

Swartmore Truth Tossups, Round 1

1. This author had a much publicized stream of disagreements with his more famous father, and while the two were said to be friendly in private, he has taken Saul Bellow and Vladimir Nabokov on as his literary fathers, writing the introduction to one recent edition of Bellow's "The Adventures of Augie March." His father won the Booker Prize in 1986, while he was only shortlisted in 1991, for "Time's Arrow." Name this contemporary British author, writer of "Money," "London Fields," and "The Information."

MARTIN AMIS (prompt on Amis)

2. The son of the admiral who conquered Jamaica for Britain and the son-in-law of a Lord Mayor of London, he was jailed in the Tower of London in 1668 and 1669 for his religious activities. He was then an especially militant Quaker, but he later became more moderate, became a friend of the king, helped to govern the colony of West Jersey, and became proprietor of the colony named in his father's honor. FTP, name this Quaker Whig whose statue stands atop Philadelphia City Hall.

William PENN

3. Several of his recent works have hidden in them figures from Mathias Gruenewald's Isenheim Altarpiece, in addition to other allusive elements. Once termed "proto-pop" art, his work ranges from the dense and complex, including his "hatch-mark" paintings of the 1970's and recent autobiographical works, to the incredible simplicity of his first paintings in the 1950s. A massive retrospective of his work is currently under way at the Museum of Modern Art. FTP, name this artist, he of the targets and flags.

Jasper JOHNS

4. Founded in 1880, this city is known for events that took place in it 12 years later. During the 1880's, the government of this steel city was known as a model of participatory, industrial democracy, but soon that reputation was overshadowed when labor unrest began. Months after a strike began at the Carnegie-owned Steel Works, Henry Clay Frick called in the Pinkertons, and on July 6, 1892, 10 people died in the fighting that resulted. FTP, name this PA city.

HOMESTEAD

5. Chemical compounds containing this functionality can be synthesized by, among other means, reduction of esters with DIBALH or oxidation of primary alcohols with PCC. They are highly reactive, and often have a characteristic odor, especially those with higher molecular masses. FTP, name this class of organic compounds, whose functional group is specified C-H-O.

aldehydes

6. Responsible for the coloration pattern and crossed eyes of Siamese cats, this genetic property results in unrelated effects coming from proteins encoded by the same gene. FTP, name this phenomenon, where a single allele has multiple effects.

pleiotropy

7. Rule seven of Chapter I of this book is "use a colon after an independent clause to introduce a list of particulars, an appositive, an amplification, or an illustrative principle." According to its more famous co-author, "in its original form, it was a forty-three page summation of the case for cleanliness, accuracy, and brevity in the use of English." Name this grammatical handbook written by William Strunk Jr. and revised by E.B. White.

The Elements of Style

8. Born in 1874, this author described writing free verse as "playing tennis with the net down." He wrote the plays *A Way Out* and *In an Art Factory*; however, he is more famous for his poetry. Name this American poet whose more famous works include *Mending Wall* and *The Road Not Taken*.

Robert FROST

9. He was Grand Admiral of the German Navy and succeeded Hitler as Fuhrer as the Russians marched on Berlin. Name this war criminal who was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in Spandau, not for refusing to rescue sinking allied ships as his indictment argued, but for his close association with Hitler and the German High Command.

Karl DOENITZ

10. Emelian Pugachëv was among many pretenders to the throne during the reign of this Russian monarch, whose succession was deemed illegitimate by many. Her reign did include significant governmental reform, large-scale expansion of Russia's borders, and the partition of Poland. For ten points, name this tsaritsa, best known today for her colorful social life (though the story about the horse isn't true.)

CATHERINE II (also accept CATHERINE THE GREAT)

11. Born in the village of Aosta (now in the Piedmont region of Italy), he entered the Benedictine monastery at Bec, in Normandy, and was made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His most famous work is the *Proslogion*, in which he advances the ontological argument for the existence of God, to which a priest named Gaunilo published "A Reply on Behalf of the Fool." For ten points, name this saint, who attempted to show that belief in God is rational.

ANSELM

12. Born in Warsaw in 1941, he entered the Lodz film school on his third attempt, graduating in 1969. He was not known to Western audiences until his "Camera Buff" of 1979, and hardly known until "No End," in 1984. By this time, though, he was known at home as an award-winning director of many documentaries. Described as a "total aesthete," he passed away last year, after he had quit making movies. Name this director of the "Decalogue," "The Double Life of Veronique",, and the trilogy consisting of "Blue," "White," and "Red."

Krzysztof Kieslowski

13. Tom Daschle once said, with reference to him, that "a Senate seat is a terrible thing to waste." First elected in 1978 after 6 years in the House, this former Rhodes Scholar was re-elected easily in 1984 but only narrowly in 1990. Between then and 1996 this South Dakota Republican worked on cable regulation reform and tried to cut PBS funding. FTP, name the only senator beaten for re-election in 1996.

Larry PRESSLER

14. According to a recent article reprinted in "Harper's," the man we know as Jack the Ripper was in fact a famous literary figure. By making anagrams out of this man's poems, the scholar determined that he had hidden clues to the murders in much of his poetry. FTP, name this photographer and mathematician, whose writings were illustrated by John Tenniel.

Lewis CARROLL

15. The only man ever to serve in three cabinet positions in one year, he resigned the third post under pressure in 1973. His political career never did take off again for this former secretary of defense and of health, education, and welfare; he lost a 1984 senate primary in Massachusetts, where he had been lieutenant governor. For ten points, name this U.S. attorney general fired by Richard Nixon in the Saturday Night Massacre.

Elliot RICHARDSON

16. Among this book's characters are a drunken ex-civil servant named Marmeladov, his saintly daughter Sonya (who follows the main character to exile in Siberia), and the police inspector Porfiry Petrovich. The plot revolves around the murder of an elderly pawnbroker and her deranged sister, by Raskolnikov, a troubled student. For ten points, name this 1866 Dostoevsky novel.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

17. "Ramon Fernandez was not intended to be anyone at all," he said in response to theories about a figure who appeared in one of his poems, insisting that the name was merely a combination of two common Spanish names. So, it is not, in fact, Ramon Fernandez the French critic to whom the narrator calls out in his "The Idea of Order at Key West." For ten points, name this poet and insurance worker, author of "To an Old Philosopher in Rome" and "The Emperor of Ice Cream."

Wallace STEVENS

18. Its goals were national independence, emancipation of the individual, and the reconstruction of Chinese society and culture. Early agitation was begun by the journal "New Youth" and the Japanese invasion, but the movement didn't really begin until 1919, when 3000 CHinese students demonstrated in Peking against the Treaty of VErsailles' China provisions. Strikes and boycotts of Japanese goods followed. FTP, name this nationalist CHinese political and intellectual movement, named for the day it began, which called for an end to traditional Chinese ethics and national independence.

MAY FOURTH movement

19. "Donatello among the Wild Beasts!" was the reaction of critic Louis Vauxcelles upon seeing a Renaissance bronze in the center of a 1905 Paris exhibition of this postimpressionist group, at whose forefront were Derain, Vlaminck, and Matisse. Name this group of artists, who put off critics with their new, free use of color and lack of standard forms, with a name meaning "Wild Beasts" in French.

FAUVES (accept Fauvism)

20. It is divided into 2 hemispheres by the longitudinal fissure, and weighs two pounds in all (about 2/3 of the brain's total weight.) For ten points, name this most continuous portion of the brain, which is made up in part of grey and white matter.

CEREBRUM

21. With the outbreak of fighting in the Rwanda-Burundi area, the refugee flow has continued; this Zairean city has seen many refugees, and is the site of most foreign reporters. FTP, name it,

GOMA

22. This theory has been largely abandoned since the discovery of the primordial background radiation. It holds that the universe has always had the same general properties and never evolved; accirding to it, matter is created continuously to maintain the universe's density as it expands. FTP, name this old rival of the big bang theory.

STEADY STATE theory

23. Three years ago he was a troubled high school senior whose friends called him Bubba Chuck. though he didn't play basketball his senior year in high school, he was considered one of the top players in the country. Name, FTP, this ex-Georgetown star selected first in last year's NBA draft.

Allen IVERSON

Swathmore Truth Boni (worth 30 points unless otherwise marked)

1. Name the country, 30-20-10

- a) The word “serendipity” is derived from one of its two previous names
- b) Sir Thomas Lipton is probably the European most responsible for incorporating this Asian island nation into the modern world economy.
- c) Its politics today includes a bitter civil war featuring the Tamil Tigers

SRI LANKA

2. Most two-term presidents make major changes in their cabinets and White House Staffs. In 1985, for instance, Ronald Reagan’s treasury secretary and chief of staff exchanged jobs. For 15 points each, name the two men.

Donald REGAN; James Addison BAKER, IV

3. (25 points) Interesting things have happened to the body parts of famous people. Answer the following questions for the stated number of points.

- a) (10) When this world leader died, his body was preserved and his brain was removed for scientific study.

LENIN (also accept: Vladimir Il’ich ULYANOV)

- b) This English novelist and poet wanted to be buried in his hometown of Stinsford, but upon his 1928 death it was decided that he would be interred in Westminster Abbey. The people of Stinsford complained, however, and a compromise was reached: the body was sent to London, but the heart was removed, sealed in a biscuit tin, and buried in Stinsford (unless the rumors are true, and a cat ate the heart before its burial.) For 15 points, name the writer.
Answer: Thomas HARDY

4. (20 points) Many people have won the Nobel Literature Prize, but the literary greatness of some of them seems rather questionable. Answer the following questions about undeserving Nobel laureates for the stated number of points:

- a) (10) This Russian was educated at universities in Moscow and Germany, majored in philosophy, and wrote some pretty good poetry, but is best known for a long boring novel which was rejected for publication in Russia. He turned down his Nobel a year before his 1960 death.

Boris PASTERNAK

- b) (10) She was the daughter of American missionaries, and authored more than 85 books. Among her novels are Dragon Seed, Imperial Woman, and the three parts of a trilogy which included Sons and A House Divided. She is now better known for her extramarital affairs (with men like Richard Walsh, her publisher and future husband) and for her chagrin at bearing a retarded child, than for most of her works.

Pearl S. BUCK

5. (30) How much do you remember about basic atomic orbitals? Answer the following for the stated number of points:

a) FTP, what are the four letters used to describe the four principle orbital types, corresponding to l values of 0 through 3? S, P, D, F

b) The letters were named after descriptions of lines in atomic spectral. FFPE, what do the letters S, P, D, and F stand for? sharp, principal, diffuse, fundamental

6. It's time for the token scientific units question. FFPE, name the unit associated with the following quantities, SI unless otherwise noted.

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| a) Electric capacitance | <u>farad</u> |
| b) Magnetic flux density | <u>tesla</u> |
| c) Activity of a radioactive source | <u>becquerel</u> |
| d) Absorbed dose of radiation | <u>gray</u> |
| e) dipole moment (non-SI) | <u>debye</u> |

7. For ten points for each correct answer, I'll give you one or two actors who starred in a movie and the year that the movie was made, and you tell me the Ernest Hemingway novel or story that was adapted and made into that movie of the same title.

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| a) Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman; 1943 | <u>For Whom the Bell Tolls</u> |
| b) Gary Cooper, Helen Hayes; 1932 | <u>A Farewell to Arms</u> |
| c) Burt Lancaster; 1946 | <u>The Killers</u> |

8. 30-20-10. Name the poet from his works:

- 30) "Give me Women, Wine, and Snuff"; "Faery Bird's Song"
- 20) "Lamia"; "La Belle Dame Sans Merci"
- 10) "Bright Star! Would I were Steadfast as Thou Art"; "Ode to a Nightingale"

John KEATS

9. 30-20-10. Name the Epic from its characters:

- 30) Lahmu; Lahamu
- 20) Apsu; Mummu
- 10) Tiamat; Marduk

ENUMA ELISH

10. For ten points each, name the state, given the names of GOP congressmen from that state who were beaten for re-election in 1996:

- a) Bill Baker, Andrea Seastrand, Bob Dornan CALIFORNIA
- b) Peter Blute, Peter Torkildsen MASSACHUSETTS
- c) Frank Cremeans, Martin Hoke OHIO

11. (20 points) Many people with well-known names were winners in the 1996 elections. FTPE, answer the following:

- a) What Oregon state senate president and frozen food entrepreneur narrowly avoided becoming the only man in U.S. history to lose 2 senate races in one year?

GORDON SMITH

- b) What congressman became the only challenger to beat an incumbent U.S. senator this year?

TIM JOHNSON

- c) Exit polls showed this Granite State Republican losing his seat to former Rep. Dick Swett, but he actually eked out a 49-46 win.

BOB SMITH

- d) What Connecticut rep and house ethics committee chair was nearly upset by teacher Charlotte Eskoff?

NANCY JOHNSON

12. Answer the following questions about German geography FTPE:

- a) In what land, or state, are the cities of Munich, Nürnberg, and Regensburg?

BAVARIA (also accept Bayern)

- b) In what region of Bavaria can Nürnberg (or Nuremberg) be found?

FRANCONIA (also accept: Franken)

- c) Nürnberg, Bamberg, and Bayreuth are located at the corners of this hilly and forested triangular region of Franconia, which -despite its name- is not a local version of a mountainous European nation.

FRANCONIAN SWITZERLAND (also accept: FRANKISCHE SCHWEITZ)

13. There are five elements that start with the letter "L." Name these elements for five points apiece and an additional five points if you can put them in order from greatest atomic number to smallest.

Lawrencium, Lead, Lutetium, Lanthanum, Lithium

14. 30-20-10. Name the author from his English translators.

30) Alexander Pope provided the most popular early 19th century translation of his works.

20) The poet John Keats was inspired by Chapman's Elizabethan translation of his works.

10) Richmond Lattimore has provided the most popular modern translations of this author's epics poems.

HOMER

15. Given the year and the book, name the Booker Prize winning author, FTP.

a) 1993, "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha"

Roddy DOYLE

b) 1974, "The Conservationist"

Nadine GORDIMER

c) 1980, "Rites of Passage"

William GOLDING

16. For five points each, name the five Russian composers known collectively as "The Five."

César CUI, Mili BALAKIREV, Modest MUSSORGSKY, Aleksander BORODIN, Nikolai RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

17. Given a film, name its chief writer FTPE:

a) The Usual Suspects

Christopher MCQUARRIE

b) Showgirls

Joe ESZTERHAS

c) True Romance

Quentin TARANTINO

18. Name the 20th Century philosopher from his work, ten points each

a) "The Analysis of Mind"

Bertrand RUSSELL

b) "Ontological Relativity and Other Essays"

Willard Van Orman QUINE

c) "Mind and the World Order"

Clarence Irving (C.I.) LEWIS

19. Answer the following questions for 15 points each.

a) If the universe is infinite, eternal, and uniformly filled with stars, the night sky should be as bright as a star (since in any direction you look, there will be a star somewhere.) This apparent paradox puzzled astronomers for several hundred years, and is named after an Austrian physician and astronomer who considered it in 1826. Name the paradox.

OLBERS' paradox

b) This famous American writer helped explain Olbers' paradox by arguing that if the world is not infinitely old, the sky will not appear bright.

Edgar Allan POE

20. In Greek mythology, Agamemnon and Clytemnestra bore four children. For 5 points each, name them.

Orestes, Iphigenia, Electra, Chrysothemis

For another ten points, name the father of Agamemnon, the founder of Mycenae's royal house and the man who first brought a curse down upon the family.

ATREUS