

1. He wrote such operas as *Rinaldo*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Sense*. His famous suites include *Water Music* and *Fireworks Music*. FTP, name this composer, whose most famous piece is *The Messiah*?

Ans: George Frideric HANDEL

2. If you hail from Pennsylvania, you have no one but yourselves to blame for Newt Gingrich's dirty mouth, because Newt was born in a major Pennsylvania city. FTP, what city is the esteemed speaker's birthplace?

Ans: HARRISBURG

3. The Punic wars occupied the Roman and Carthaginian Empires for centuries. The second one ended in a battle at a city in Northern Africa. FTP, name this city, where a Roman victory ended the second Punic war in 202 B.C.?

Ans: ZAMA

4. Pearl Jam's latest album, *Vitalogy*, comes with a mini-booklet containing much besides lyrics. For example, in the center of the booklet, there is a thoughtful warning about a vice supposedly responsible for "many of the unfortunate inmates of our lunatic asylums". FTP, what vice is this referring to?

Ans: MASTURBATION or SELF-POLLUTION

5. Located near Groom Lake, Area 51 is home to a top secret Air Force base where new military planes are tested, but the government does not acknowledge it exists. FTP, in what state is Area 51 located, usually associated with quickie divorce and gambling?

Ans: Nevada

6. John F. Kennedy won the Pulitzer Prize in biography in 1957 for a work about brave deeds performed by US Senators. FTP, name this book which won JFK the Pulitzer.

Ans: PROFILES in COURAGE

7. Register NCC-74656, this new ship found itself in another part of the galaxy, seventy years from home at maximum warp. FTP, name this fictitious vessel, the focus point of a new spin-off of the *Star Trek* universe.

A: *Star Trek: Voyager*

8. Three answers required. The recent battles in Chechnya call to mind the 1980's struggle for independence in the Baltic States. For a quick ten points, name all three of the now independent Baltic States.

Ans: LITHUANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA

9. Ellen Sauerbrey has given up her court challenge to be declared governor of Maryland based on vote fraud. FTP though, can you tell me who would have been unseated as governor if she had won her court challenge?

Ans: Paris GLENDENING

10. This adjective, used in medicine, describes a condition or disorder which occurs for no known reason. FTP, give me this adjective.

Ans: IDIOPATHIC

11. Babe Ruth helped the Yankees into 7 World Series in his career. It probably galled the owners of another team that they had traded away such an asset which could have helped them into the World Series if only they'd kept him. FTP, which team traded Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees.

Ans: BOSTON RED SOX

12. Although Torah can be used to refer to all the teachings of Judaism, it most specifically refers to just a few books of the Bible. FTP, how many books are included in the Torah of Moses?

Ans: FIVE

13. This is an inherited visual defect, linked to the X chromosome and passed on to about 10% of men, yet only 1% of women. It occurs because of the absence of or a defect in any one of three pigments in the cone cells of the retina. FTP, can you tell me what defect I am talking about, detectable using Ishihara's test?

Ans: COLOR BLINDNESS

14. It provided the rules for the eventual admission of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin into the Union. FTP name this law, which became a model for future territories entering the Union as well and is still in effect today with minor changes.

Ans: NORTHWEST ORDINANCE of 1787

15. "The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his clients to plant vines." This quote must have served its author well, for he is now considered one of the greatest architects of this century. FTP, what architect designed a famous house in Bear Run, Pennsylvania?

Ans: Frank Lloyd WRIGHT

16. After winning the battle of Chaeronea (share-uh-knee-uh) in 338 B.C., Philip II of Macedon created the league of Corinth, incorporating all Greek city-states but one. FTP, name the sole city-state not part of the League, which Phillip never got around to conquering.

Ans: SPARTA

17. Zoroastrians believe that the world and the lives of everyone in it represent a battleground between good and evil. Evil is personified by the spirit Angra Mainyu. FTP, who is good personified by?

Ans: AHURA MAZDA

18. Warrant Officer Bobby Hall was released by North Korea just in time for the New Year. His release was negotiated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. FTP, name him.

Ans: Thomas HUBBARD

19. Although he may be the most famous, Pele is not the most prolific goal-scorer in soccer history. FTP, can you tell me who has scored the most goals in soccer history?

Ans: Artur FRIEDENREICH (1329 goals)

20. She was a member of the 80s group Til Tuesday, whose highest charting single was "Voices Carry". In 1988, she guested on Rush's album *Hold Your Fire* as a guest vocalist on the song "Time Stand Still". Currently, she has a song on the *Melrose Place* soundtrack. FTP, name her.

Ans: Aimee MANN

21. This science-fiction author used to work at *The Ensign*, the official magazine of the Mormons. Fortunately he got out of that job, writing the novel *Hot Sleep*, which eventually became *The Worthing Saga*. He also wrote the *Tales of Alvin Maker* and *Ender's Game*. FTP, name this author.

Ans: Orson Scott CARD

22. The holder of the all-time stolen base record in major league baseball is Rickey Henderson of the Oakland Athletics. FTP, who held the record prior to Henderson?

Ans: Lou BROCK

23. The device is an acronym for "Time and relative Dimensions in Space". FQTP, name this fictional device, which figures as a prominent mode of transportation in the *Dr. Who* TV series.

Ans: Tardis

24. FTP, can you tell me the name of the longest river in Australia?

Ans: the MURRAY-DARLING River

25. Scientists use many units to measure large distances in space. One of them is equal to approximately 93 million miles. FTP, what is this unit, primarily used when comparing the orbits of planets?

Ans: the ASTRONOMICAL UNIT

1. (30) I'll give you three acronyms, you tell me what they stand for, FTP each.

A. OSCE

A: Organization for SECURITY and COOPERATION in EUROPE

B. EPROM

A: ERASABLE PROGRAMMABLE READ-ONLY MEMORY

C. SDI

Ans: STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

2. (30) 1994 marked a historic event in U.S. demographics : Texas surpassed New York to become the second most populous state. To celebrate this passage, answer the following questions about Texas FTP each, 30 pts possible.

A. What is the oldest major city in Texas, established by the Spanish in 1682?

Ans: EL PASO

B. In what year did the Texans officially declare independence from Mexico?

Ans: 1836

C. What Texas city on the Arkansas border is the birthplace of H. Ross Perot?

Ans: TEXARKANA

3. (30) Answer the following questions about Peter the Great of Russia FTP each.

A. Which Czar was Peter's father ?

Ans: ALEXIS

B. Peter's second wife was also his successor. What was her first name?

Ans: CATHERINE

C. With what nation did Peter wage The Northern War?

Ans: SWEDEN

4. (30) The nation of Japan consists of an archipelago. For five points each, name its four major islands. Ten points extra if you can give all four in order of least to greatest area for 30 pts possible.

Ans: SHIKOKU, KYUSHU, HOKKAIDO, and HONSHU

5. (30) In stellar evolution, a mass on the order of a solar mass has only two stable configurations: a white dwarf and a neutron star. However, a white dwarf can collapse into a neutron star if it exceeds a limiting mass. For 10 pts, give me the name of this limit.

Ans: CHANDRASEKHAR's limit

For 20 pts, can you give me the value of Chandrasekhar's limit in solar mass units, within 1 decimal place of the correct answer? (to .1)

Ans: from 1.1-1.5 SOLAR MASSES is the acceptable range; not 1.0-1.6

6. (20) Richard Wagner wrote several operas, yet his most famous is the Ring Cycle. For 5 pts apiece, give the names of the four operas which comprise the Ring Cycle.

Ans: The RHINE GOLD or Das Rheingold, The VALKYRIE or Die Walkure, SIEGFRIED, TWILIGHT OF THE GODS or Gotterdammerung

7. (30) Isaac Asimov coined the Three Laws of Robotics. FTP each, enumerate these three laws. The specific wording of each law isn't important; I'm only looking for the key idea in each law.

Ans: A robot MAY NOT HARM A HUMAN BEING.

A robot MUST OBEY A HUMAN BEING.

A robot MUST PRESERVE ITS OWN EXISTENCE.

8. (30) True to its name, "V-8" contains eight vegetable juices. Name up to 3 for 10 pts, up to 6 for 20 pts, and 30 pts if you can name all eight vegetables.

Ans: tomato, carrot, celery, beet, parsley, lettuce, watercress, and spinach

9. (30) For 5 pts each and a bonus 10 pts for getting all four, 30 pts possible, name the four main characters in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

Ans: Hester PRYNNE, PEARL, Arthur DIMMESDALE, Roger CHILLINGWORTH

10. (30) For 5 pts each, tell me the three countries that medalled in water polo in the 1992 Olympics.

Ans: ITALY- gold, SPAIN- silver, UNIFIED TEAM- bronze

For 5 pts each, 10 pts total, can you name the two countries that took gold and silver in both the 1984 and 1988 Olympics?

Ans: YUGOSLAVIA and THE UNITED STATES

11. (30) 30-20-10 Name the artist.

30: Her paintings were first shown in an experimental art gallery established by Alfred Steiglitz.

20: She probably made the red poppy the most famous flower in America.

10: She also created *Pelvis with Moon*, *Skull with Calico Roses*, and *Pelvis in the Distance*.

Ans: Georgia O'KEEFE

12. (30) Name these mythological figures. 10 pts each, 30 pts possible.

A. In German and Scandinavian myth, they are sorceresses or female demons who can change shape as well. They are believed to be the mothers of the Huns.

Ans: the ALRUNES

B. She is both a member of the babylonian pantheon and the title of a horrible Dustin Hoffman movie.

Ans: ISHTAR

C. She was the Greek goddess of the moon, and she also gave her name to element number 34.

Ans: SELENE

13. (30) Thank God those dinosaurs died, otherwise we might still be their lunch meat. I'll give you the names of 6 periods of time. The periods are Archean, Cambrian, Carboniferous, Hadean, Jurassic, and Silurian. Put them in order from earliest to latest. 5 pts for each in correct order, 30 pts possible.

Ans: HADEAN, ARCHEAN, CAMBRIAN, SILURIAN, CARBONIFEROUS, JURASSIC

14. (30) The "Russian Five" was a group of composers who, in the 19th century, developed a musical style based on Russian folk music. For 5 pts each and a bonus 5 pts if you can name all five, name the members of the "Russian Five."
Ans: BALAKIREV, BORODIN, CUI, MUSSORGSKY, RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

15. (30) It's time for a wacky bonus. Let's play Swedish, Nobel Prize Laureate, both, or neither. I'll give you four names, you give me the category. 10 pts each.
A. Torston N. Wiesel Ans: BOTH (1982, Medicine)
B. Jaroslav Seifert Ans: NOBEL LAUREATE (1984, Literature)
C. Alva Myrdal Ans: BOTH (1982, Peace)

16. (25) Thomas Aquinas was among his pupils, and was canonized in 1932 by Pope Pius XI. Legend also has it that he discovered the Philosophers Stone. For twenty-five points, name this saint.
Ans: ALBERTUS MAGNUS (or ST. ALBERT the Great)

17. (25) If you know the answer to this Pope question, you deserve the 30 pts that this question is worth. In 1981, the Pope was shot and wounded outside St. Peter's Church in Vatican City. A Turkish terrorist was convicted of the shooting. For all 25 pts, what was the name of the terrorist?
Ans: Mehmet Ali AGCA

18. (25) If you don't like the current design of Tylenol's packaging, you can blame a Chicago assassin who laced Tylenol Capsules with cyanide, causing its maker, Johnson and Johnson, to recall 31 million bottles and redesign safety seals. For 30 points, in what year did this incident occur?
Ans: 1982

19. (30) He's probably the only man ever declared a national treasure. That's right, Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pele. See if you can answer these three questions about his career. Fifteen points each.
A. In what year did Pele become the third player in history to score 1,000 goals?
Ans: 1969
B. Which soccer club in Brazil did Pele play the majority of his career for?
Ans: SANTOS

20. (30) If you watch PBS, you may have seen the British comedy Red Dwarf, which chronicles the adventures of Dave Lister as he travels back to Earth. For 5 pts each, 20 pts total, give me the names of Lister's four companions.
Ans: Arnold RIMMER, CAT, KRYTEN, and HOLLY
Now, for 5 pts, what is Holly's supposed IQ?
Ans: 6000

21. (30) 30-20-10 Name the playwright from his works.

30: *Bound East for Cardiff, Days Without End*

20: *The Hairy Ape, The Iceman Cometh*

10: *The Emperor Jones, Mourning Becomes Electra*

Ans: Eugene O'NEILL

22. (30) Let's test your chauvinistic tendencies and your reading habits. For 5 pts each and 5 extra if you name them in chronological order, 30 pts possible, name Playboy's last 5 Playmates of the Year.

A: Renee Tenison, Lisa Matthews, Corinna Harney, Anna Nicole Smith, Jenny McCarthy

23. (30) The most famous member of that wild 80s group Culture Club is of course Boy George. For 10 pts each, 30 pts possible, can you name the other three members of Culture Club?

Ans: Jon MOSS, Mikey CRAIG, Roy HAY

24. (25) On June 6, 1944, the Allies landed on Normandy beach on five beachheads, paving the way for the liberation of Europe. For 5 pts each, 25 pts possible, give the code names of each beachhead.

Ans: GOLD, JUNO, OMAHA, SWORD, UTAH

25. (30) There are 12 Federal Reserve banks. Five of them are in Chicago, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Kansas City, and New York. Name any 6 of the remaining seven cities where a bank is located. 5 pts each, 30 pts possible.

A: Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Dallas, Philadelphia, Richmond, St. Louis

26. (20) Let's see how many Republican governors you recognize. I'll name four governors, you name their state. 5 pts each and 5 bonus pts if you get them all for 20 pts possible.

A. David Beasley

Ans: SOUTH CAROLINA

B. William Weld

Ans: MASSACHUSETTS

C. George Voinovich

Ans: OHIO

D. Terry Branstad

Ans: IOWA