

Game Ten

Round One

Each toss-up question in this round is worth ten points. Please, no conferring. And please wait until recognition from the moderator before answering. Good luck!

1. Nicknamed "The Plant Wizard," * this American horticulturist has a city named after him in Southern California. Who was he?
(Luther Burbank)
2. What kind of a chemical bond is the sharing of a pair of electrons?
(covalent bond)
3. In it, you can find works by Diego Velasquez and El Greco, among others. What is Spain's national museum of painting and sculpture?
(El Museo de Prado)
4. The dried bark from a South American evergreen provides the cure for a serious disease.* Identify this tree, whose name is the same as the cure for malaria.
(quinine)
5. Which American poet once wrote, "Music is the universal language of mankind"?
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
6. The female of what fish stores her eggs in an abdominal pouch on the male?
(sea horse)
7. Two-part question; no partial credit. The Snake River forms a partial border between which two states?
(Idaho and Montana)
8. Charged with corrupting the youth of Athens, Socrates was condemned to death by drinking a poison made from what European water plant?
(the water hemlock—accept: hemlock)
9. Urichiro Nakaya pioneered in the artificial creation of what * ?
(snow—15 points!)
10. He once said, "A book is a sneeze." * His most famous book tells the story between a smart pig and an old spider. Identify this author, whose name's initials stand for Elwyn Brooks.
(E.B. White—the author of Charlotte's Web)

Round Two

Please choose from these four categories: Contemporary Movies, Philosophers and Their Works, Characters of Plays, and Vitamins.

— Contemporary Movies

There are two questions in this category. The first is worth twenty points; the second, thirty. There is a "bounce back" opportunity for the other team to answer for half credit. Good luck.

1. This talented writer has written a number of quality screenplays, including The Untouchables, Hoffa, and The Edge. This year, he received an Oscar nomination for co-writing the screenplay, Wag the Dog. His most recent film, The Spanish Prisoner, is a mystery thriller starring Campbell Scott. Who is he?
(David Mamet)
2. This talented director has his own movie company: Ego Films. He is an Egyptian-Canadian filmmaker whose credits include Exotica and the 1997 film The Sweet Hereafter, for which he was nominated for best director. He recently collaborated with cellist Yo-Yo Ma in his movies. Who is he?
(Atom Egoyan)

— Philosophers and Their Works

For ten points a piece, identify the philosophers who wrote the following.

1. "The Way of Truth" and "The Way of Seeming" (Parmenides)
2. "Treatise on Human Knowledge" (David Hume [HEWM])
3. "The Philosophy of Right" (G.W.F. Hegel [HAY-gul])
4. "The Open Society and Its Enemies" (Karl Popper)
5. "Questions Concerning Technology" (Martin Heidegger)

— Characters of Plays

There are two questions in this category. The first is worth twenty points; the second, thirty. There is a "bounce back" opportunity for the other team to answer for half credit. Good luck.

1. The two lesser-known characters of this Samuel Beckett play are Pozzo and Lucky. Name this very famous "tragicomedy in two acts."
(Waiting for Godot)
2. Some of the main characters in this Henri Ibsen play are George Tesman, Mrs. Elvsted, and Judge Brack. The title character is a flaming, voluptuous woman. Name this play, which has appeared in previous AP English Literature Exams.
(Hedda Gabler)

— Vitamins

Answer the following questions for ten points a piece.

1. The source of which vitamin can be the exposure to sunlight? (D)
2. What vitamin can take the form of retinol? (A)
3. What vitamin is another name for niacin? (B-3)
4. What vitamin is another name for pyridoxene? (B-6)
5. What vitamin is essential for blood-clotting? (K)

Round Three

There are twenty toss-up questions, worth twenty points each. Please, again, no conferring, and please wait for recognition before answering. Good luck.

1. He once worked for the band of Coleman Hawkins, but he moved on to many smaller bands. * "Well You Needn't" and "I Mean You" are two of this black American jazz pianist's compositions. He is Bill Clinton's favorite jazz musician and the subject of the film Straight No Chaser. Name him.
(Thelonius Monk)

2. She was the beautiful daughter of Hecuba and Priam and the half-sister of Aeneas. Her beauty attracted Apollo, who made advances to her. But when she rejected Apollo's advances, he gave her * a cursed gift. She foretold the fall of Troy, to the scorn of others. Who was she?
(Cassandra)

3. The most common type of these plant hormones is beta-indolylacetic acid. * These hormones are responsible for normal growth, phototropism, and geotropism. Name them.
(auxins)

4. This animal is a relative of the lungfish. * It is thought to be extinct for 70 million years. However, it surprised scientists in 1938 when it was caught in the Indian Ocean off the southern coast of Africa. Name this fish.
(the coelacanth [SEE-luh-CANTH]—accept: the latimeria)

5. Frank Sturgis, Bernard Barker, James McCord, Virgilio Gonzales, and Eugenio Martinez were all arrested on June 17, 1972 for * burglary. They broke into an office-hotel complex in Washington DC. Name this complex.
(The Watergate Hotel)

6. The Hunt for Red October, Patriot Games, and Clear and Present Danger are three movies based on the novels of the same titles, written by which popular American author?
(Tom Clancy)

7. It is also called "The Age of Reptiles." * It is an era marked by numerous crises and extinctions. It was a transition from primitive life to modern life, and so its name has the root word for "middle." Name this era.
(the Mesozoic Era)

8. Constance Reid marries Sir Clifford, but, unhappy with her paraplegic husband, Constance turns to Sir Clifford's game-keeper, Mellors, for company. * This is the basic plot of which D. H. Lawrence novel?
(Lady Chatterly's Lover—prompt on an early buzz: D.H. Lawrence)

9. Two-part question; no partial credit. The flags of Indonesia and Monaco are similar in that they are both composed of two rectangles one on top of another; however, the color of the two rectangles are flipped between the two flags. What two colors are found on the flags of Indonesia and Monaco?
(red and white)

10. A massive storm helped Japan ward off Kubla Khan's invasion in 1281. The Japanese people call this storm * "divine wind," the same as the special group of Japanese jet fighters centuries later in World War II. Identify this group of jet fighters known to commit suicidal crashes.
(kamikaze)

11. What are those plastic things found at the end of shoelaces * ?
(aglets--30 points!)

12. In the winter of 1992, the Rijksmuseum of the Netherlands paid 9.5 million dollars for the painting * "Portrait of Johannes Vyttenbogaert." Identify that painting's artist, appropriately a Dutch himself.
(Rembrandt—accept: Rembrandt van Rijn)

13. When its college football team plays at home, the packed stadium becomes the state's third largest city by population. * Identify the state in which the Cornhuskers play.
(Nebraska)

14. Hank Dutt, John Sherba, David Harrington, and Joan Jean-Renaud * comprise this music group whose repertoire ranges from medieval music to music by Jimi Hendrix. This excellent group is known for the premiere performances of music by Steve Reich and Philip Glass. Name this quartet.
(The Kronos Quartet)

15. The US Chief Executive has the power to reject a proposed bill without signing anything. * If the President retains a bill for less than ten days, and Congress adjourns within that time, then the bill is automatically rejected. What is the common name for this type of veto?
(pocket veto)

16. One of the most poisonous animals known to man, the sea wasp has a deadly bite. It has tentacles up to thirty feet long. What kind of an animal is a sea wasp?
(a jellyfish)

17. He was born in Scotland to a poor family of weavers. * When he came to the US, he worked as private secretary to Thomas Scott of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He then worked his way up and owned a 480 million dollar business that he later sold to J.P. Morgan. Identify this millionaire of the Industrial Revolution who was the top man in the steel industry.
(Andrew Carnegie)

18. This planet of our solar system has a very slow axis rotation. The sun rises and sets every 42 earth years! * Scientists have discovered nine rings and fifteen moons for this planet, the seventh planet from the sun. What is this planet, discovered by William Herschel in 1781?
(Uranus)

19. This term in economics applies when the increase of prices exceeds the rate of 50% per month. It is a condition when money practically loses all of its value, and barter becomes the method of business. What is this economics term?
(hyperinflation)

20. Thought to be fronted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, * these people were named after a widow who led the Irish anti-landlord agitators in the 1840's. They terrorized parts of Pennsylvania and formed a secret organization of anthracite coal miners. Who were they?
(the Molly Maguires)