

BU Dick Sweat (aka Matt Bruce) Tossups – Round 6

1. The unusually cold spring and summer of 1816, marked by heavy snows in June and described as the "year without summer," were likely caused by over 30,000 cubic kilometers of debris ejected from this volcano the previous year. The ash of, FTP, what Indonesian volcano caused famine in England, France and Germany?

Answer: TAMBORA

2. O up then started our good man, An angry man was he:
"Will you kiss my wife before my een, And scad me wi pudding-bree?"
Then up and started our good wife, Gied three skips on the floor:
"Good man, you've spoken the foremost word..."
The poem ends with, FTP, what title command?

Answer: GET UP AND BAR THE DOOR (accept "Gie Up and Bar the Door")

3. His last words were, "I expect to see you all in heaven, both white and black." Born along Waxhaw Creek in South Carolina in 1767, he passed the bar by age 20, and married Rachel Donelson Robards. His 1817 invasion of Spanish Florida followed up heroism at the Battle of New Orleans. FTP, name this seventh U.S. President.

Answer: Andrew JACKSON

4. It lasts only as long as all the chromosomes remain lined up along the equator. The centrioles have divided in two, and each is attached to one of the two corresponding chromosomes. FTP, name this second stage of mitosis.

Answer: METAPHASE

5. This political party has dropped its old anthem, which proclaimed that "the Yankee is the enemy of humanity," in favor of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." No word on whether any tunes by The Clash were in the running. Daniel Ortega still heads, FTP, what Nicaraguan group?

Answer: SANDINISTA Front

6. Boomed at the Academy Awards each time one of its nine nominations came up, it was shut out by "How Green Was My Valley." In one scene, Bernstein remembers a girl in a white dress: "She didn't see me at all, but I'll bet a month hasn't gone by since, that I haven't thought of the girl." FTP, what Orson Welles flick featured the mystery of "rosebud"?

Answer: CITIZEN KANE

7. He attended the same high school as Marcus Allen. He played under George Allen at Long Beach State, but transferred to Georgia after the Long Beach program disbanded. If he can control his migraine headaches, he is on pace to rush for over 1,700 yards. FTP, name this Denver Bronco.

Answer: Terrell DAVIS

8. He won the Panathenian prize for tragedy 13 times, several more than any other Greek author. He is credited with the addition of a second actor, which gave us the innovation of dialogue. FTP, what playwrights three most famous works comprise the Orestia?

Answer: AESCHYLUS

9. It was completed and orchestrated in 1867 but, because of Balakirev's disapproval, never performed in the composer's lifetime. It was to be included in the 1880 opera Sorochintsy Fair with its beautiful close, in which a village bell tolls dawn and disperses the evil sprites. FTP, name this Modest Moussorgsky work.

Answer: Saint John's NIGHT ON the BARE MOUNTAIN (accept "Night on Bald Mountain")

10. Founded on March 1, 1871, it lasted just eleven weeks. While the occupying Prussians watched, soldiers loyal to Louis Adolph Thiers indiscriminately slaughtered their unarmed countrymen, putting an end to, FTP, what radical consortium?

Answer: PARIS COMMUNE

(Note: The Third Republic, founded February 16, 1871, lasted much longer than eleven weeks!)

11. This 20th century composer, born in Germany, pioneered Gebrauchsmusik (Gay-brach-moo-seeek), or the style of writing music for a specific application, such as newsreels. FTP Name this composer whose music was banned by the Nazis in 1934.

Answer: Paul Hindemith (Hin-da-mith)

12. According to Hesiod, this Greek goddess owes her origins to Kronos, who cut off his father Ouranos' genitals with an adamant sickle. From the severed immortal flesh arose a white foam within which she grew. FTP, name this Greek goddess of love and desire.

Answer: APHRODITE

13. September 23 marked a homecoming of sorts for this Oklahoma woman, only weeks after her rendezvous with the Russians, but months after her feet last touched the ground. FTP, who spent more consecutive days in space than any other American?

Answer: Shannon LUCID

14. This five-syllable adjective describes finite automata in which, for every state and every character input, there is at most one possible transition. Wondering whether it also applied to our universe, Laplace hypothesized an all-knowing being that could predict the future. FTP, what word can simply mean the opposite of "random"?

Answer: DETERMINISTIC (accept forms of the word within reason)

15. "They went into the house together, leaving the Divide behind them, under the evening star. Fortunate country, that is one day to receive hearts like Alexandra's into its bosom, to give them out again in the yellow wheat, in the rustling corn, in the shining eyes of youth." So ends, FTP, what Willa Cather book?

Answer: O PIONEERS!

16. John Russell Young, Archibald MacLeish, L. Quincy Mumford and James Billington have all headed a part of the legislative branch that currently employs about five thousand people, which works out to just over two thousand books per person. FTP, name this entity.

Answer: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

17. In 1302 he issued the "Unam Sanctam," claiming that he was superior to all Christian rulers. Later that year, Guillaume de Nogaret, henchman of Philip IV, penetrated his bedroom, took him prisoner, and tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to resign. FTP, name this pope.

Answer: BONIFACE the EIGHTH (VIII) (prompt on "Boniface")

18. This city's main attraction, the Biltmore House, is a monument to the Vanderbilt family. Thomas Wolfe grew up here, and now thousands of retirees each year move either here or to nearby Brevard. FTP, what North Carolina town's minor league baseball team is the Tourists?

Answer: ASHVILLE

19. A change in temperature or pressure will cause a change in the rates of evaporation or condensation, but after time the rates of evaporation and condensation will be the same. FTP, what principle holds that a "stress" on a system in equilibrium will cause a shift to a new equilibrium?

Answer: LE CHATELIER's Principle

20. He has tried to have Robert Dornan committed to a mental hospital. He has started his own militia. He has made campaign contributions on behalf of such groups as "Pedophiles for Free Trade." FTP, what Emmy-winning host of TV Nation is best known for directing Roger and Me?

Answer: Michael MOORE

21. A contract; capital; a strikeout; or an absolute temperature reading. FAQTP, what letter of the alphabet can stand for each of these?

Answer: K

22. Diggory Venn, the reddleman, loves Tamsin Yeobright. Tamsin Yeobright loves the innkeeper, Damon Wildeve. Damon Wildeve jilts Tamsin at the altar for the captain's daughter, Eustachia Vye, who in turn marries Tamsin's brother, the title character. FTP, name this Thomas Hardy novel.

Answer: The RETURN OF THE NATIVE

23. She does not regret calling pro-lifers "fetus lovers." She believes that drug dealers should not be imprisoned, and that prostitutes should receive free birth control, but that the best sex of all, masturbation, "is normal - it alleviates stress, it prevents disease." FTP, name this former Clinton administration official.

Answer: Joycelyn ELDERS

24. Howard Hughes and Richard Daley died. Patty Hearst was convicted of armed robbery. Tip O'Neill replaced Carl Albert as Speaker of the House. All the President's Men won the Academy Award for best picture. Ronald Reagan campaigned unsuccessfully for president. FTP, in what year?

Answer: 1976

BU Dick Sweat (aka Matt Bruce) Bonuses (Boners?) – Round 6

1. For 30 points if exact, 25 points if within five years, 15 points if within ten years, or 5 points if within fifteen years, in what year did the Hundred Years' War end?

Answer: 1453

(25 points: 1448-1458; 15 points: 1443-1463; 5 points: 1438-1468)

2. Give these economic terms FTPE:

1. A good for which an increase in income leads to a decrease in demand.

Answer: INFERIOR good

2. The effect by which a decrease in price of one good leads to decreased demand for another good.

Answer: SUBSTITUTION effect

3. A box in which the utility of different allocations of n goods to n people can be mapped.

Answer: EDGEWORTH Box

3. Name these lovers of Zeus FTPE and their children F5PE. You must give each pair when prompted, but you get points for each part of the pair.

1. When Zeus appeared before her in full glory, she was incinerated, but not before Zeus took the newly formed fetus of this god of wine and crops out of her and sewed it into his own thigh.

Answers: SEMELE (10 points) and DIONYSUS (5 points)

2. Her father locked her in a tower because her son was fated to kill him, but Zeus managed to sleep with her anyway, and the son fulfilled the prophecy.

Answers: DANAE (10 points) and PERSEUS (5 points)

4. F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote in "The Crack-Up" that "the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function." This statement embodies, F15PE, what two-word phrase first coined by what Romantic poet?

Answers: NEGATIVE CAPABILITY; John KEATS

6. Tupac Shakur, rest in peace.

1. He died while riding in the car with the head of a gangsta rap record label. FTPE, name the label and the 300-pound former NFL Lineman who heads it.

Answer: DEATH ROW Records; Suge KNIGHT

2. According to The American Spectator, Suge Knight lives next door to, FTP, what Las Vegas legend?

Answer: Wayne NEWTON

7. Name these miscellaneous German geographical features FTPE:

1. This river runs through Trier and much of Germany's wine country.

Answer: MOSELLE

2. FTPE, the two regions, once claimed by Denmark, that now serve as one hyphenated northern state.

Answer: SCHLESWIG and HOLSTEIN

3. The birthplace of Beethoven, this city was the capital of West Germany.

Answer: BONN

8. Name these political bit players FTPE.

1. Bob Dole's former chief of staff, now headed for Harvard's Kennedy School.

Answer: Sheila BURKE

2. Newt Gingrich's press secretary.

Answer: Tony BLANKLEY

3. The moderator of the Hartford debate, a former news anchor on PBS.

Answer: Jim LEHRER

9. FTPE, name the Spanish painter from his work.

1. Burial of Count Orgaz

Answer: EL GRECO (accept "Domenicos Theotocopoulos")

2. The Naked Maja

Answer: Francisco Jose de GOYA

3. The Maids of Honor

Answer: Diego Rodriguez de Silva y VELAZQUEZ

10. In baseball, only four men - two pitchers, an infielder, and a manager - have had their numbers retired by two or more teams. FTPE, name any three of them.

Answers: Rod CAREW; Rollie FINGERS; Nolan RYAN; Casey STENGEL

11. Given a historical event, name the 20th Century Egyptian leader involved FTPE and the year FTPE; you must give both answers when prompted.

1. Suez Canal Crisis.

Answer: Gamal Abdel NASSER (5 points) and 1956 (10 points)

2. Assassination.

Answer: Anwar SADAT (5 points) and 1981 (10 points)

12. FTPE, what three books comprise John Dos Passos' USA trilogy?

Answers: The 42nd Parallel; 1919; and The Big Money

13. FTPE, name these common organic functional groups from their chemical formulae.

1. NH₂

Answer: AMINO

2. CH₃

Answer: METHYL

3. CHO

Answer: ALDEHYDE (do not accept "Alcohol!")

14. (30 points) Many old time golfers know that a spoon is a three-wood and brassie a two-wood. For ten points each what is:

- a. a niblick? A nine iron
- b. a feathery? A: golf ball made out of goose feathers and leather.
- c. a mashie? A. five iron

15. (30 points) Originally a trading route between China and Europe, the famed Silk Road is becoming a modern day tourist attraction. Starting in Baghdad and traveling towards China, name, in any order, the current countries that you would pass through to reach China. (5 points each, do not include China)

Answer: Iraq, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia, and Tadzhikistan

16. Name these 1996 Summer Olympians F15PE.

1. This swimmer won four gold medals despite her severe asthma.

Answer: Amy VANDYKEN

2. Sharing her first name with the previous answer, this obscure member of the women's gymnastics team grew up in San Jose and will compete for Stanford University.

Answer: Amy CHOW

17. "Every craft and every investigation, and likewise every action and decision, seems to aim at some good; hence the good has been described as that at which everything aims."

1. This quote begins, FTPE, what work by what Greek philosopher?

Answer: Nicomachean ETHICS; by ARISTOTLE

2. For a final ten points, Aristotle was born in 384 BC in what Macedonian town?

Answer: STAGIRA

18. In 862, prince Ratislav made a treaty, thanks to which two monks were sent to his country. These two brothers needed to invent a new alphabet to translate the Bible into the Slavic tongue.

1. FTPE, name the empire from which the monks came and the land over which Ratislav ruled.

Answers: BYZANTINE Empire; MORAVIA

2. F5PE, name two brethren monks.

Answers: CYRIL and METHODIUS

19. "Why, then, can one desire too much of a good thing?" One of Shakespeare's bawdiest puns is spoken by a woman dressed as the young man Ganymede, in turn pretending to be herself, to train her beloved in courtship. FTPE, name the play, the speaker, and the lover to whom the line is spoken. Answers: AS YOU LIKE IT; ROSALIND; and ORLANDO

20. Name the actor, 30-20-10.

(30) Born in Los Angeles on August 8, 1937, his early credits were as a Broadway actor.

(20) First nominated for an Academy Award in 1967, he didn't win until 1979 for his role in Kramer vs. Kramer.

(10) His more popular films have included The Graduate, Rainman, and Death of a Salesman.

Answer: Dustin HOFFMAN

21. Their first and last names both start with "G", and they both made the National League playoffs this year, one with the Dodgers and one with Saint Louis. FTPE, name these aging infielders, and the American League team on which they won the World Series in 1987 and 1991.

Answer: Greg GAGNE and Gary GAETTI; Minnesota TWINS

22. FTPE name the author from the work.

1. Dragon's Teeth

Answer: Upton SINCLAIR

2. The Executioner's Song

Answer: Norman MAILER

3. The Emperor Jones

Answer: Eugene O'NEILL

23. F15PE, given the orchestra, name its current director.

1. The Boston Pops

Answer: Keith LOCKHART

2. The Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields

Answer: Sir Neville MARRINER

24. They probably weren't Joachim and Vyacheslav to each other, but they were cordial enough to cosign their namesake non-aggression pact on behalf of their countries. F15PE, name these important figures in the events leading to World War Two.

Answers: Joachim von RIBBENTROP and Vyacheslav MOLOTOV