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L1. As the novel begins, the central character, a 44-year old former sportswriter, has just finished showing some clients a potential home. He then travels up to Connecticut to his ex-wife's house to collect his son Paul for several trips to various sports halls of fame. The character of Frank Bascombe in a way represents everyman. Set on the Fourth of July weekend in 1988—for 10 points—identify this Pulitzer Prize winning novel of Richard Ford that shares its name with a Will Smith summer blockbuster.

answer: Independence Day

L2. In a complete nonsequitor, this film begins with the solemn announcement that it is "respectfully dedicated to the memory of Mr. Elias Howe who in 1846 invented the sewing machine." A surreal parody of gimmicky James Bond-type thrillers, this 1965 Richard Lester comedy features bloodthirsty Hindus running around the world pursuing a sacrificial ring that has become stuck on a musician's finger. For 10 points—name this second feature film starring the Beatles.

answer: Help!

L3. Some time before George Bush played first base for Yale, this U.S. president, a third baseman, had also been on the Yale team. As chief executive he made six appointments to the Supreme Court, more than any other one-term president. When naming Edward White as Chief Justice he commented that "the one place in the government which I would have liked to fill myself I am forced to give to another." For 10 points—what president who preferred being a judge ultimately succeeded White as Chief Justice?

answer: William Howard Taft

L4. After spending three years studying under architect Erik Asplund, he came to the U.S. where he studied under Alvar Aalto. Among his famous designs is the National Assembly building in Kuwait which was completed in 1983. However, this man is most famous for a problematic design begun in 1953. After his sail-shaped towers were redesigned at a lower angle—for 10 points—what architect resigned from the project he had begun, the Sydney Opera House?

answer: Jorn Utzon

L5. Considered the most important indoleamine, it is an organic compound of formula  $C_{10}H_{12}N_2O$ . It is formed from tryptophan and is found in animal and human tissue, particularly in the gastric mucous membranes and the blood serum, which led to its name. Like acetylcholine it works in transmitting the nervous impulse between nerve cells, though it is primarily active in stimulation of smooth muscle. For 10 points—identify this neurotransmitter linked to suicide and OCD.

answer: serotonin

L6. Astronaut Scott Carpenter, actors Lon Chaney and Douglas Fairbanks, conductor Paul Whiteman, and boxer Jack Dempsey. All were born in this state, as were Dalton Trumbo, Mamie Doud Eisenhower, the "unsinkable" Molly Brown, and Byron "Whizzer" White. For 10 points—what state whose official flower is the Rocky Mountain Columbine owes its nickname to the year of its admission to the union in 1876?

answer: Colorado (the "Centennial" state)

L7. In 1988, following the expiration of copyright, a unique Act of Parliament restored royalty income from all versions of this play to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the institution to which the author donated all rights in 1929, a quarter century after its first performance. For 10 points—name the children's classic subtitled "The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up."

answer: Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up

L8. This agreement officially abandoned the old formula "of whom the region, of him the religion," meaning that subjects of a prince who switched religions no longer were compelled to change their own faith. The result of concurrent negotiations at Osnabrück and Münster, it rewarded the Dutch, French, and Swedes at the expense of the Habsburgs and the Holy Roman Empire. For 10 points—what 1648 settlement ended the Thirty Years War?

answer: Peace of (or Treaty of) Westphalia

L9. His best selling works were the two publications *Psychology of Learning* and *The Measurement of Intelligence*. As a result of studying animal intelligence, he formulated his famous "law of effect," which states that a given behavior is learned by trial-and-error, and is more likely to occur if its consequences are satisfying. For 10 points—name this American psychologist who devised a series of wooden crates that required various combinations of latches and levers to open them.

answer: Edward Lee Thorndike

L10. Her parents might have been the sea deities Phorcys and Ceto, but most accounts list her mother as Callirrhoe, the daughter of Oceanus, and her father as Chrysaor, the son of Medusa. She had an incestuous and bestial relationship with Orthus, one of her children. In addition she also sired the dragons of the Hesperides and of the Golden Fleece, as well as the goatlike Chimera, the Nemean lion, Cerberus, and the Sphinx. For 10 points—name this monster of Greek myth and wife of Typhon.

answer: Echidna

L11. When this man taught at the University of Zurich, Einstein was in several of his courses, and he remarked that "the boy seemed sleepy and inattentive." His most original achievement was his "geometry of numbers," which led to his work on convex bodies and packing problems. For 10 points—identify this German mathematician who laid the mathematical foundation for the theory of relativity by coupling space and time together in a four-dimensional "space-time continuum."

answer: Hermann Minkowski

L12. Its executive director, Richard Tafel, has authored the 1999 book *Party Crasher*, which is part memoir, part political statement in support of inclusiveness. The organization was slapped down by the standard-bearer of its own party in 1996, when Bob Dole refused its \$1,000 campaign donation. For 10 points—what organization of gay Republicans takes its name from the birthplace of the first Republican president?

answer: Log Cabin Republican Club

L13. A 20-game loser for the Orioles in 1954, he was traded to a better team in the off-season. In 1959 he was traded again, to the Athletics along with Hank Bauer, Norm Siebern and Marv Throneberry, in exchange for Roger Maris and two others. Like David Wells four decades later, he attended San Diego's Point Loma High. Also like Wells, he pitched a perfect game for the Yankees. For 10 points—name this pitcher whose perfecto came in the 1956 World Series.

answer: Don Larsen

L14. Beginning as a Civil War volunteer, he rose to succeed John M. Schofield in 1895 as commanding general of the United States Army. In 1894, he headed troops sent to Chicago in the wake of the Pullman Strike, and he went on to command the U.S. expedition to Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War. But he is probably best-remembered for earlier service in the Indian Wars. For 10 points—name this general who accepted the surrenders of both Chief Joseph and Geronimo, the namesake of a Montana city on the Yellowstone River.

answer: Nelson Appleton Miles (namesake of Miles City, Montana)

L15. Situated on the outskirts of the Paris suburb of Montparnasse, it attracted such poets as Max Jacob and Guillaume Apollinaire, in addition to artists such as Jean Metzinger, Fernand Leger, and Marc Chagall. In the early 20th century it was abuzz with creativity as the center of avant-garde activity in France. For 10 points—name this settlement, known in French as *La Ruche*, and sharing its name with the state symbol of Utah.

answer: The Beehive (accept early "La Ruche")

L16. Its Fifth Act, set 15 years after the first four, ends with the death of the title character. The first four acts, all set in the year 1640, bear the titles "A Performance at the Hôtel de Bourgogne," "The Bakery of the Poets," "Roxane's Kiss," and "The Cadets of Gascoyne." For 10 points—what verse drama first performed in 1897 concerns a swashbuckling love poet with an enormous nose?

answer: Cyrano de Bergerac, by Edmond Rostand

L17. Though Muslims constitute less than one percent of its population, in 1973 its longtime president converted to Islam and changed his name to Omar. A part of French Equatorial Africa from 1910 to 1957, its town of Lambaréné was the site of Albert Schweitzer's famous hospital. For 10 points—what African country bordering Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, and the Republic of the Congo has as its only large cities the ports of Port-Gentil and Libreville?

answer: Gabon or Gabonese Republic or République Gabonaise

L18. This most common bacterium in the Enterobacter family is vital for the proper uptake and manufacture of Vitamin K and B-complex vitamins. Its most famous type might be the K12 strain which has been completely mapped. Currently there are four recognized virulent strains of it collectively referred to as the EEC group. For 10 points—identify this not usually harmful bacteria that resides in the human gut.

answer: Escherichia coli

L19. Half-German, he greatly admired Frederick the Great, and when the death of his aunt Elizabeth gave him the throne he immediately ended Russian participation in the military coalition against Prussia. He also paraded his Lutheranism and insulted the Orthodox Church—but what really assured that his reign would be short was the ambition of his wife and her liaison with Grigory Orlov of the imperial guard. For 10 points—what czar of Russia was deposed in 1762 by his not-so-great wife Catherine?

answer: Peter III

L20. He wrote in his autobiography, "As nearly as I can get at the facts, I was born in the year 1858 or 1859. At the time I came into the world no careful registry of births of people of my complexion was kept. My birthplace was near Hale's Ford, in Franklin County, Virginia." Chapter 14 of the same work consists of his 1895 "Atlanta Exposition Address," articulating a viewpoint much criticized by W.E.B. DuBois. For 10 points—name this author of the 1901 autobiography *Up From Slavery*.

answer: Booker T(aliaferro) Washington

L21. He gets free bar drinks from his friend John. An old man sitting next to him is making love to his tonic and gin. He's working at nine o'clock on a Saturday when the regular crowd shuffles in. They request him to sing them a song and sing it tonight. For 10 points—identify this instrument-playing title character of a Billy Joel song.

answer: The Piano Man

L22. A simple demonstration of this chemical law can be seen by placing a balloon over an empty bottle and then placing the bottle over the heat source, which will cause the balloon to expand. It can be stated mathematically as  $V$  over  $T$  equals  $K$ , where  $V$ ,  $T$ , and  $K$  are volume, temperature, and a constant, respectively. For 10 points—identify this gas law that states that, assuming constant pressure, volume and temperature are directly proportional.

answer: Charles' law (accept Gay-Lussac's law)

L23. Its unique smell comes from a trace amount of perfume and from the one percent admixture of kerosene added to keep it from sticking to hands and clothing. Mostly, however, it is nothing but wheat flour mixed with tap water, and there's little chance that a child would eat enough of it to cause harm. For 10 points—name this modeling compound marketed for kids by Hasbro.

answer: Play-Doh

L24. Though it appeared in Mesopotamian pictorial arts, it first surfaced in writing as the gentle *ch'i-lin* in China. Certain poetical passages of the Old Testament refer to an animal called a *re'em* which is identified with this animal. The earliest description in Greek literature was by Ctesias, who called it, at first, the Indian wild ass. However—for 10 points—what mythical animal is most often identified with the medieval tradition that it could be captured only by a virgin maid?

answer: unicorn