

Game One

Round One

There are ten questions in this round; each is worth ten points. Please, no conferring. And please wait for recognition from the moderator before answering. Good luck to both teams!

1. After the 1997 season, the LA Dodgers' pitching coach Dave Wallace resigned and took a job with the New York Mets. To replace him, the Dodgers promoted which pitching coach from their own minor-league farm system * ?

(Glenn "Goose" Gregson--15 points)

2. This American writer of the nineteenth century was a close friend of Herman Melville. He wrote many short stories, including "Wakefield," * "Rappaccini's Daughter," and "Young Goodman Brown." Identify this author, who wrote the novel, The House of Seven Gables.

(Nathaniel Hawthorne)

3. Multiple-choice math question: According to a useful theorem in Euclidean Geometry, two vertical angles are always: (a) complementary, (b) obtuse, (c) supplementary, (d) congruent, or (e) parallel?

(d) congruent

4. An old Chinese saying states that doctors from this region of China practice medicine on no scientific basis, yet these doctors can cure many strange illnesses. * For decades, this region of China has become independent. What is this large, landlocked nation with the capital Ulan Bator?

(Mongolia)

5. "It has been a splendid little war" * was the comment made by Secretary of State John Hay after the ratification of the Treaty of Paris on February 6, 1899. Exactly, to what war was Hay referring?

(the Spanish-American War)

6. In the mythological story of Hero and Leander, Leander tried to swim across a river that separated the two ill-fated lovers. Leander perished, and Hero committed suicide. What was this river.

(the Hellespont)

7. Early in 1997, he was suspected of having an affair with his family's fourteen-year-old nanny. * Just a few months ago, in a ski accident on the slopes of Aspen, Colorado, he hit a tree and died on New Year's Eve. Who was this son of an assassinated Senator?

(Michael Kennedy--first name is necessary)

8. Batteries made from compounds containing this metal can outlast the Energizer Bunny, any day. What is the lightest metal on the periodic table?

(lithium)

9. Applying the theory of evolution, what small, furry animal with a complete set of teeth was the first animal to become omnivorous * ?

(the tree shrew--15 points)

10. Named after a Roman Emperor and completed in 122 AD, what is this famous, fortified landmark in northern Britain?

(Hadrian's Wall)

Round Two

Please choose from these four categories: European Capitals, Plays and Playwrights, LA Dodgers' Rookies of the Year, 1998 Oscars Trivia.

— European Capitals

Please identify the country from the given capitals. Ten points each.

1. Brussels (Belgium)
2. Bern (Switzerland)
3. Tirana (Albania)
4. Lisbon (Portugal)
5. Nicosia (Cyprus)

— Plays and Playwrights

Please identify the playwright of the following plays. Ten points each.

1. Love's Labor Lost (William Shakespeare)
2. Our Town (Thornton Wilder)
3. A Raisin in the Sun (Lorraine Hansberry)
4. Man and Superman (George Bernard Shaw)
5. Three Tall Women (Edward Albee)

— LA Dodgers' Rookies of the Year

Please answer the following questions. Ten points each.

1. He was the second-baseman who won the Rookie of the Year honors in 1969. Who is he?
(Ted Sizemore)
2. He was a right-handed pitcher who finished his career playing with the Oakland Athletics. He won the only game against the Dodgers for the A's in the 1988 World Series. Who is he?
(Bobby Welch)
3. Since the Dodgers released him, this southpaw screwball pitcher has played for the Angels, the Padres, and the Cardinals. He once pitched a no-hitter against the Cardinals at Dodgers Stadium. Who is he?
(Fernando Valenzuela)
4. Despite his injury earlier in the season, he was named the Rookie of the Year for 1996. But in 1997, he was briefly sent down to the minor leagues. Who is he?
(Todd Hollandsworth)
5. This right-handed pitcher swung the bat pretty well, hitting a couple of home runs in his career. He finished his career playing for the Baltimore Orioles, years after winning the Rookie of the Year Award in 1979. Who is he?
(Rick Sutcliffe)

— This Year's Oscars

There are two questions in this category. The first one is worth 20 points and the second one is worth 30 points. There is a "bounce back" opportunity for the other team to answer for half credit after the team answers incorrectly.

1. This British actress trained in the Shakespearean theatre starred in the last two James Bond movies as M. This year, she is nominated Best Actress for her portrayal of Queen Victoria in the wonderful BBC film, Mrs. Brown. Unfortunately, she did not win. Who is she?
(Dame Judi Dench)
2. Which category's nominations include Alaska: Spirit of the Wild, Daughter of the Bride, Amazon, Still Kicking: The Fabulous Palm, and Springs Follies?
(Best Documentary "Short Subject"—prompt: Best Documentary)

Round Three

There will be twenty toss-up questions, worth twenty points each. Please, again, no conferring. And wait until recognition before answering. Good luck.

1. This ancient Roman poet wrote in a unique, extremely-detailed style. He told the love story of Pyramus and Thisbe. * He also told the story of Arachne the weaver and other stories in his most famous work, The Metamorphoses. Who was he?
(Ovid)
2. Speleology is the scientific study and exploration of what natural formations?
(caves)
3. A religion in this country is Ch'ondokyo, which combines elements of Buddhism and Christianity. * Identify this peninsular Asian country whose currency is the Won.
(Korea—accept: North or South)
4. Used as a solvent, this colorless liquid is derived from petroleum. It is also known as cleaners' naphtha. What is this chemical?
(benzine—not benzene)
5. He numbered his first nine symphonies. Since he's superstitious, he did not number his next symphony. He thought that, since Beethoven wrote only nine symphonies, he would die if he wrote ten. * Identify this late Romantic composer of *Das Lied von der Erde*, "The Song of the Earth," which was technically his tenth symphony.
(Gustav Mahler)
6. The "black box" found in airplanes has a paradoxical name; it is not black. A "black box" has what color, the same color you get when you mix yellow with red?
(orange—accept: bright orange)
7. In the 1996 movie, Beautiful Thing, many songs were sung by this singer. Her voice range was augmented after being hit on the head by a metal pipe. * She was the lead singer of the California group, The Mamas and the Papas, and she supposedly died choking on a sandwich. Who was she?
(Mama Cass—accept: Cass Elliot)
8. According to an old idiom, people from this state are stubborn. * Nicknamed the "Show Me State," this state contains such landmarks as the George Washington Carver National Monument, the Ozark National Scenic Riverway, and the Gateway Arch. What is this state?
(Missouri—the old saying is "I'm from Missouri")
9. On February 5, 1985, the mayors of Rome and Carthage met in Tunis to sign a treaty of friendship. This was over two-thousand years after the end of what war in 146 BC?
(The "Third" Punic War—prompt: Punic War)
10. This planet in our solar system is shrouded by a bright, irregularly-shaped cloud known as the "Scooter." Frozen hydrocarbon gases like methane give this planet its * aqua-blue color, resembling the ocean. Name this planet, currently the farthest from the sun.
(Neptune)
11. It is not necessary to be a Laplander to answer this multiple-choice question on European geography: Which one of the following five countries borders Russia? (a) Iceland, (b) Sweden, (c) Nepal, (d) Denmark, or (e) Norway?
(e) Norway)

12. You must give a complete answer to this question: Surprisingly, Northwestern University conferred an honorary degree on a wooden dummy that belonged to * ventriloquist Edgar Bergen. What were the first and last names of that dummy?

(Charlie McCarthy)

13. Book Four of this autobiographical text begins with the line, "During the space of those nine years, from the nineteenth to the twenty-eighth year of my life, I was led astray myself and led others astray in my turn." Identify this * 388 AD work by Saint Augustine of Hippo.

(Confessions)

14. The function of this large muscle in the human body is to rotate and flex the arm toward the axis. * It originates on the inner half of the clavicle, sternum, and upper rectus sheath. Identify this muscle, which defines the human chest.

(pectoralis major)

15. In 1950, the author Edgar Rice Burroughs died in this city in Southern California. * It was named after the legendary hero created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. What is this city?

(Tarzana—named after Tarzan)

16. He died in Beverly Hills, California. This composer of the Late Romantic period wrote four piano concertos, * the third of which is a difficult show-piece. Pianists who have played this composer's concerto include Van Cliburn, Martha Argerich, and David Helfgott. Name this Russian composer of Piano Concerto No. 3 in d-minor.

(Sergei Rachmaninoff)

17. The dictionary defines this Spanish word as the past participle form of the verb, "to hang." * However, it is also a slang term to describe people who are "nuts" or "out-there." What is this Spanish word?

(colgado or colgada)

18. Writer C.S. Lewis, artist Pablo Picasso, President Richard Nixon, and ex-President John Quincy Adams are four of the many * roles taken by this versatile British actor. Name this screen actor, who won an Oscar for playing a man-eating doctor.

(Sir Anthony Hopkins)

19. And speaking of Anthony Hopkins, in the 1997 movie, The Edge, he and co-star Alec Baldwin are being chased by a bear, * who is also a professionally-trained actor. This bear also appeared in the movie, Legends of the Fall. He made a brief appearance in this year's Oscars. Name this bear.

(Bart)

20. Before dying in 1899, this early Impressionist painter from France created such works as "The Canal," "Floods at Marly," and "Boating During the Flood." He is best remembered for the painting "Snow at Louveciennes [loove-SIEN]." Name him *.

(Alfred Sisley--30 points)