

Iowa Tossups

1. Originally proposed by Britain in 1898, it was opposed by the US, but in September, 1899, the U.S. changed its position, probably due to a change in the secretary of state. Modern adaptation of this policy were included in the Covenant of the League of Nations guaranteeing "equitable treatment for the commerce of all members" and in the Charter of the United Nations, which grants equal treatment in the trust territories for all members. FTP, name this policy of equality of economic opportunity, usually associated with John Hay and China.

Answer: Open Door

2. In the poem "The Mother," she gives a controversial portrait of a woman who has had an abortion, portraying the unnamed woman as a sympathetic and sorrowful mother figure. By contrast, her poem subtitled "The Pool Players. Seven at the Golden Shovel." is a sparse, grim depiction of the lives of high school dropouts. FTP, name this author of "We Real Cool" who won a Pulitzer for Annie Allen.

Answer: Gwendolyn Brooks

3. The lyrics to this song acally changed from "How will you make it on your own? This world is awfully big, girl this time you're all alone." It then became: "Who can rn the world on with her smile? Who can take a nothing day, and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile?" "You're gonna make it after all" was the catchy phrase. FTP, name this TV theme.

Answer: Love Is All Around or The Mary Tyler Moore Show

4. This phenomenon was acally replicated in the lab of Ohtsuki and Ofuruton -- constructed by using a microwave generator and waveguides. In 1990, it was confirmed to be a result of the plasma discharge caused by interference between radio waves of microwaves. Despite all of this scientific research, it still remains an eerie and surreal possibility when a thunderstorm rolls through. FTP, what is this unusual occurence where globes of electrical energy seem to hover in the air and even pursue people indoors during particularly severe weather ?

Answer: Ball Lightning

5. People didn't like the large, throbbing, red "N" so after a poll, a new design was decided upon. For a while now, it's been a nice white, capital letter N sitting on a dark green surface with multi-colored comets racing by whenever someone has clicked on a link. This is the logo of --10 points -- what extremely popular web browser?

Answer: Netscape

6. Henry Clerval, Elizabeth Lavenza, and little William are some of the many victims of his killing spree, but he begins life as a gentle spirit, learning to read from Paradise Lost and The Sorrows of Young Werther. Of course, many would say that his creator should be blamed for the multiple deaths he caused. Perhaps this is why many assume that Mary Shelley gave him the same name as his creator. FTP, name either the creation or creator.

Answer: Frankenstein's monster or Frankenstein

7. A winding gorge below it is crossed by a 650 foot road and a rail bridge stands 310 feet above the river that it holds. Its 5 main sections are: the Eastern Cataract, Rainbow Falls, Devil's Cataract, Horseshoe Falls and Main Falls and it was given the name that originally translated as "The Smoke that Thunders." For 10 points, name this 355 foot high water feature situated on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Answer: Victoria Falls

8. In the 1870's, he posited that inertia is solely attributable to the interactions of matter to the rest of the universe; hence, in isolation, matter would have no inertia. Despite this principle, he is probably best remembered for his examinations of the properties & speed of soundwaves. FTP, name this physicist.

Answer: Ernst Mach

9. During his reign, Russia won a war against the Ottoman Empire annulling the Treaty of Paris ending the Crimean War. He also brokered the sale of the Alaska to the US. Despite abolishing serfdom, he was assassinated by a bomb in 1881. FTP, name this tsar.

Answer: Alexander II

10. His final speech begins, "Soft you, a word or two before you go./ I have done the state some service, and they know't./ No more of that. I pray you, in your letters,/ When you shall these unlucky deeds relate,/ Speak of me as I am. Nothing extenuate,/ Nor set down aught in malice." Though this character dates back almost 400 years, he has been played by black actors only recently. FTP, name this character whose monologue continues, "Then you must speak/ Of one that loved not wisely, but too well."

Answer: Othello

11. It's important in the story of Noah in that it marked the number of days between the 2nd and 3rd times that Noah sent a dove to find land. It was also the number of pairs of each type of animal that was good to eat that was brought onto the ark and the number of colors seen in the sign that God sent to Noah's party after the flood to remind them that never again will a flood destroy the Earth. For 10 points, what's this lucky number?

Answer: 7 or Seven

12. The first edition had a preface by Maxwell Geismar. Published by Ramparts Press in 1967, it details the psychology of African-Americans at the time, expressing their discontent with social conditions & advocating enacting resistance through Black Panther Power. FTP, name this tome by the Dead Elephant Eldridge Cleaver.

Answer: _Soul on Ice_

13. This American was born in Detroit in 1887. After graduating as a civil engineer from Illinois, he competed at the 1912 Olympic Games. He became rich building skyscrapers in Chicago, but is best known for his service to the United States Olympic Committee, and later as President of the IOC from 1952 to 1972. FTP, name this staunch opponent of the commercialization of the Olympic Games.

Answer: Avery _Brundage_

14. He died at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, after growing up in Huntingdon, England. Elected to Parliament in 1628, he was elected to both the Short and Long Parliaments, but he sided with the Independents when the Puritans broke into two factions in the 1640s. FTP, name this leader of the Ironside Cavalry, who at the battles of Marston Moor and Naseby, defeated King Charles I.

Answer: Oliver _Cromwell_

15. Built by the architect Piermarini on the orders of the Empress Maria Theresa, it opened on August 3, 1778 with a performance of Salieri's "Europa riconosciuta". Remodeled in 1867, it enjoyed a brilliant period in the 1920s under the directorship of Arrigo Toscanini. FTP, name this Milan opera house.

Answer: _La Scala_

16. He went to the East after his failed support for Prince Li, & became known as the 'Banished Immortal.' He wrote such poetry as 'The ruin of the Ku-su Palace' and 'With a man of leisure,' which expressed Taoist sentiments, as did his poems about drinking and the moon. FTP, name this Tang poet.

Answer: _Li_ Po (or Li Bai or Li Bo)

17. Its ^{molecular} atomic mass is 19 and it can be detected in pure water when water undergoes autoionization. Serving as a Hydrogen ion acceptor, it ends up with a +1 charge and the more of it in a solution, the more acidic that solution is. For 10 points, name this ion, the basis for determination of the pH of a solution with formula H₃O

Answer: _Hydronium_ Ion (Accept H₃O before the end, do not accept pH)

18. Carrie Henn is now a 22-year old student at California State University, Stanislaus in Atwater, California. 12 years before, she made her first, last and only movie appearance playing a character whose real name was Rebecca Jordan. Surviving against impossible odds on the planet LV-426 after the rest of the terraformers on the planet had been appropriated for purposes of reproduction, Henn's character is eventually rescued by Ripley, aka, Sigourney Weaver and a bunch of cocksure Marines. FTP, she was what gritty character of the 1986 summer smash Aliens

Answer: Newt (Prompt on Aliens or on Rebecca Jordan after early buzz)

19. He got a break when his primary opponent failed to get a leave of absence from her university teaching job so that she could afford to run against him. Earlier in the year, he vowed to attack President Clinton in every speech he made, prompting Democratic members of the New Hampshire legislature to walk out on him during a joint session. FTP, name this member of the House of Representatives from Georgia.

Answer: Newton Gingrich

21. One of the diadochi, he gave himself the name "Soter", which meant "the Saviour". The royal dynasty that he founded locked horns with the Seleucids over the Gaza Strip during the second and third centuries B.C.E. Perhaps his most famous achievement was to found the Library at Alexandria. FTP, name this first of his line.

Answer: Ptolomey

22. The Excommunicate. The Lethargic. The Unabsolved. Negligent Rulers. The Proud. The Envious. The Wrathful. The Slothful. The Avaricious. The Gluttonous and The Lascivious. These are the sinners trying to make their way into Paradise by atoning in -- for 10 points -- what 2nd work of Dante's Divine Comedy?

Answer: The Purgatory or Purgatorio

23. It is located near the mysterious rock formations called 'The Olgas.' It also lies east of Kata Tjuta. FTP, name this great piece of exposed rock found in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Answer: Uluru (grudgingly accept Ayers Rock)

24. Book 10 deals with Eudoxus' theory of irrational numbers. Books 7-9 deal with number theory. The remaining of the 13 books deal with plane & solid geometry. FTP, name this work by Euclid.

Answer: Elements

25. Possibly the coolest thing about being in this 65,000+ seat structure is to witness the 103 foot, 43 ton steel and concrete replica pirate ship firing soft-rubber footballs and confetti each time the home team scores a touchdown. On September 20th, the home team scored 27 points against the Chicago Bears, doing a yo-ho-ho good job of Christening the field in the first game its ever seen. For 10 points, name this stadium, already chosen as the site for the 2001 Super Bowl and new home to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Answer: The Raymond James Stadium