecting splinters for a while. For 10 points - before joining the 49ers, with which team did he have a 40 million dollar contract?

Answer: The Los Angeles (or L.A.) Express of the United States Football League (USFL)

22. (Current Events) The recent elections have several important issues on the ballot. A couple of those issues included mandatory term limits for Congressmen and Senators and doctor-aided suicide. For ten points, in which state were these issues being voted on?

Answer: Washington (and they both lost!!!)

23. (literature) FTP, what is the third and final story in the Castle Rock Series written by Stephen King?

Answer: Needful Things

Bonuses

- Answer: a) gluons b) baryons c) pions or pi mesons

- Answer: The United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, and South Africa

- Answer: ~~a)~~ Benjamin Britten ~~b)~~ Charles Camille Saint-Saens
 ~~c)~~ Richard Strauss d) Felix Mendelssohn

- Answer: a) Giovanni Schiaparelli b) Wilhelm Ostwald
 c) Pierre S. Laplace d) Jean B.J. Fourier

5. (30 points sports) In 1918 Babe Ruth was sold to the New York Yankees. This is perhaps the biggest trade in baseball history. But can you name these questions on the biggest trade of the of the 1991-92 basketball season. Everyone knows that Billy Owens was traded for Mitch Richmond. But for ten points (five each) name the two teams involved?

Answer: Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings (either city or franchise name accepted, don't need both)

For another ten points, can you name the other player involved in the deal?

Answer: Les Jepsen

For another ten points, in which year's draft will the Warriors' second round draft choice will be given to Sacramento?

Answer: 1995

6. (25 points phil/rel) We were forced to write philosophy bonuses by the powers that be, so...
- a) For ten points, name the philosopher who lived from 604 until 531 B.C. and is considered the founder of the Taoist religion.
 - b) For fifteen points name the guy from Denmark that some people who probably lack social lives beyond sitting around tables doing "almanac fact swaps" consider the father of Existentialism.

Answer: a) Lao-Tzu b) Soren Kirkegaard

7. (25 points history/geo) How much do you know about the so-called third parties in American history? Given the name of a party's presidential candidate, the year he ran, and a brief statement of his platform, tell me which party he represented, for 5 points apiece:
- A) William Wirt, 1832, against secret societies and oaths
 - B) Robert LaFollette, 1924, farms and labor rights
 - C) Peter Cooper, 1880, cheap money and labor rights
 - D) Martin Van Buren, 1848, anti-slavery
 - E) Millard Fillmore, 1856, anti-immigration

Answers: A) Anti-Masonic B) Progressive
C) Greenback D) Free Soil
E) American (or Know Nothing)

8. (30 points hist/geo) Name the city 30-20-10
- a) It is known by some (although not by the Editor) as "the city of bridges."
 - b) The picturesque skyline of this magnificent city ~~and~~^{may} be viewed atop Mt. Washington, especially along Grand View Avenue.
 - c) It is the seat of Allegheny county, and its "Point," located near the downtown, is where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers meet.

Answer : Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

9. (30 points history/geo) The Central Intelligence Agency was created by the National Security Act of 1947. Before then, three other organizations shared the same functions as the CIA ~~it~~ does today. For 10 points each, name these organizations.

Answers: OSS (Office of Strategic Services), CIG (Central Intelligence Agency Group), NIA (National Intelligence Authority)

10. (25 points literature) How much do you know about literature? I mean, how much do you really, really know about literature? Given the titles of a few obscure works, for 5 points each name the author.

- A) Viper's Tangle, The Kiss to the Leper
- B) Axel's Castle, To the Finland Station
- C) The Father, Miss Julie, The Creditors
- D) Quare Fellow, The Hostage, Brestal Boy
- E) What Price Glory, High Tor, Key Largo

Answers: A) Francois Mauriac B) Edmund Wilson
C) August Strindberg D) Brendan Behan
E) Maxwell Anderson

11. (30 points sci/tech/eng) Many of the laws in astronomy, physics, and chemistry have been named in the honor of the person who discovered the law. Given a scientist's last name, give his first name for 5 points each:

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| A) Priestly | Answer: <u>Joseph</u> |
| B) Tesla | Answer: <u>Nikola</u> |
| C) Hubble | Answer: <u>Edwin</u> |
| D) Fahrenheit | Answer: <u>Gabriel</u> |
| E) Doppler | Answer: <u>Christian</u> |
| F) Fermi | Answer: <u>Enrico</u> |

12. (20 points philos/relig/myth) This question will test your knowledge of mythical creatures. I will describe each creature, and for 5 points each, tell me what creature I am referring to.

- A) It is a lizardlike animal whose look is fatal
- B) It was turned to stone when persons held Medusa's head up to it
- C) It is a female spirit whose wailing warns of impending death
- D) It was part eagle and part lion

Answers: A) Basilisk B) Kraken
C) Banshee D) Griffin

13. (25 points misc) For this bonus, all of the correct answers will ^{begin with} the S-C-I. I will provide a brief definition, you must provide the word for 5 points each.

- A) A short curved sword used by Turks and Arabs
- B) To sparkle or twinkle or to be brilliant and witty
- C) A shoot or bud of a ~~plant~~ ^{plant} used for grafting or a descendant
- D) A painful condition in the hip or thighs especially neuritis of the long nerve down the back of the thigh
- E) The nerve referred to in part D of this question.

Answers: A) scimitar B) scintillate
 C) scion D) sciatic
 E) sciatic nerve

14. (25 points lit) Let's see how much you know about Frank Herbert's science fiction classic work, Dune. For 5 points each, answer these questions:

- A) What was the organization of women who manipulated the blood lines of the feudal empire to produce a superbeing?
- B) What was the name of the superbeing, which Paul Atriedes eventually became?
- C) What was the name of the drug that prolonged life and allowed prescience and space travel to occur?
- D) What was the alternate name of the planet Dune?
- E) What was the name of the organization that held a monopoly on space travel throughout the empire.

Answer: A) Bene Gesserit B) kwitsatz haderach
 C) melange D) Arrakis
 E) The Spacing Guild

15. (30 points sci/tech/eng) Identify the type of animal on a 30-20-10 basis given examples of different species of the animal.

- 30) Ringhal, Tic-Palonga, Barba Amarilla
- 20) Bushmaster, Taipan, Krait
- 10) Mamba, Fer-De-Lance, Boomslang

Answer: Snake

16. (30 points art/arch/classical) For 5 points each, identify the artist by the work.

- A) Blunden Harbour
- B) Monte-Sainte Victoire With Large Pine Trees
- C) Twittering Machine
- D) Massacre at Choix
- E) The Declaration of Independence
- F) The Bridal Couple

Answers: A) Emily Carr B) Paul Cezanne
 C) Paul Klee D) Eugene Delacroix
 E) John Trumbull F) Rembrandt Van Rijn

17. (20 points history/geo) For 5 points each, 20 points if you name them all, name the cities which held four United States mints that no longer produce coinage.

Answers: Carson City, New Orleans, Charlotte, Dahlonega GA

18. (30 points sci/tech/eng) For this bonus, you must name an element given its symbol. "R" you ready to earn 5 points each?

A) Re	Answer: <u>Rhenium</u>
B) Rn	Answer: <u>Radon</u>
C) Rb	Answer: <u>Rubidium</u>
D) Rh	Answer: <u>Rhodium</u>
E) Ra	Answer: <u>Radium</u>
F) Ru	Answer: <u>Ruthenium</u>

19. (30 points history/geo) For 30 points on the first try, 20 on the second, and 10 on the third, name the country based on these clues
- 30: The 1972 World Chess Championships were held here
- 20: The unit of currency is the kronur
- 10: The world's oldest surviving parliament, the Althing, is located here.

Answer: Iceland

20. (25 points gen K) How much do you know about leaders of other countries? For 5 points each, I will name a country's president, monarch, or important leader. Tell me what country they are associated with.

A) President Jaime Paz Zamora	Answer: <u>Bolivia</u>
B) Queen Margrethe II	Answer: <u>Denmark</u>
C) Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis	Answer: <u>Greece</u>
D) President Patrick J. Hillery	Answer: <u>Ireland</u>
E) President Francesco Cossiga	Answer: <u>Italy</u>

21. (25 points Entertainment) For years people have been amused by the comedy duo of Abbott and Costello. And one of my favorite routines is there "Who's on First" routine. Everybody knows that Who's on First, What's on second, and I don't know is on third, but for 5 points each name each of these positions.

A) Pitcher	Answer: <u>Tomorrow</u>
B) Catcher	Answer: <u>Today</u>
C) Shortstop	Answer: <u>I don't care</u>
D) Left Field	Answer: <u>Why</u>
E) Center Field	Answer: <u>Because</u>

22. (30 points sports) Yes, its that time of the year. Its hockey season, that wonderful sport that seems to be ignored down South. so let's test your knowledge of one of the greatest lines in hockey. The "long Island Power Company" was the New York Islanders dominant line of the late 70's early 80's. For ten points each name the three members of the line?

Answer: Mike Bossy, Bryan Trottier, Clark Gillies

23. (25 points geography) I'm getting sick of all these Southern questions, so let's answer these questions about my home state, Washington. For 5 points each 25 possible name the top 5 cities (1980 census) in order of largest to smallest.

Answer: Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Bellvue, Everett

24. (30 points philos/relig/myth) Identify this 19th century philosopher 30-20-10.

- 30: He was born at Rocken, Prussia, on October 15, 1844. His father was a minister who died a few years after his son's birth.
20: Out of his friendship with Richard Wagner came, among other works, his first book, The Birth of Tragedy out of the Spirit of Music.
10: His more famous works include: Thus Spake Zarathustra, Human All Too Human, Beyond Good and Evil, and The Will to Power.

Answer: -> Friedrich Nietzsche

25. (25 points misc) Star Trek Fans will rejoice in this one, unless you have something against the Next Generation. I will describe 5 characters from the series, you must give me the name of the actor or actress that plays the described character for 5 points apiece.

- A) He is in charge of security.
B) Half betazoid, can read emotions of others
C) The only character who doesn't use contractions
D) He wears a visor
E) Chief of the Transporter, his wife in the show recently had a baby

Answers: A) Michael Dorn B) Marina Sirtis
C) Brent Spiner D) LeVar Burton
E) Colm Meany