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Davidson College Questions

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Tossups

1. These people were Canaanites who settled along the Mediterranean coast. They became, by 1200 B.C., the major traders in the Mediterranean world, dealing in richly dyed cloth, metals, and, most importantly, alphabets. For 10 points, who were they?

Answer: Phoenicians

2. This Greek-born, Italian artist living in France was one of the principal surrealists. Preoccupied with mystery and the unconscious, his typical works include detailed architectural forms and mysterious figures casting long shadows, conveying an unspecified sort of threat. For 10 points, who is he?

Answer: Giorgio de Chirico (pron. kĕ rĕkō)

3. For 10 points, by what collective name do we know the series which includes the novels In Chancery, To Let, and The Man of Property?

Answer: the Forsyte Saga (by Galsworthy)

4. She is Frank Lloyd Wright's granddaughter and a well-known actress. She won an Oscar as best supporting actress as "Sophie" in the movie The Razor's Edge; she was nominated for the best actress award for her role in the 1950 film, All About Eve. For 10 points, name her.

Answer: Anne Baxter

5. As the nations of South America became independent in the 19th century, several men became their liberators and first executives: San Martin in Peru; Bolivar in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Colombia; and--for 10 points--who in Chile?

Answer: Bernardo O'Higgins

6. Ceres, Vesta, Pallas, and Juno are x four of them; there are many more, generally unnamed and not visible to the naked eye except in video games. For 10 points, what are they?

Answer: Asteroids

7. In America it is the CIA; in the Soviet Union, it is the KGB. For 10 points, what is the name of the intelligence service in Israel?

Answer: Mossad

8. The Florence Foundling Hospital...the Church of San Lorenzo... and the dome of the Florence Cathedral: these are all the work of an architect of the High Renaissance. For 10 points, name him.

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

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9. For 10 points, which one of the following choices best describes the Brusilov Offensive: a formalized Serbian pattern of cursing... a method of radical surgery for treating cancer patients... a decisive turning point of World War I... or a chess opening?

Answer: turning point of World War I or the third one
(it was last offensive of Russian army, which served to drive Russia out of the war)

10. Seven of them are true, while the next three are false, and the last two are floating. For 10 points, what am I talking about?

Answer: human ribs

11. The Polish director Andrzej Wajda (pronounced Vy-dah) had his first important film in 1958, Ashes and Diamonds. However, he is better known for the pair of movies concerning the fate of Polish workers. For 10 points, what is the title of the companion movie to Man of Marble which has won worldwide attention?

Answer: Man of Iron

12. For 10 points, what William Faulkner novel tells the story of Boon Hogganbeck, Lucius Priest, and their trip to Memphis in a stolen Winton Flyer automobile?

Answer: The Reivers

13. As a result of his efforts to establish a dictatorship he was impeached in 1929, but his followers adjourned the proceedings. Consolidating his strength, he managed to get elected to the U.S. Senate in 1930, but because he feared to leave the governorship in enemy hands, he did not go to Washington until 1932 when he had his picked successor Oscar K. Allen made governor. For 10 points, name this American politician.

Answer: Huey Long

14. He wrote the medical book, On the Natural Faculties, and discovered that arteries contain blood, not air. He was a surgeon to a gladiatorial school and then court physician to Marcus Aurelius. For 10 points, name this man, sometimes called the father of experimental physiology.

Answer: Galen

15. The Michelin Guide rates restaurants and hotels. Roger Tory Peterson has written several guides for bird watching. For 10 points, the Guide of the Perplexed was written by what 12th-century Spanish Jew?

Answer: Moses Maimonides

16. It was done sometime before 1432 for the Church of St. Bavon, and illustrates the transition from the tradition of book illumination and carved altarpieces to the new style of painted altarpieces. The central panel is the "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb." For 10 points, name this altarpiece done by the brothers Van Eyck.

Answer: Ghent Altarpiece

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18. Recently Rhodesia has become Zimbabwe. There used to be a country called Northern Rhodesia. There, too, Cecil Rhodes' name has disappeared. For 10 points, what is that country called today?
Answer: Zambia
19. For 10 points, what was the relationship of James II of England to Charles II?
Answer: brother
20. ~~It is not a hyperbola, but~~ It is the shape a piece of string assumes when suspended between two fixed points. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is an inverted one. For 10 points, what is the name of this type of curve?
Answer: catenary arch or curve
21. It was sailed from Safi, Morocco to the island of Barbados in the summer of 1970 by Thor Heyerdahl, to prove that Africans in reed rafts could have sailed to and colonized the Caribbean. For 10 points, what was the name of the boat?
Answer: Ra II
22. The Golden Gate isn't a bridge; it's a strait that is really the mouth of two rivers. For 10 points, name either of these rivers of San Francisco Bay.
Answer: Sacramento or San Joaquin
23. Lieutenant Khaled al-Istambuli has been in the news of late, and may go down in history as being famous--or infamous. For 10 points, ~~w~~ for what will al-Istambuli be remembered?
Answer: assassination of Sadat
24. Poland is a country; Dresden is a city; China is a country. Dresden China is fine ceramic ware. For 10 points, what is Poland China?
Answer: a breed of ~~w~~ swine or pigs

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Bonuses)(Davidson College)

1. (30 points) Lots of young women have gotten into trouble in literature. For 10 points each, tell me the author who created each of these bad girls.
 - a. Belle Watling. Answer: Margaret Mitchell
 - b. Maggie, a girl of the streets. Answer: Stephen Crane
 - c. Fanny Hill. Answer: John Cleland

2. (20 points) One should remember not just the subject of a good biography, but its author as well. For 5 points each, who wrote these biographies?
 - a. Robert Kennedy and His Times. Answer: Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.
 - b. Jefferson and His Time: The Sage of Monticello (1981) Answer: Dumas Malone
 - c. Ernest Hemingway: A Life Story (1969) Answer: Carlos Baker
 - d. Peter the Great: His Life and World. Answer: Robert K. Massie

3. (30 points) For 10 points each, in what modern countries are the following languages principally spoken?
 - a. Tamil. Answer: India or Sri Lanka
 - b. Amharic. Answer: Ethiopia
 - c. Ibo. Answer: Nigeria

4. (30 points) Logically enough, Greek philosophers before the time of Socrates are known as the Pre-Socratics. For 10 points each, identify these philosophers.
 - a. He thought the basis of the world was water, and that the earth floated on it. Answer: Thales
 - b. He thought flux or change to be unceasing for individuals within a constant cosmic structure. Answer: Heraclitus
 - c. He preferred abstract thought to sensual evidence, and asserted One Reality. His followers are known as the Eleatic School. Answer: Parmenides

5. (20 points) Picasso painted a view of Guernica as he ~~first~~ felt it. For 10 points each, who did the most famous paintings (views) of these cities?
 - a. Toledo. Answer: El Greco
 - b. Delft. Answer: Vermeer

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6. (25 points) At the beginning of the French Revolution, 1789, who was--for 5 points each:
- a. King of England? Answer: George III
 - b. Prime Minister of England? Answer: Wm. Pitt the Younger
 - c. Holy Roman Emperor? Answer: Joseph II
 - d. King of Prussia? Answer: Friedrich Wilhelm II
or Frederick William II
 - e. Tsar of Russia? Answer: Catherine II or the Great
7. (20 points) Take the sequence of numbers 0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, and 192. Add four to each number to get the series 4, 7, 10, 16, 28, 52, 100, 196. Then divide by 10 to get 0.4, 0.7, 1.0, 1.6, 2.8, etc. For 10 points each:
- a. What physical reality do the numbers in the new series approximate?
Answer: proportional distances of planets from the sun
 - b. Whose law is this?
Answer: Bode's Law or J. E. Bode
8. (25 points) Perhaps especially in the entertainment field, there are pairs which are often associated. For example, Fred and Ginger are Astaire and Rogers. For 5 points apiece, give the last names for:
- a. George and Gracie. Answer: Burns and Allen
 - b. Bud and Lou. Answer: Abbott and Costello
 - c. Chet and David. Answer: Huntley and Brinkley
 - d. Dick and Oscar. Answer: Rogers and Hammerstein
 - e. Mike and Elaine. Answer: Nichols and May
9. (20 points) Let's talk short stories. For 5 points apiece, name the authors of these short stories.
- a. "The Garden Party" Answer: Katherine Mansfield
 - b. "Only the Dead Know Brooklyn" Answer: Thomas Wolfe
 - c. "The Masque of the Red Death" Answer: Edgar Allen Poe
 - d. "Defender of the Faith" Answer: Philip Roth
10. (30 points) Six U.S. presidents have each had two wives, though not at the same time. 5 points for each of these presidents you can name.
- Answer: Tyler Fillmore B. Harrison T. Roosevelt
Wilson Reagan *(stories of an earlier marriage for JFK have never been substantiated)*
11. (30 points) Studies of the "common man," individually and in groups, can be fascinating. For 10 points each, who were the authors of these studies?
- a. Middletown in Transition. Answer: R.S. and H.M. Lynd
 - b. Children of Crisis. Answer: Robert Coles
 - c. Working (1974) Answer: Studs Terkel

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12. (20 points) You have four guns, the caliber of each being expressed as .22, .465, 5.56, and 81. For 5 points each, in what units of measurement are these bore dimensions given?
- a. .22 Answer: hundredths of inches
 b. .465 Answer: thousandths of inches
 c. 5.56 Answer: millimeters
 d. 81 Answer: millimeters
13. (30 points) Let's test your knowledge of ancient British literature, Beowulf in particular. For 10 points apiece, answer the following questions about Beowulf.
- a. What is the name of the monster who raids the mead hall?
 Answer: Grendel
- b. What is the name of the king to whose aid Beowulf comes?
 Answer: Hrothgar
- c. What was the name of the mead hall?
 Answer: Heorot
14. (20 points) In 1610, Galileo saw them--the four largest moons of Jupiter. For 20 points--all or nothing--name them in order from the one closest to Jupiter to the one farthest away. No points if they are out of order.
- Answer: Io Europa Ganymede Callisto
15. (20 points) We know Virgil as the author of the Aeneid. For 10 points each, name these other Virgilian works.
- a. ten short pastoral poems in hexameter.
 Answer: Eclogues or Bucolics
- b. a didactic poem in 4 books on the raising of crops and of animals.
 Answer: Georgics
16. (20 points) There have been at least 3 musical treatments of the Faust legend. One is, of course, Gounod's opera, Faust. For 10 points each, name:
- a. the French composer of The Damnation of Faust.
 Answer: ~~Georges Bizet~~ Berlioz
- b. the Italian composer of the opera Mefistofele.
 Answer: Arrigo Boito
17. (25 points) This is easy if you happen to know European political geography before World War One. For 5 points each, name the 5 states (some, part of Austria-Hungary) which comprised the present country of Yugoslavia before 1914.
- Answer: Serbia Montenegro Croatia Slovenia
Bosnia-Herzegovina

18. (30 points) Let's review our sports history--or, to be precise--our Super Bowl history. Tell us, for 10 points each:
- What team won the first Super Bowl by a score of 35-10 over the Kansas City Chiefs?
Answer: Green Bay Packers
 - What team won by a score of 16-13 over the Dallas Cowboys in 1971 on a last-minute field goal by Jim O'Brien?
Answer: Baltimore Colts
 - What team began a period of Super Bowl domination with a win over the Washington ~~Redskins~~ Redskins, 14-7?
Answer: Miami Dolphins
19. (30 points) For 10 points each, identify the literary detectives from these descriptions.
- a little Belgian with a large umbrella. Answer: Hercule Poirot
 - Chesterton's priest-detective. Answer: Father Brow
 - A fat man who raises orchids. Answer: Nero Wolfe
20. (20 points) Everyone knows baseball stars; sometimes, however, team owners are as famous as their players are. I'll give you the name of an owner; you tell me what team each owns for 5 points apiece.
- singing cowboy Gene Autry. /
Answer: California Angels
 - McDonald's owner Ray Kroc.
Answer: San Diego Padres
 - America's Cup winner Ted Turner.
Answer: Atlanta Braves
 - Shipbuilder George Steinbrenner.
Answer: New York Yankees
- 21 (25 points) I'll name an airport and, for 5 points each, you tell me in or near what major city you would find it.
- Lindbergh Field. Answer: San Diego
 - Dulles. Answer: Washington
 - Logan Field. Answer: Boston
 - Lambert Field. Answer: St. Louis
 - Love Field. Answer: Dallas

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