

Round 9

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Toss-Up Questions edited ltm

1. Most of this man's work center in the fictional town of Macondo. Winner of the 1982 Nobel Prize in Literature, this author's works include Strange Pilgrims and Chronicle of a Death Foretold. FTP, name this famous Latin American writer best known for One Hundred Years of Solitude.

ANSWER: Gabriel Garcia Marquez

2. Scientists have developed a process in which a bubble of air can focus acoustic energy a trillionfold to produce picosecond flashes of light, yet a complete explanation of this mechanism still eludes them. FTP, what is this process called?

ANSWER: Sonoluminescence

3. Refusing to accept the Constitutions of Claredon, this man was forced to flee to Europe. Later, thinking they had orders from their King, William Tracy, Reginald Fitzurse, Richard Brito, and Hugh de Morville set out for Canterbury in 1170. FTP, name the 'turbulent priest' murdered by the four knights in the name of Henry II.

ANSWER: Thomas á Becket

4. In the 'frightening but true' category, this man is now only three heartbeats away from the presidency. FTP, name the 92-year old Senator from South Carolina, a veteran of the Senate since 1954.

ANSWER: Strom Thurmond

5. While his signature style of black slashes on a white background is easily recognizable, his name is not. An Abstract Expressionist, his works include Ninth Street, White Forms, and Wotan. FTP, name this painter who died in 1961 but whose works are presently the focus of a show at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art.

ANSWER: Franz Kline

6. Research in this field may someday explain why most babies are born in the early hours of the morning or why most Olympic records are set in the late afternoon. It might also explain why so many major accidents, including Chernobyl and the Exxon Valdez, have occurred from 1 to 6 a.m. For 10 points, identify this study of the daily rhythms of living organisms.

ANSWER: Chronobiology

7. A former broadcaster and ex-diplomat to Biafra, this man's 1958 novel describes the disorder produced in an Ibo village by the coming of colonialism. FTP, name this distinguished Nigerian-born author of Things Fall Apart.

ANSWER: Chinua Achebe

8. The first president of Dutch ancestry and the first born under the Stars and Stripes, he earned his nickname the "Little Magician" for his mastery of political manipulation. Unfortunately, his failure to make the Panic of 1837 disappear kept him from being re-elected. FTP, name the 8th president of the U.S.

ANSWER: Martin Van Buren

9. According to the Book of Judges, this woman, the wife of Heber the Kenite, welcomed an enemy warrior into her tent, fed him, lulled him to sleep, then drove a tent peg through his head. FTP, name this brave and crafty lady, "blessed . . . above women in the tent."

ANSWER: Jael

10. They were not driven by ideals of chivalry or courtly love, nor inspired by religious fervor. Instead, they were bound by a code that demanded absolute loyalty to immediate superiors in the feudal chain of command. FTP, identify these renowned Japanese warriors, permitted to carry two-handed swords and the title "one who serves."

ANSWER: Samurai

11. Along with Dashiell Hammett, this 20th century writer has been credited with establishing the style for the mainstream of American detective fiction. His works include Farewell, My Lovely, The Long Goodbye and The Big Sleep. FTP, identify the creator of Phillip Marlowe.

ANSWER: Raymond Chandler

12. Determining the expansion rate of the universe has long been a major goal of astronomers, since it would provide an accurate yardstick with which to measure the size and scale of the universe, along with providing a good fix on its age. FTP, this measurement or constant is named for what astronomer who identified the expanding nature of the universe in 1929?

ANSWER: Edwin P. Hubble

13. According to the 1990 U.S. Census, after English, Spanish was the most common language spoken in U.S. homes. Following Spanish in number of speakers were French, German, and Italian. FTP, which language was in the #5 spot with approximately 1,249,000 speakers over the age of 5?

ANSWER: Chinese

14. "Throughout our marriage we have always tended to follow rather different interests, but in recent years we have led completely separate lives." With that explanation, this 'other woman' announced her intentions to divorce her husband Andrew, a move that could, theoretically, be the first step towards becoming the new Mrs. Prince of Wales. FTP, name the English lady believed to be the long time love of the unfaithful Prince Charles.

ANSWER: Camilla Parker Bowles

15. Brought to Paris in 1792 by a group of military volunteers, this stirring marching song soon became the popular anthem of the French Revolution. It remains the national anthem of France, though some among the politically correct object to its militant lyrics. FTP, name this song.

ANSWER: Marseillaise

16. Discovered by Arthur Evans in 1899, the ruins of this center of the Minoan civilization revealed that its citizens had concentrated on the comforts of life. Archaeologists believe the city flourished from 2500 B.C. to around 1400 B.C., when Crete came under the rule of Mycenae. FTP, name this ancient capital.

ANSWER: Knossos

17. This legend first appeared in print in 1541 when Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo described an Indian ruler so rich he covered his body in fine gold dust. Soon the myth expanded so that the King had an entire city made of the very stuff the conquistadors craved. FTP, identify the name given to both the 'gilded man' and his city, which greedy Spaniards searched for in South America.

ANSWER: El Dorado

18. The Pale Blue Dot, his ninth and most recent book, predicts that humans will someday "terraform" other worlds. FTP, name this optimistic astronomer and host of Cosmos.

ANSWER: Carl Sagan

19. Among its winners are Sunder, Jacob Have I Loved, Sarah, Plain and Tall, and The Giver. FTP, name this award presented annually by the Association for Library Service to Children to the author of the year's most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

ANSWER: The Newberry Medal

20. Though his proposal of marriage to Queen Elizabeth I was rejected, this Russian ruler did succeed in improving trade relations with England. He also ordered the liberalization of Russian laws and reformed provincial governments. But he suffered an emotional collapse in 1560 and began earning his nickname with mass murders and private torture sessions. FTP, identify this czar whose title can also be translated to mean "awesome."

ANSWER: Ivan the Terrible (or Ivan IV)

21. Considered a transition artist between Medieval and Renaissance styles, this 14th century Italian painted figures to show substance, dimension, and bulk. He is best known for a series of frescoes chronicling the life of St. Francis of Assisi. FTP, name this forerunner of the great Renaissance artists.

ANSWER: Giotto

22. Despite continued poor health, 1994 was a good year for the Pope as he continued to influence global decision making and saw his book of meditations become a best-seller in twelve countries. FTP, name his hot-selling book that covers topics from the existence of God to the mistreatment of women.

ANSWER: Crossing the Threshold of Hope

23. Pencils and paper ready. If you have received grades of 100, 76, 94, 83, and 90 on 5 quizzes and want to make an average of at least 90 for the 6 quizzes in your semester, what score FTP must you make on your final quiz?

ANSWER: 97

24. The 1992 Pulitzer Prize for fiction went to Jane Smiley's novel A Thousand Acres. FTP, Smiley's novel retells which Shakespeare play about an insane monarch and his daughters?

ANSWER: King Lear

25. Well, a short season is better than no season for hockey fans. FTP, how many games will be played in this year's shortened NHL season?

ANSWER: 48

26. It is defined as a portfolio, or selection, of professionally bought and managed stocks in which one pools his money along with thousands of other people. The major advantage is less risk, since it is spread out over many stocks, and if some do badly, others may shield the investor from the losses. FTP, name this popular investment option.

ANSWER: Mutual Fund

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### Bonus Questions

1. According to tradition, Henry VIII was the only king with more wives than mistresses. For the designated number of points answer these questions about the wives of Henry VIII.

A. For five points each, which two wives were first cousins?

ANSWER: Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard

B. FTP, which wife gave birth to Edward VI?

ANSWER: Jane Seymour

C. FTP, which wife was divorced on the grounds of precontract and nonconsumation?

ANSWER: Anne of Cleves

2. The plantations Tara and Twelve Oaks are homes located in *Gone With the Wind*. FTP each, in what British novels would you find the following residences?

A. Thrushcross Grange

ANSWER: Wuthering Heights

B. Freshitt Hall

ANSWER: Middlemarch

C. Thornfield Hall

ANSWER: Jane Eyre

3. While Susan B. Anthony usually gets the credit, many women leaders and reformers also fought to win the vote. For 15 points each, identify

1. The first president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and co-author of the controversial *Woman's Bible*.

ANSWER: Elizabeth Cady Stanton

2. The activist president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union from 1879 to 1898 who added suffrage to the WCTU's multifaceted program.

ANSWER: Frances Willard

4. Here's a bonus question that fans of the X-Files should appreciate. In 1960, an American astronomer conducted the first modern search for artificial radio signals from another civilization. He also worked with other scientists to develop a mathematical formula for estimating the probability of extraterrestrial intelligence. For 15 points each, name this astronomer and his formula, which says there is a very good chance that something is out there.

ANSWERS: Frank Drake AND Drake's Equation

5. Boldly going where no man has gone before, Kate Mulgrew has taken command as the captain in *Star Trek: Voyager*. FTP each, give the names of the actors who portray these other crew members.

A. Tuvok

ANSWER: Tim Russ

B. Neelix

ANSWER: Ethan Phillips

C. Kes

ANSWER: Jennifer Lien

6. The United States has many outstanding nonprofit professional theatres and troupes. FTP each, in what U.S. city would you find

A. The Asolo Center for the Performing Arts

ANSWER: Sarasota

B. The Guthrie Theatre

ANSWER: Minneapolis

C. The Mark Taper Forum

ANSWER: Los Angeles

7. The Aztec religion was a bloody one, though some gods required fewer sacrifices. For 15 points each, identify these members of the Aztec pantheon.

A. "Left-handed Hummingbird," the war and sun god who was the Aztec's principal deity

ANSWER: Huitzilopochtli (wee-tsee-loh-pohch'-tlee)

B. "Feathered Serpent," the god of creation and patron of learning who would one day return from exile

ANSWER: Quetzalcoatl (ket-sah-coh'-atl)

8. Geologists have separated the history of the earth into five eras: Archean, Proterozoic, Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic. FTP each, in what era did

A. Pangaea begin to break apart?

ANSWER: Mesozoic

2. Fish evolve?

ANSWER: Paleozoic

3. California attach to North America, forming the San Andreas fault?

ANSWER: Cenozoic

9. Consider the following events of the Hundred Years War. The Battle of Crecy, the coronation of Charles VII, the Battle of Agincourt, the Treaty of Bretigny, The Battle of Poitiers, and the Treaty of Troyes. Now, for 5 points each, arrange them in correct chronological order.

ANSWER: 1. Battle of Crecy (1346), 2. Battle of Poitiers (1356), 3. Treaty of Bretigny (1360), 4. Battle of Agincourt (1415), 5. Treaty of Troyes (1420), 6. Coronation of Charles VII (1429)

10. Everyone knows Charles Dodgson better as Lewis Carroll, and that Samuel Clemens signed himself as Mark Twain. FTP each, give the better known pen names of these more recent authors.

1. Thomas Kennerly, Jr.

ANSWER: Tom Wolfe

2. Phyllis Dorothy James White

ANSWER: P.D. James

3. David John Moore Cornwell

ANSWER: John Le Carre

11. Though no one has ever seen them, cosmologists believe that these theoretical particles help explain the discrepancy between theory and observational data with regard to the total mass of galaxies. For 15 points each

A. What "weaking" acronym is given to these objects?

ANSWER: WIMPs

B. What does WIMPs stand for?

ANSWER: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

12. Some of the great leaders in early U.S. history were Native Americans. FTP each, identify the Native American who

A. Led the Wampanoag tribe in a 1675 war that bore his name.

ANSWER: King Philip (or Metacomet)

B. Led the Seminoles of Florida in a protracted guerilla war from 1835 to 1842 and died at Ft. Moultrie.

ANSWER: Osceola

C. As a leader of the Shawnee, realized that only a confederation of tribes could defend Indian lands, but died at the Battle of the Thames in 1813 before accomplishing his goal.

ANSWER: Tecumseh

13. Your team will be enlightened if, for 15 points each, you can identify these philosophers of the Enlightenment.

A. An Italian economist who condemned torture as inhuman in his 1764 work On Crimes and Punishments

ANSWER: Cesare Beccaria

B. The English writer who extended the principles of the Enlightenment to the status of women in 1792's Vindication of the Rights of Women.

ANSWER: Mary Wollstonecraft

14. The Louvre is in Paris, the Prado is in Madrid, and the National Gallery is found in London. FTP each, in which museum would you find

A. Raphael's The Madonna of the Fish, Titian's Charles V on Horseback and El Greco's The Crucifixion.

ANSWER: The Prado

B. Hogarth's The Shrimp Girl, Botticelli's Venus and Mars and Leonardo da Vinci's The Virgin and Child.

ANSWER: National Gallery (London, England) [READER NOTE: accept equivalents for England]

C. Michelangelo's Bound Slave, Vermeer's The Lace Maker, Van Gogh's Self-Portrait, Gericault (ZHAIR-ih-koh)'s Raft of the Medusa.

ANSWER: The Louvre

15. Test your knowledge of geography and name origins. FTP each

A. Which western state is named for an imaginary island or earthy paradise?

ANSWER: California

B. Which midwestern state's name is a Sioux word for "south wind people"?

ANSWER: Kansas

C. What New England state gets its name from Algonquin words meaning "long river place"?

ANSWER: Connecticut

16. The U.S.'s first official Poet Laureate was chosen in 1986 by Daniel J. Boorstin, the Librarian of Congress. FTP each, identify

A. The first Poet Laureate, who won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and poetry.

ANSWER: Robert Penn Warren

B. The first female Poet Laureate, appointed in 1992.

ANSWER: Mona Van Duyn

C. The first African American Poet Laureate, appointed in 1993.

ANSWER: Rita Dove

17. While the names of best-selling novelists remain familiar, non-fiction writers should not be forgotten. FTP each, identify the authors of these 1993 best-selling non-fiction books.

A. Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus

ANSWER: John Gray

B. Further Along the Road Less Travelled

ANSWER: M. Scott Peck

C. Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now

ANSWER: Maya Angelou

18. It isn't over until the fat lady sings and until you identify, FTP each, these terms used in opera.

A. The elaborated song-form of opera for solo voice with instrumental accompaniment.

ANSWER: Aria

B. An interlude, short piece of music or even a short scene interpolated in the course of an opera.

ANSWER: Intermezzo

C. The leading female singer in an opera or the principal soprano of an opera company.

ANSWER: Prima Donna

19. The 1993-94 Broadway season saw creaky revivals, new musicals based on novels, and plays that struggled with current events. FTP each, identify these shows.

A. The Stephen Sondheim musical based on the 19th century novel Fosca.

ANSWER: Passion

B. The one woman show by Anna Deavere Smith based on interviews with people affected by the LA riots.

ANSWER: Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992

C. The revival of the 1955 musical about a baseball fan who sells his soul to the devil.

ANSWER: Damn Yankees

20. According to quantum theory, the four forces of nature are conveyed by fundamental units of energy frequently lumped together as gluons, a name also given to the units that convey the strong nuclear force. FTP, give the names of the other three carriers.

ANSWER: Bosons (weak nuclear force), Gravitons (gravitational force), Photons (electromagnetism)

21. John Wilkes Booth assassinated Abraham Lincoln, and most people believe Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated John F. Kennedy. For 15 points each, name the person killed by

A. Charlotte Corday

ANSWER: Jean-Paul Marat

B. Leon Czolgosz

ANSWER: William B. McKinley

22. Remember notorious 1994? Consider the following bleak events (READER: read slowly): the suicide of Kurt Cobain, O.J. Simpson's freeway chase, the arrest of Susan Smith, the death of Jacqueline Onassis, the arrest of Aldrich Ames and the clubbing of Nancy Kerrigan. For 5 points each, arrange them in chronological order.

ANSWER:	1.	Clubbing of Nancy Kerrigan	(Jan.)
	2.	Arrest of Ames	(Feb.)
	3.	Suicide of Kurt Cobain	(April)
	4.	Death of Jacqueline Onassis	(May)
	5.	O.J.'s freeway chase	(June)
	6.	Arrest of Susan Smith	(Nov.)

23. Among their many perks, most state governors receive respectable salaries. For 15 points each, which state

A. Has the best paid governor, with an annual salary of \$130,000?

ANSWER: New York

B. Has the lowest paid governor, with a measly \$55,502 annual salary?

ANSWER: Montana

24. While he may be the best-known, Rush Limbaugh is certainly not the only motormouth on talk radio. For 15 points each, identify these pundits.

A. The self-styled "Black Avenger" who recently argued that "being a bigot does not void your First Amendment rights" and has railed against "cripple guy" James Brady for promoting gun control.

ANSWER: Ken Hamblin

B. The mammoth, bearded fist-pounder at San Francisco's KSFO who sets up American flags on his desk while railing about his hatred of "the Japs."

ANSWER: J. Paul Emerson

25. The double murder of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman may be the crime of the century. FTP each, identify these players and witnesses in the trial of accused murderer O.J. Simpson.

A. The limousine driver who claims that Simpson did not answer his intercom at 10:25 p.m. on June 12.

ANSWER: Allan Park

B. A close friend of Simpson's who received a letter from Simpson alleging his innocence.

ANSWER: Robert Kardashian

C. The hapless L.A. coroner who admitted in the preliminary hearing that he had not performed routine tests or checked to see whether the suspected murder weapon could have inflicted the fatal wounds.

ANSWER: Dr. Irwin Golden

26. The term refers to the use of bacteria and other microbial forms of life to clean up hazardous waste in soil or water. FTP each

A. What is this term for the use of hungry bacteria to clean up our spills?

ANSWER: Bioremediation

2. The Mega Borg accident in 1990 marked the first time that laboratory-grown bacteria were applied to an oil spill in open seas. In what body of water did the spill occur?

ANSWER: Gulf of Mexico