

Tossup Questions by David Levinson of Berkeley 5

1. It occurred on September 23, 1952. Under pressure to step aside as Eisenhower's running mate because of charges of a secret slush fund, the Republican nominee for Vice President made a television speech in which he claimed he never profited personally from contributions. What is this blatantly emotional Nixon speech named after the family dog?
/The Checkers Speech/
2. This body of water is bordered by the Norwegian Sea, the Arctic Ocean, Franz Josef Land, Spitsbergen, Scandinavia, the Kola Peninsula, and Novaya Zemlya. What is this body of water?
/Barents Sea/
3. In an 1890 appeal of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad v. Minnesota case, his argument that a corporation was a person under the 14th Amendment was supported by the Supreme Court. In 1880, this controller of New York patronage challenged James G. Blaine for the Republican Nomination. They agreed to make James Garfield the Presidential nominee and a Stalwart, Chester Alan Arthur the Vice Presidential nominee. When Garfield appointed Half-Breed Blaine as his Secretary of State, he resigned his New York Senate seat in protest, and to his dismay was not reappointed by the New York Legislature. Who is this leader of the Stalwarts?
/Roscoe Conkling/
4. This event was the forerunner of the City Beautiful Movement. Frederick Law Olmstead was the chief Landscape Architect and Daniel Burnham was the chief Architect. Louis Sullivan designed the Transportation Pavilion. The firm of McKim, Mead and White also designed several of the buildings. Set in stark white to contrast with the dark, grimy city, it was held to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. What is the name for the Chicago fair of 1893?
/World Columbian Exposition (if Chicago Fair given as answer, ask for more information)/
5. Born John Rowlands, he helped Leopold II gain the Congo. The English referred to him as "The Welsh Bastard". He rescued the unbelagured German doctor and governor of Southern Sudan Edward Schnitzer from the Mahdi. On this mission he uncovered Lake Albert, part of the Nile system. Whom did James Gordon Bennett, editor of the New York Herald, send to find the not lost Dr. Livingstone?
/Henry Morton Stanley/
6. His last public action was to found the liberal Westminster Review in 1824. Though trained as a lawyer, his only work in that field is The Fragment On Government. At age five, he was nicknamed "The Philosopher", and by 1780, at age 32, he had written An Introductory to the Principals of Morals and Legislation. Who is this Utilitarian philosopher?
/Jeremy Bentham/
7. Named after the Dutch physicist who studied them, they occur when the kinetic energy of molecules are small. The attractive forces allow molecules that are close together to touch each other, thereby liquifying or solidifying. At even closer distances the repulsive forces occur, caused by the interpenetration of the outer electron orbitals. What are these weak chemical forces?
/van der Waals Forces/
8. He grew up in Cheshire, England, which was isolated, but full of children. At school it was said "He knew how to use his fists in a righteous cause". At home he created marionettes and model railroads as well as doing magic. He made pets of snails and toads and tried to promote warfare among the earthworms by giving them small pieces of clay pipe for weapons. Who wrote Sylvie & Bruno and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland?
/Lewis Carroll or Charles L. Dodgson/

9. The name is the same. A hundred eyed giant set to watch IO when Zeus turned her into a heifer, the faithful dog of Odysseus, and the man who built the boat that Jason sailed upon. What is the common name?

/Argus/

10. Brought to Virginia City, Nevada as an infant, he graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1873. He served there as an instructor in the physical sciences, and then went to do post-graduate studies in Europe. At the newly formed University of Chicago he calculated the speed of light, designed the interferometer, and with Edward Morley detected the relative motion of the earth. Who won the 1907 Nobel Prize in Physics?

/Albert Abraham Michelson/

11. In 1911 he was named Taft's Secretary of War, serving until 1913. In 1927 Hoover named him Secretary of State, where he formulated the Doctrine that bears his name. It says the United States will not recognize territories and agreements obtained by acts of aggression. In 1940 he again was named Secretary of War serving until the end of World War II. Who was the first man to serve in the cabinets of four different Presidents?

/Henry Lewis Stimson/

12. He was born in Waldorf, Germany in 1763, but by 1783 he had immigrated to America. He was probably the greatest beneficiary of Jay's Treaty in that he was able to trade with the British in the Northwest Territories. By 1800 his business had netted him \$250,000 and had gained dominance in its field of trading furs. At his death in 1848 he was the richest man in America with a fortune of over \$20,000,000. Who is this transcontinental trader?

/John Jacob Astor/

13. At the onset of the depression he unsuccessfully tinkered in politics, trying to End Poverty In California. He wrote a series of works featuring the character Lanny Budd, the illegitimate son of a munitions manufacturer, including The Return of Lanny Budd, World's End, and Dragon's Teeth. He wrote another work about the slav immigrant Jurgis Rudkus and set it in a Chicago meat packing house. Who is this muckraker?

/Upton Sinclair/

14. A copy is in the National Archives. The most significant provisions of it were: No aid was to be levied without the permission of the Great Council and "No freeman shall be arrested and imprisoned, or dispossessed or outlawed or banished or in any way molested; nor will we set forth against him, nor send against him, unless by the lawful judgement of his peers and by the law of the land". It was supported by Archbishop Stephen Langton, the barons, the knights, and the commercial classes. It was opposed by the Pope and King John. What is this document?

/Magna Charta/

15. It includes 500 questions grouped into ten clinical scales and four validity scales. It attempts to dignose Hypochondria, Depression, Conversion Hysteria, Masculinity-Femininity, Paranoia, Neuroses, Schizophrenia, Hypomania, and Introversion. Consisting of true-false questions, high scores outside the norms are used for dignoses. What is this test developed Hathaway and McKinley in 1939?

/MMPI, Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory/

16. He grew up on the streets of Brooklyn, and by the age of fifteen had quit school to begin writing popular songs. At the age of twenty he had written "Swanee" for Al Jolson. Under a commission from Paul Whitefield he brought Jazz into the mainstream of the music world. He cowrote the musicals Lady Be Good and Of Thee I Sing. Who composed the folk opera Porgy and Bess?

/George Gershwin/

17. Blind King John of Bohemia was killed here. It was fought just two years before the devastation of the Black Plague temporarily stopped the Hundred Years War. Edward invaded Normandy with only 10,000 men, but defeated 20,000 French at this battle. What is this 1346 battle involving artillery and preceding Edward's capture of Calais?

~~/Battle of Crecy/~~

18. Tennyson died while reading it. Written by Shakespeare in 1609, it is named after the protagonist, a King of Britain. His daughter Imogen has secretly married a poor but worthy gentleman, Leonatus Posthumus. Infidelity and the Roman invasion figure prominently in this romance. According to Tennyson the lines "Hang there like fruit, my soul; Till the tree die!" were the "tenderest lines in Shakespeare". What is this play published in 1623?

~~/Cymbeline/~~

19. This painting hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Worthington Whittredge posed for the figure of George Washington while visiting the artist in Dusseldorf. Other historical details, such as the flag, are also incorrect. What is this romantic painting by Emanuel Leutze?

~~/Washington Crossing the Delaware/~~

20. It was written in six books and not completed. It was dedicated to the Senator Gaius Memmius. It explained the world in the physical terms of Epicurus and attempted to free men from their superstitious belief in the gods and fears of death and the unknown. What is the only work of the Roman Epicurean philosopher Lucretius?

~~/De Rerum Natura or On the Nature of Things or On the Nature of the Universe/~~

21. His the only surviving play is Dyskolos, written in 317 BC. What is even more important is that this is the only extant New Comedy work. Who is this Greek dramatist?

~~/Menander/~~

Bonus Questions by David Levinson of Berkeley 5

20 POINTS

1. In order to be accepted into many Graduate School Programs, Joe College needs to take the Graduate Record Examination or GRE. In the verbal section Joe encounters words he never uses. Help Joe out. Given four adjectives, match them to the definitions below: VITRIOLIC, VITUPERATIVE, VIVACIOUS, VOCIFEROUS

(five points apiece)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| a) abusive, scolding | /VITUPERATIVE/ |
| b) animated, gay | /VIVACIOUS/ |
| c) clamorous, noisy | /VOCIFEROUS/ |
| d) corrosive, sarcastic | /VITRIOLIC/ |

25 POINTS

2. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Don Windham, on a cruise in the eastern Mediterranean was kidnapped by Palestinian terrorists. Don, at 200 kilograms, is forced to take a short walk off a long plank. The total length of the plank is 10 meters. Neglect the mass of the plank. He is midway between the free end and the fixed end.

(fifteen points)

a) In Newton-meters, tell me the moment about the fixed end. Assume acceleration due to gravity is equal to 9.81 meters per seconds squared.

/9,810 Newton-meters/

(ten points)

b) Tell me the moment on the plank immediately below Don Windham's feet.

/0 Newton-meters/

30 POINTS

3. Lee Iacocca was America's best known Chief Executive Officer. Some of his peers at larger and more important companies are less well known. Identify the companies led by the following men:

(five points apiece, five for all correct)

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) Sumner Redstone | /Viacom/ |
| b) Alex Trotman | /Ford Motor/ |
| c) Michael Spindler | /Apple Computer/ |
| d) John Malone | /Tele-Communications Inc (TCI)/ |
| e) John Welch | /GE, General Electric/ |

30 POINTS

4. Of the wars the United States has been in, the WAR of 1812 numbers among the less well known. After being given a description of a battle, tell me its name:

(four parts as designated)

a)(five points) In a three hour naval battle, American Captain Oliver Hazard Perry led his ten vessel fleet to victory over the six vessel British squadron under Captain Robert Barkley.

/Battle of Lake Erie/

b)(five points) In the most violent battle of the War, American General Jacob Brown's 2600 man force encountered 3000 British soldiers under Generals Riall and Drummond in an indecisive five hour battle near Niagara Falls.

/Battle of Lundy's Lane/

c)(ten points) This land battle was the companion to the bombardment of Fort McHenry. Fought east of Baltimore in mid September 1814, it resulted in a British defeat and led to the Treaty of Ghent.

/Battle of North Point/

d)(ten points) Fought near Washington DC, the British under General Robert Ross routed a 7000 man American force. The battle was the only battle witnessed by a sitting President, seen by Mr. Madison and his cabinet.

Animal, The Owl in the Attic, and The Seal in the Bedroom. Who is this fabulist born in 1894 in Columbus, Ohio?

(twenty points, one part)

/James Thurber/

30 POINTS

11. Who wrote the following works with the word "Wives" in their title:

(10 points apiece)

- a) Hollywood Wives /Jackie Collins/
- b) Washington Wives /Maureen Dean/
- c) Merry Wives of Windsor /Wm. Shakespeare/

25 POINTS

12. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is among the most important museums of the world. The following works all hang in the museum, given a work and year, identify the artist of:

(five points apiece)

- a) The Rocky Mountains, Lander's Peak (1863)
/Albert Bierstadt/
- b) The Miracle of Christ Healing the Blind (1576)
/El Greco, Domenikos Theotokopoulos/
- c) Salisbury Cathedral from the Bishop's Grounds (1826)
/John Constable/
- d) Haystacks: Autumn (1874)
/Jean Francois Millet/
- e) Tables for Ladies (1930)
/Edward Hopper/

25 POINTS

13. Place in chronological order the following five events in world history, but be forewarned, a miss stops you: Kublai Khan founds the Yuan Dynasty, Osman I founds the Ottoman Empire, Henry IV becomes Lancaster King of England, Conrad II becomes the first Salian Holy Roman Emperor, Hugh Capet founds the Capetian House in France.

(five points for each one in the sequence until stopped or finished)

/Hugh Capet 987, Conrad II 1024, Kublai Khan 1260, Osman I 1300, Henry IV 1399/

30 POINTS

14. When a chemist discovers a new law, it is usually named after him. Identify the following Chemical Laws by their discoverer.

- a) The rates of diffusion of two gases are inversely proportional to the square roots of their densities.
/Graham's Law/
- b) The total pressure in a mixture of gases is the sum of the individual partial pressures.
/Dalton's Law/
- c) Gases react with one another in small, whole-numbered ratios by volume if the volumes are measured at the same temperature and pressure.
/Gay-Lussac's Law/
- d) Equal numbers of molecules are contained in equal volumes of different gases if the temperature and pressure are the same.
/Avogadro's Law/
- e) If the temperature remains constant, the volume of a given mass of gas varies inversely with the pressure.
/Boyle's Law/
- f) If the pressure does not change, the volume of a given mass of gas is directly proportional to the absolute temperature

/Charles's Law/

30 POINTS

15. Since the colonies of Spain in South America gained independence in the early 1800s, three major wars have been fought on the continent. After a brief description, tell me the name of the war:
(ten points apiece)

a) Fought between Chile and Bolivia and Peru, Chile defeated its two opponents and thus landlocked Bolivia.

/War of the Pacific/

b) Fought when Paraguay tried to aid the losing faction in an internal Uruguayan dispute, Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay devastated Paraguay, halving its population in ten years.

/War of the Triple Alliance or Paraguayan War/

c) Fought in the 1930s between impoverished Paraguay and incompetent Bolivia over a desert with potentially rich mineral deposits.

/Grand Chaco War/

20 POINTS

16. Ed Koch wrote the book MAYOR about his experiences as mayor of New York City. His book might be used as a guide by the mayors of other east coast cities with similar problems. Identify the mayors of the following east coast cities

(five points apiece)

a) Baltimore /Kurt Schmoke/

b) New York / Rudy Guiliani/

c) Atlanta /Maynard Jackson/

d) Washington DC /Sharon Pratt Dixon/

30 POINTS

17. Several American Presidents are noted authors, for example Herbert Hoover with his Principles of Mining. Many foreign Prime Ministers have also written books. What PM wrote:

(ten points apiece)

a) Coningsby /Benjamin Disraeli/

b) The Story of My Experiments With Truth /Mohandas Gandhi/

c) The World Crisis /Winston Churchill/

30 POINTS

18. Identify this English poet 30-20-10.

a) His father had been sent to manage the family estates in Jamaica, where he freed the slaves and distributed farms to them. The outraged grandfather sent the father a bill for all expenses ever incurred on the father's behalf, including childbirth, which the father paid. The father also supported his son's poetry career.

b) He was introduced to his poetess wife by mutual friend John Kenyon

c) He wrote "Bells & Pomegranites" and "The Ring & The Book"

/Robert Browning/

30 POINTS

19. Some States that were once represented by famous statesmen, now have less statesmanlike figures in the Senate. Given a famous statesman of the past, tell me the two Senators now serving from the state he also served.

(five points for each Senator correctly named)

a) Henry Clay

/Wendell Ford, Mitch McConnell/

b) John C. Calhoun

/Strom Thurmond, Ernest Hollings/

c) Daniel Webster

/Ted Kennedy, John Kerry/

20. BONUS Answer the following questions about Women's Organizations:

1. (5) Who founded the Girl Scouts

ANSWER: Jullianne Gordon Low

2. (5) Who founded the Campfire Girls

ANSWER: Luther Gulick

3. (10) Who founded the League of Women Voters

ANSWER: Carrie Chapman Catt

4. (10) Who was the 2nd President of Woman's Christian Temperance Union

ANSWER: Frances Willard

~~Penn-Stokes tossups, by Elliot Fertik~~
Chicago, David Levinson Bonuses

BONUSES

1) How well do you know women's golf? Let's find out: five points for one correct, ten for two, twenty for three, and thirty for all four, name the four tournaments in the LPGA Grand Slam. Because of the strange scoring, the bonus stealing team will get ten points for each corrected answer, up to a maximum of thirty points.

Answers: U.S. OPEN, LPGA Championship, DINAH SHORE, and DU MAURIER CI.

2) One of this question writer's favorite music is sixties soul music. Answer the following questions about that period for the stated number of points.

a) For five points, this Motown girl group was made up of Florence Ballard, Mary Wilson, and Diana Ross.

b) For ten points, he was famous for many duets with some of Motown's top female singers, but had greater success on his own with such songs as "I Heard It Through the Grapevine".

c) For fifteen points, this man wrote some of the biggest hits of the sixties such as "My Girl" as well as fronting his own group, The Miracles.

Answers: THE SUPREMES, Marvin GAYE, and Smokey ROBINSON

3) Given a Greek or Roman, name the non-literary, non-historical subject area with which they are associated, for the stated number of points.

a) For five points, Ptolemy

ASTRONOMY

b) For ten points, Strabo

GEOGRAPHY

c) For fifteen points, Vitruvius Pollio

ARCHITECTURE or ENGIN.

4) Identify the following Jewish writers on clues for fifteen points each.

a) His tales of Tevye the dairyman formed the basis for "Fiddler on the Roof".

b) Winner of the 1978 Nobel Prize in Literature, he wrote "Gimpel the Fool".

Answers: Sholom ALEICHEM and Isaac Bashevis SINGER

5) Given the name of a 20th century English novel, identify its author, for ten points each.

a) "The French Lieutenant's Woman"

John FOWLES

b) "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"

Muriel SPARK

c) "Rebecca"

Daphne DUMAURIER

6) Answer these questions about the works of Dostoevski for fifteen points apiece.

a) This last work of Dostoevski contains the "Legend of the Grand Inquisitor", a parable created by Ivan and related to Alyosha.

b) The character referred to by this Dostoevsky title is Prince Myshkin, a gentle saintly character who refuses to take offense at anything.

Answers: The BROTHERS KARAMAZOV and The IDIOT

7) Answer the following for the stated number of points.

a) First, identify, for fifteen points, the Canadian classical pianist who was the subject of a 1994 movie biography consisting of 32 short films about different aspects of his life.

b) Second, the title and format of "Thirty Two Short Films about [this man]" is an extended reference to a certain baroque piano composition which consists of a theme repeated twice and thirty variations. For five points, give the composer and for ten points, the title of this work, a 1955 recording of which first made this man famous.

Answers: Glenn GOULD, J.S. BACH, and "The GOLDBERG Variations"

8) Given the elective office to be decided in the 1994 elections, name both the Republican and Democratic challengers, five points each, ten points per pair.

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| a) Governor of Texas | Ann RICHARDS, GEORGE W. BUSH (not JR.) |
| b) Senator from Virginia | Oliver NORTH, Charles ROBB |
| c) Governor of California | Pete WILSON, Katherine BROWN |

9) Answer these questions about Hindu/Buddhist philosophy for ten points each.

- Sanskrit of "transmigration of souls", it is the almost endless cycle of death and rebirth.
- The Buddhist equivalent to moksa, it is the liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth.
- Sanskrit for "action", it is conceived as a way of life or moral force, and it determines the conditions of future lives.

Answers: SAMSARA, NIRVANA, and KARMA

10) Can you keep your B's of Italian architecture apart? Identify the following Renaissance and Baroque architects on clues for fifteen points each.

- One of the first modern engineers, he lived from 1377-1446 and discovered mathematical perspective, and he built the dome of the Florence Cathedral, considered the Eighth Wonder of the World at the time.
- Living from 1444-1514, this man built the Tempietto on the site where St. Peter was crucified in Rome.

Answers: BRUNELLESCHI and BRAMANTE

11. The polestar changes over time as the earth wobbles. For five points each, Name the following northern polestars:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| a) just before about 2500 BC | /Thuban/ |
| b) until 1 AD | /Kochab/ |
| c) until 4000 AD | /Polaris/ |
| d) after 4000 AD | /Alderaiman/ |

12. For five points apiece, In what city were the following World's Fairs:

- | | |
|---------|---------------|
| a) 1851 | /London/ |
| b) 1967 | /Montreal/ |
| c) 1892 | /Chicago/ |
| d) 1984 | /New Orleans/ |

35 Points

13. Classify the following subatomic particles as a baryon, meson, or lepton for five points each:

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| a) pion | /meson/ |
| b) kaon | /meson/ |
| c) electron | /lepton/ |
| d) muon | /lepton/ |
| e) neutrino | /lepton/ |
| f) proton | /baryon/ |
| g) neutron | /baryon/ |

14. Science Fiction is famous for inventive technology. For five points each, Match the following devices with their movie:

- a) Flux Capacitor
/Back to the Future/
- b) Oscillation Overthruster
/The Adventures of Buckaroo Bonzai Across the Eighth Dimension/
- c) Millennium Falcon
/Star Wars/
- d) Trans-Warp Drive
/Star Trek III/

15. Answer these questions about the Apollo Missions for 10 apiece:

a. On what day did the Eagle land on the Sea of Tranquility?

/July 20, 1969/

b. Who were the three astronauts?

/Aldrin, Armstrong, Collins/

16. For five points apiece (with a maximum of 30), name the original 8 American Football League Teams? /Oak. Raiders, Hou. Oilers, Den. Broncos, Buf. Bills, Bos. Patriots, Dal. Chiefs, LA Chargers, NY Titans/

40 Points Possible

17. There have been many statesmen in US history, but these men were born in towns that bear the name of a state. For five points for the city and five for the state, Give the city and state that is the birthplace of the following:

- a) William Seward /Florida, NY/
- b) Samuel Clemens /Florida, MO/
- c) William O. Douglas /Maine, Minnesota/
- d) Rutherford B. Hayes /Delaware, Ohio/

18. Don't torture yourself over this agonizing bonus. FTP each who wrote the following works:

- a) Sweeney Agonistes /TS Eliot/
- b) Nixon Agnewistes /Gary Wills/
- c) Samson Agonistes /John Milton/

19. Remember the Hostages in Iran? Well this is a bonus on them. for five points each:

- a) How many days were they held in Iran?
/4 4 4/
- b) On what day were they taken
/November 4, 1979/
- c) Who was the Assistant Sec. of State who negotiated their release?
/Warren Christopher/
- d) What country acted as the intermediary?
/Algeria/
- e) On what day were they released?
/Jan 20, 1981/

20. Who wrote these captivating works:

- a) The Prisoner of Chillon /Lord Byron/
- b) The Prisoner of Zenda /Anthony Hope/
- c) To Althea from Prison /Richard Lovelace/