

Game Five

Round One

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

1. Which contemporary science-fiction writer wrote the novels The Illustrated Man * , Something Wicked, This Way Comes, Martian Chronicles, and Dandelion Wine?

(Ray Bradbury)

2. Math question, 10 seconds, listen carefully: What is the spread of the following set of six numbers?

4, 7, 23, 1, 6, and 95.

(94)

3. This fear is felt by many Southern California city dwellers driving through the Mojave Desert on the way to Las Vegas. What is this fear of vast, open spaces?

(agoraphobia)

4. "He is the man, behind the man, behind the man." "Hold on! Voltaire." "Vegas, baby! Vegas!" *

These are three of the lines from what 1996 comedy film, starring Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn?

(Swingers)

5. In 1997, this minor league baseball first / third-baseman of the Albuquerque Dukes was named the minor league player of the year. Early in the 1998 season, he played first base for the LA Dodgers due to the injury of Eric Karros. Who is he?

(Paul Konerko)

6. In chemistry, what is another name for the London Dispersion Force that bonds atoms together?

(Van der Waals Force)

7. Her most recent novel, The Short History of a Prince, tells the coming-of-age story of Walter, a gay ballet dancer who goes back to the Midwest and becomes a high-school English teacher. This author's two previous novels are A Map of the World and The Book of Ruth. Who is she * ?

(Jane Hamilton--15 points!)

8. This island contains Mount Etna * and is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. Name it.

(Sicily)

9. She grew up in Compton, California and played against * Martina Hingis [HING-gus] in the 1997 US Open Finals. Who is this Black tennis player with a powerful 120 miles-per-hour serve?

(Venus Williams)

10. At a tapas bar in Spain, if you ordered *las aceitunas*, what did you just order?

(olives)

Round Two

Please choose from these four categories: American Treaties, Music Compositions, Short Stories, and Spanish Words and Phrases.

— American Treaties

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 treaty was signed between the US and Spain in 1795. It guaranteed the US navigation of the Mississippi River and the right of deposit at New Orleans. Name it.
(Pinckney Treaty)
2. This treaty was signed between the US and Spain in 1819. It ceded Florida to the US and set up the forty-second parallel as the boundary between Mexico and Oregon country. Name it.
(Adams-Onís Treaty)

— Music Compositions

Please identify the composer of the following music compositions. Ten points each.

1. "Mikrokosmos" (Béla Bartók)
2. "Brandenburg Concertos" (Johann Sebastian Bach)
3. "The Planets" (Gustave Holst)
4. "The Coronation Concerto" (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
5. "Winterwind Étude" (Frédéric Chopin)

— Short Stories

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. In "Paul's Case," by Willa Cather, what is the last thing Paul does in order to remove himself from misery? Hint: Willa Cather made an intertextual allusion to Anna Karenina.
(he jumps in front of a running train)
2. Mr. Hooper, the title character of a Nathaniel Hawthorne short story, is the clergyman wearing what distinctive, colorful article of clothing?
(a black veil--from "The Minister's Black Veil")

— Spanish Words and Phrases

Please translate the following into English. Ten points each.

1. Un día muy apretado (a very busy day)
2. Un mal deje [DAY-hay] (a bad accent OR a bad aftertaste)
3. Un ejército [eh-HAIR-si-to] (an army)
4. Las lágrimas (tears)
5. Estilo terso (polished OR fluent style)

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. Derived from the word *spago*, this Italian word means "little chord." What is this popular food, which, arguably, was brought back from China by Marco Polo?
(spaghetti)
2. In the name of England's King Henry VII, this explorer of Italian descent * sought the Northwest Passage. Who was he?
(John Cabot)
3. "Semper Fidelis" is the motto of the US Marines. What does "Semper Fidelis" mean?
("always faithful"--accept anything similar)
4. In The Adventure of the Empty House, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, what partner of Professor Moriarty is described by Dr. Watson as "the second most dangerous man in London"?
(Colonel Sebastian Moran)
5. She won an Oscar for her role as Gloria Wandrous in the 1960 movie, Battlefield 8. * She later won another Oscar for her role as Martha in the 1966 movie, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. Name her.
(Elizabeth Taylor)
6. This US President's term of office was marked by a lack of opposing parties; * thus his term became known as "The Era of Good Feelings." Name this fifth President.
(James Monroe)
7. Bellerophon's beloved equine, Pegasus, sprung from the blood of what monster, slain by Perseus?
(Medusa--prompt: the Gorgon)
8. He wrote the biography J.S. Bach. * He was an Alsatian-born doctor, musician, and missionary who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952. He established a hospital in Lambarene, Gabon. Name him.
(Albert Schweitzer)
7. The MacKenzie River is its longest river. * The Logan Mountain is its highest peak. Identify this sparsely-populated nation whose latest coin contains an image of a polar bear.
(Canada)
8. [read this question SLOWLY] According to the conventions of standard music, what type of a seventh chord is formed by adding a major third above a diminished triad in root position * ?
(half-diminished seventh chord [this question is worth 30 points])
9. In 1997, for the fourth year in a row, what NBC sitcom won the Emmy for best comedy series?
("Frasier")
10. He was a rebel, a non-conformist, and a student expelled from Oxford in 1811. Before dying at age 30, he left England permanently. He wrote the tragic play The Cenci [CHEN-chi] * and the poem "Ode to the West Wind." Identify this Romantic poet, whose second wife was also a famous writer.
(Percy Bysshe Shelley)
11. Despite its continuing objection to the republic's use of the name of a northern Greek province, with which former Yugoslav republic has Greece agreed to end its economic blockade in 1995?
(Macedonia)

12. During a Christmas season in the past a woman named Rachel received a ghastly gift from a famous artist. * The gift was a severed right ear that the artist had cut off from himself. Who was that artist?
(Vincent Van Gogh--prompt on an early buzz: ear)

13. The real-life Queen Supayalat of Burma ordered the execution of one-hundred relatives of her husband, King Thibaw. Supayalat and Thibaw became the subjects of what Rudyard Kipling work * ?
(The Road to Mandalay--30 points)

14. In April, 1998, Daniele Malpeli was fined \$1,000 for this offense. However, New York City Parks Commissioner Henry Stern offered to waive the fine if Malpeli would apologize for his offense. What did Malpeli do wrong?
(He chained his bike to a tree--he hugged the tree to express apology)

15. This New York literary circle of the nineteenth century included writers * Washington Irving and James Fenimore Cooper. This group's name became the name of a professional sport team. Name the group.
(the Knickerbockers)

16. This 1903 treaty contains the names of two persons, one of which was the US Secretary of State who dispatched the Open Door Notes to China. Name this treaty * that gave the US control "in perpetuity" of the Panama Canal.
(the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty--accept: the Hay-Bunau Treaty)

17. Math question, 10 seconds, listen carefully: If a turtle crawls 10 meters due north, then 5 meters due east, and then 22 meters due south, what is the turtle's net displacement in meters?
(13)

18. She once served as a spy for England. This writer, who arguably wrote the first novel ever written, was born in Surinam. She is best remembered for her comedy-of-manners drama "The Rover" and her short novel Oroonoko. Name her *.
(Aphra Behn--30 points)

19. This planet is not dense at all; in fact, if placed in water, this planet would float. * Of the 61 sizable satellites in our solar system, 18 belong to this planet, making it the planet with the most identifiable moons. What is this second-largest planet, the sixth planet from the sun?
(Saturn)

20. He once said that the Vietnam War was immoral, and he lost his job soon after that. He's a business genius of * Ford Motor Company who became Secretary of Defense in John F. Kennedy's cabinet. He was asked to resign for his anti-war comments during the Vietnam War. Name him.
(Robert McNamara)