

Elvis 1995 Semi-Finals
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1) Max Bailystock is a down and out theatre impresario. One day his accountant, Leo Bloom comes to do his books, and notices that he overcharged his backers \$2,000 for his last play. In an epiphany, Bloom realizes that an unscrupulous man could make more money from a Broadway flop than a success. This spurs the duo to find the worst play ever written, which they find in the guise of —Springtime for Hitler.... The play is, of course, a huge success, and lands them both in jail. FTP, this is the plot of what Mel Brooks movie?

the PRODUCERS

2) This man was the founder of the Anthropological Society of Paris, and was a professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Paris. An expert on aphasia, he located the center of articulate speech in the third convolution of the left frontal lobe of the brain, an area that is now named for him. FTP, name this man whose name appears in a Carl Sagan book.

Paul BROCA

3) From his skull was fashioned the sky. From his flesh was fashioned the earth, from his bones the mountains, and from his blood, the sea. FTP, name this progenitor of a race of giants in Norse mythology that was slain by Odin and his brothers.

YMIR

4) You had better not get this person mad, or he might GET UP OFFA THAT THING, GET ON THE GOOD FOOT, and give you THE big PAYBACK. It's enough to make you break out in a COLD SWEAT. Last week, MOTHER POPCORN said he was looking' SUPERBAD in those HOT PANTS. You might even call him a SEX MACHINE. There were eight song titles buried in the text you just heard, all of them recorded by one man. FTP, name this Godfather of Soul.

James BROWN

5) Born around 1730, this Irishman studied medicine before turning to writing in the early 1750's. In 1762 his —the Citizen of the World... a series of whimsical and satirical essays established him as a man of letters. Shortly thereafter, he published, —the Good-Natur'd Man... his first comedic play. An episode in which he entered a private residence, mistaking it for an inn, commanding the owners around like servants became the basis for his second play —She Stoops to Conquer.... FTP, name this man who's only novel was 1866's —the Vicar of Wakefield....

Oliver GOLDSMITH

6) Now applied to any fanatical group, this term was first recorded by the Jewish historian Josephus. First organized during the reign of Herod the Great, these people later arose in revolt when Cyrenius attempted to take a census of his lands. FTP, name these people best known for their suicide stand at the fortress of Masada.

ZEALOTS

7) He made 31 feature films, all between 1956 and 1969. Some of the less memorable were 1969's —Charro... 1960's —Flaming Star... and 1963's —It Happened at the World's Fair.... Better known are films such as —Roustabout... —Kid Galahad... and —G.I. Blues.... FTP, name this man, star of the movies —Blue Hawaii... —Jailhouse Rock... and the immortal —Viva Las Vegas....

ELVIS Presley

8) Inexplicable until the advent of quantum mechanics, this event is characterized by the splitting of a spectral line into closely spaced lines by the application of a uniform magnetic field. FTP, name this effect resulting from electron spin that is useful in spectral analysis and measurement of magnetic field strength.

ZEEMAN effect or splitting

9) The Adepts of Hermes, Shangri-la, the Network, the Bermuda Triangle, the Servants of Cthulhu, the UFOs, the Discordian Society, the Gnomes of Zurich, and the Bavarian Illuminati. FTP, these are all groups from what new collectible card game from Steve Jackson Games that centers upon secret societies vying for control of the world?

ILLUMINATI, NEW WORLD ORDER (prompt for more info if Illuminati is given)

10) Created by Henry VII in 1485, its members had numerous household and defensive functions. The last time they entered the battlefield was 1743, and until 1848, positions in this group were restricted to veterans of the army and the marines. FTP, name these largely ceremonial bodyguards who still get to carry halberds around in downtown London.

YEOMEN OF THE GUARDS or BEEFEATERS

11) —theWorld Jones Made...,—Ubik...,—theDivine Invasion...,—RadioFree Albemuth...,—AScanner Darkly...,—theThree Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch...,—FlowMy Tears the Policeman Said...,—Confessions of a Crap Artist...and —theMan in the High Castle.... FTP, name the author of all these books whose most recognized work —DoAndroids Dream of Electric Sheep...was the inspiration for the movie —Blade Runner...

Philip K. DICK

12) He left his homeland in 1911, working on a French liner ship. In 1920, he became one of the founding members of the French Communist Party. After studying in Moscow, he returned home and organized the Communist Party of Indochina, a group that would help him declare his homeland an autonomous French State. FTP, who was this Vietnamese leader?

HO CHI MINH

13) Influenced by Mondrian and Miro, this artist has been renowned for his stage sets and book illustrations. More memorable are his huge sculptures that adorn many public buildings around the world. Keeping with his training as a mechanical engineer, these sculptures consist of huge, heavy, delicately balanced pieces of metal set in motion by wind currents. FTP, name this American whose name is inextricably linked with the concept of mobiles.

Alexander CALDER

14) This plant has broad leaves, a woody stem. and clusters of large purple flowers. Some uses of this vine include pasturage and erosion control. In its native Japan and Asia, it is cultivated for its edible tubers and hemp like fibers. FTP, name this vigorous plant that has escaped its original cultivated bounds in the United States, and runs rampant through areas of the South, choking out the indigenous flora.

KUDZU

15) Of Longchamp, of Champeaux (Sham-poe), of Tyre, the Silent, the Good, of Occam, the Red, of Orange, the Conqueror. FTP, what name can be put in front of all of these phrases?

WILLIAM

16) The earliest outpost in the region were French trading posts, but the first permanent settlement was made at Cumberland House in 1774 by the Hudson's Bay Company. The area around Flin Flon is well known for its mining and formerly powerful junior hockey teams. Providing nearly two thirds of Canada's wheat, other noteworthy cities in this province include Prince Albert and Moose Jaw. FTP, name this Canadian province whose capital is Regina.

SASKATCHEWAN

17) You go insane and kill your wife and children. In order to make things right, you steal a woman's girdle, clean some guy's stable, drive away some birds, steal a weird looking dog, take some apples, and capture or kill off a whole slew of animals. If you did this in modern day New York, you would end up in jail. If you did it in ancient Greece, you would end up a celebrated hero. FTP, what legendary figure would you be?

HERACLES or HERCULES

18) The ratio of the sine of the angle of incidence to the sine of the angle of refraction is equal to the speed of light in the original medium divided by the speed of light in the refracting medium. FTP, name the law of physics named for the Dutch mathematician who discovered it.

SNELL'S law

19) One of Ivan IV's favorite helpers, he helped to organize Ivan's administrative and social systems. When Ivan died, he became regent for Ivan's son Feodor, who married his sister. It is popularly believed that this man had Feodor's brother Dmitri killed to ensure his accession to the throne. In 1604 a pretender to the throne appeared, and easily invaded Russia, effectively ending this man's reign. FTP, name this subject of artistic works by Pushkin and Moussorgsky.

Boris GUDINOV

20) This mythological character was sent by Juno to guard Io, who had been changed into a cow. One would think that he would make an excellent sentry, but Mercury slew him anyway after lulling all of his eyes to sleep with lyre music. This is quite a feat considering that he had a hundred of them. FTP, name this mythological character whose eyes were taken after death to form the peacock's tail.

ARGUS

21) First published in 1855, the sections of this book include Children of Adam, Calamus, Drum Taps, and Memories of President Lincoln. Some of the poems contained include —Beat!Beat! Drums!..., —When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer..., —I Sing the Body Electric..., and —Song of Myself.... FTP, name this book, the life work of Walt Whitman.

LEAVES OF GRASS

22) Sea cucumbers, sea lilies, brittle stars, sand dollars, sea urchins, and starfish. Aside from the commonalties of being exclusively marine bottom-dwelling invertebrates with external skeletons of calcareous plates just below their skins, they also share a common phylum. FTP, name this phylum of animals.

ECHINODERMATA or ECHINODERMS

23) Born in 1910, he studied music at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. One of America's most important modern composers, he blended Matthew Arnold's poem —DoverBeach into a musical composition for voice and string quartet. A varied composer, he took up ballet in 1946, resulting in a piece based on Euripides' —Medea...Yet another literary work, James Agee's —ADeath In the Family...inspired him to write —Knoxville,Summer of 1915. FTP, name this composer best known for his opera —Vanessa.which won the 1957 Pulitzer Prize.

Samuel BARBER

24) This artist had almost no general education, but by the age of 14 he was studying at the Royal Academy of Arts, and by 17 he was doing topographical drawings for magazines. One of the first paintings to be inspired by his extensive traveling was —CalaisPier....Influence of Dutch painters is evident in —SunRising Through the Vapor....Although wildly successful, he continued to be a recluse. living with his father until his father's death. Increasingly abstract in his later days, he willed over 19,000 paintings, watercolors, and drawings to the nation of England. FTP, name this artist of —the Slave Ship...and —Rain,Steam, and Speed....

J.M.W. TURNER

25) A movie about an undercover narcotics agent who becomes addicted to drugs, a Canadian musical group which released the albums —Caressof Steel...,—Hemispheres...,—MovingPictures...and —Counterparts..and a fat, loud-mouthed, arch-conservative talk show host all share a common name. FTP, give this common name.

RUSH

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BONII

1) Answer these questions about the most significant musician in the universe, Elvis (5/each).

a) Name Elvis' 1st album that does not feature his name in the title. **LOVING YOU**

b) Name his last album, released in 1977? **MOODY BLUE**

For parts c-f tell me whether the following Elvis albums exist.

c) Paradise, Hawaiian Style **YES**

d) Back Home in Memphis, Volume 3 **NO**

e) Elvis Sings the Wonderful World of Christmas **YES**

f) Pot Luck with Elvis **YES**

2) Name these places with cool sounding names for the stated number of points.

5 pts) The capitol of the United Arab Emirates **ABU DHABI**

5 pts) The capitol of Burundi **BUJUMBURA**

10 pts) The body of water that separates Sumatra from the Malay Peninsula.
Strait of MALACCA

10 pts) The body of water between the Kamchatka Peninsula and Siberia.
Sea of OKHOTSK

3) It's the obligatory combination bonus question. Today's two disparate topics are classic literature and really bad movies. You must chain them together to get an answer. For example, if you were asked to combine the 1970 Saul Bellow work that takes place on another world with the sci-fi movie that ends with a shot of the statue of liberty buried in the sand, you would reply with —MrSammler's Planet of the Apes...(5/each)

a) A Shakespearean set in an enchanted forest, and a movie starring Dennis Quaid and Max Von Sydow where assassins enter the President's dreams to kill him.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAMSCAPE

b) An 1895 work by Oscar Wilde, and the movie starring Jim Varney as an incredibly dumb kids camp counselor.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST GOES TO CAMP

c) By far the most famous book by William J. Lederer, and a series of bad martial arts movies starring Michael Dudikoff as a kung fu fighting US Marine.

THE UGLY AMERICAN NINJA

d) The Kipling book about two British soldiers who try to swindle the priests of Kafiristan by passing one of them off as a god, and the movie starring John Goodman as misplaced royalty.

THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING RALPH

e) A Melville book starring the great white whale, and a movie starring Warren Beatty as Chester Gould's most famous creation.

MOBY DICK TRACY

f) The 1934 novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and the movie with DeForest Kelley of Star Trek that features huge ravenous monster bunnies.

TENDER IS THE NIGHT OF THE LEPUS

4) Identify the following things dealing with elementary particles. (5/each)

a) Any particle that consists of quark-antiquark pairs. **MESONS**

b) Any particle that consists of quark triplets. **BARYONS**

c) The type of statistics that are applied to particles that conform to the Pauli Exclusion Principle.
FERMI-DIRAC statistics

d) The type of statistics that are applied to particles that do not conform to the Pauli Exclusion Principle.
BOSE-EINSTEIN statistics

e) The particle that mediates the strong nuclear force. **GLUON**

f) The two particles that mediate the weak nuclear force. **W & Z**

5) Identify the following people from Egyptian mythology for the stated number of points.
 5 pts) The ibis-headed god who was patron of learning and the arts. THOTH
 10 pts) The sky goddess who gave birth to Osiris, Isis, Set, and Nephthys. NUT
 15 pts) One of the Egyptian creation myths states that a ram-headed god styled the universe on his potter's wheel. For 15 points, name him. KHNUM

6) How did the United States officially acquire the following pieces of land?
 5 pts) The vast majority of South Dakota. LOUISIANA PURCHASE
 10 pts) Utah and Nevada. treaty of GUADALUPE-HIDALGO
 15 pts) Florida ADAMS-ONIS treaty

7) Identify the man who's won the following hockey awards the most times.
 5 pts) Art Ross Trophy Wayne GRETSKY
 5 pts) James Norris Memorial Trophy Bobby ORR
 10 pts) Vezina Trophy Jacques PLANTE
 10 pts) Frank J. Selke Trophy Bob GAINEY

8) It's the gross stuff about cheese bonus. Answer these questions about cheese for 5/each.
 a) Name the chief milk protein that is coagulated by enzymes. CASEIN
 b) Name the substance taken from the stomachs of young mammals that is used in the curdling of milk to make cheese. RENNET
 In parts c-e, tell whether the following cheeses owe their distinctive flavor to mold or bacteria.
 c) Emmental BACTERIA
 d) Stilton MOLD
 e) Brick BACTERIA
 f) Finally, name the substance usually discarded or used as filler in animal feed that is added to American and other processed cheeses which makes it flexible. WHEY

9) Identify the work of literature 30/20/10
 30 pts) In Mel Brooks' —theProducers...Zero Mostel rejects a stage adaptation of this story after reading the first few lines, disposing of it as —toogood....
 20 pts) A stage adaptation of it did actually get produced off Broadway, with Mikhail Baryshnikoff playing the physically demanding lead role.
 10 pts) The protagonist of this Kafka story is Gregor Samsa.
 The METAMORPHOSIS

10) Mojo Nixon called Elvis —theBig E.... In honor of —theBig E...identify these scientific terms that begin with the letter E for 5/each.
 a) A cylindrical metal tube closed by two round flat glass faces. Inside the case is a sensor containing two leaves of metal foil. You probably played with one in Middle School.
 ELECTROCOPE
 b) A large, leafy perennial shrub of the nightshade family that is cultivated for its black, purple, white, or striped ovoid fruit.
 EGGPLANT
 c) The great circle on the celestial sphere that lies in the plane of the earth's orbit.
 ECLIPTIC
 d) The tendency of an atom to attract a pair of electrons it shares with another atom.
 ELECTRONEGATIVITY
 e) An abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body tissues or cavities causing swelling or distention in the effected areas.
 EDEMA
 f) The common name for any smooth, elongated insect of the order Dermaptera. They have small horny forceps-like abdominal appendages, many have leathery, membranous wings, and are known to be carnivorous.
 EARWIGS

- 11) Identify the artist 30/20/10 from works.
 30 pts) —theLarge Bathers...(1906)
 20 pts) —StillLife with Peppermint Bottle....and —theSuicide's House...
 10 pts) the Mont-Sainte Michel series

Paul CEZANNE

- 12) There were many public offices a person could aspire for in the Roman government. For 5/each, and a bonus for all five correct, identify the office from the following list of choices. Aedile, Censor, Consul, Governor, Praetor, Proconsul, Quaestor.
- a) The chief magistrates of ancient Rome, these people led the troops, controlled the treasury, and were supreme in the government. **CONSUL**
- b) In theory, these were deputies to the consuls, praetors, or proconsuls, responsible for the treasury, this was normally the first office sought by a young man. **QUAESTOR**
- c) They took the census, ran the public works, filled vacancies for senators, and supervised public behavior. **CENSOR**
- d) A principal duty of these people was to organize the public games. Originally there were only two of these officials, one of which decided court cases between foreigners, and one who ruled in casa between Roman citizens. **PRAETOR**
- e) The governor of a province. He was solely responsible for army, justice, and administration of the province. **PROCONSUL**

- 13) Identify the tv show given an organization that only existed in that show.
- 5 pts) the Foundation for Law and Government. **KNIGHT RIDER**
- 5 pts) MAD **INSPECTOR GADGET**
- 10 pts) THRUSH **the MAN FROM UNCLE**
- 10 pts) CONTROL **GET SMART**

- 14) Identify the musician 30/20/10 from songs.
- 30 pts) —TidalWave...and —theWedge...
- 20 pts) This guitarist's theme song is —MrEliminator...
- 10 pts) This —Kingof the Surf Guitar...has gotten tons of exposure recently as his recording of —Misirlou...was used by Quentin Tarantino as the opening music for his movie —PulpFiction....

Dick DALE

- 15) Identify the following —GOLDEN.things. (5/each)
- a) The artifact that Jason and the Argonauts were questing for. **GOLDEN FLEECE**
- b) The occult oriented society that boasted the membership of William Butler Yeats, Algernon Blackwood, and Aleister Crowley. **Hermetic Order of the GOLDEN DAWN**
- c) The Mongol state composed of most of Russia that was conquered by Batu Khan. **the GOLDEN HORDE**
- d) The division of a line segment such that the ratio of the original segment to the larger of the two pieces is equal to the ratio of the larger piece to the smaller piece. **GOLDEN SECTION**
- e) The edict issued by Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV that set the constitutional form of the empire by codifying certain prince's independence from imperial jurisdiction. **GOLDEN BULL**
- f) The inlet of the Bosphorous that runs through modern day Istanbul. **GOLDEN HORN**