

1. It begins with a sacrifice to the local earth god, T'u-ti kung. 12 or 13 days later, the god Tsao-chun is feted with sweets, and he will then make a report on the family to Yu-huang Shang-ti. The central event is traditionally observed on the second new moon after the winter solstice. Four days later, Tsao-chun returns to the family hearth. FTP, name this month-long celebration that includes fireworks, a Lantern Festival, and dragon dances.

CHINESE NEW YEAR or equivalents

2. Cory Kupkus on "My Two Dads." Mitchell on "Blossom." Joey Burke on "The Commish." Tony Kingston on "Walker, Texas Ranger." Skinner Buckley on "Davis Rules." Jeff Billings on "The Wonder Years." Irwin Wade in "Saving Private Ryan." Frank Buffay, Jr. on "Friends." Pete in "The Mod Squad." FTP name this actor who can be seen in these roles and as Kip Raines in "Gone in 60 Seconds."

Giovanni RIBISI

3. Their center of worship is south of Nablus, and in the 8th century BC, the name of their capital was extended to the entire province. Their name means "keepers" or "observers," in reference to their creed that demands devotion to the law; as well as faith in God, Moses, and Mt. Gerazim. Along with their devotion to Mt. Gerazim, they are set apart from other Jews by their continued sacrifice of a Passover lamb. FTP name this religious group, one of whom in Luke 10, came to the aid of a beaten man.

SAMARITANS or SHOMERIM or SHAMERIM

4. They can form in nematic, smectic, and cholesteric phases. Forming when thermal energy increases, yet the molecules do not have room to properly melt, only 5% of organic compounds exhibit this behavior. In practical use, the nematic type is contained in cells which are polarized according to an electric field. FTP, name this state that occurs when molecules retain order after the lattice breaks and is utilized in your geeky calculator watch.

LIQUID CRYSTAL

5. An ethereal sky looms over an arid landscape, and the view is from the north, as one would see the city as if approaching from the country's modern-day capital. The city's buildings rise out of the hills, and are no doubt being used for sword-making and the Inquisition. It was painted in the artist's last period along with such works as Adoration and Pentecost. FTP, name this El Greco painting that sounds like a photo of Peruvian presidential candidate Alejandro.

VIEW OF TOLEDO

6. The character of Austin Stoneman is patterned after Thaddeus Stevens. Stoneman's children include Elsie, Phil, and Tod. The two boys become friends with the Cameron family, Southern plantation owners. The film follows the lives of these two families from the antebellum period to the end of reconstruction. Lauded today for its technical mastery, it showed Southern blacks as lustful and dangerous and KKK members as heroes. FTP name this 1915 D.W. Griffith work.

The BIRTH OF A NATION

7. In a famous speech, he said "I do not shrink from this responsibility-- I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light out country and all who serve it -- and the glow from that fire can truly light our world." FTP name the speaker who in his inaugural address went on to urge Americans to ask what they can do for their country.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, JFK, JOHN KENNEDY, JACK KENNEDY

8. "I set her on my pacing steed/ And nothing else saw all day long, / For sidelong would she bend and sing/ A faery's song. She found me roots of relish sweet,/ And honwy wild, and manna dew,/ And sure in language strange she said 'I love thee true.'" She ails a Knight at arms whom the narrator finds "Alone and palely loitering." FTP name this title character of a John Keats work.

La BELLE DAME SANS MERCI (prompt on translations)

9. Since 1450 it has been used to cast metal type for printing presses because its volume increases upon freezing. This metal is brittle, a poor conductor, and is found as impurities in lead and copper ores. Its low and specific melting point makes this element and its alloys useful in fire detectors. Located between lead and polonium, FTP name number 83 on the periodic table.

BISMUTH or Bi

10. The subjects are gathered at the Golden Shovel. They sing sin, jazz June, strike straight, thin gin, and lurk late. Written in 1960 by the first African-American poet to win a Pulitzer for poetry, it tells the tale of youths who left school and die soon. FTP name this 8-line poem by Gwendolyn Brooks.

WE REAL COOL

11. The search began at the end of the 19th century. Scientist could not isolate the thing responsible for hoof-and-mouth disease. Wendell Stanley tried to purify one form, and when the preparation precipitated in crystals, he concluded that it was a chemical, and not alive. They are segments of DNA or RNA wrapped in protein and can only reproduce within other living organisms. FTP name these things that cause polio and the flu.

VIRUS or VIRUSES

12. It consists of six episodes, all played on a bare stage. As it begins, Harry Fatt is trying to persuade taxi drivers to not strike. Flashback scenes show incidents in the lives of the strikers. Joe needs to feed his kids. Sid wants to marry Florence, and all the drivers anticipate the coming of the title character. When they find out he is dead, they turn militant and the play is over. FTP, name this proletarian drama by Clifford Odets.

WAITING FOR LEFTY

13. One can have as few as 32 atoms and were first identified in an experiment in which a laser vaporized graphite. That was in 1985, since then they have been found in nature as a result of lightning strikes. They can be used to produce thin diamond films or as superconductors; and include molecules where all atoms of one element are arranged in a closed sphere. FTP name this class of carbon molecules, the most common of which is C₆₀.

FULLERENES (do not accept buckminsterfullerenes)

14. The publication of *Odas Elementales* marked a departure from his earlier work. "Odas" contains poems on artichokes, onions, socks, and dictionaries. His earlier works like *Residencia en la Tierra* and *Tentativa del Hombre Infinito* reflect his experiences as an isolated diplomat serving in Asian capitals from 1927-32. In 1932 he travelled to Barcelona and Madrid as a diplomat where he met vanguardistas like Federico Garcia Lorca and embraced the republican cause against fascism. Born Ricardo Neftali' Reyes Basoalto, FTP name this Chilean author of *Canto General*.

Pablo NERUDA (prompt on pseudonym)

15. His original plan divided his work into 6 classes: abstract relations, space, matter, intellect, volition, and affections. Each of those classes were divided into sections; those for space are general, dimensions, form, and motion. Matter is divided into general, organic and inorganic. His work was carried on by his son and grandson. Although he was a physician,

he is better known for his work as a lexicographer. FTP name this author of 1852's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases.

Peter Mark ROGET

16. Organized in 1947 to take over a function of an organization dissolved in 1943 as a gesture of support for the allied war effort. Its purpose was to coordinate the exchange of information between communist parties in Europe. It was administered by the Soviet Union until its disbanding in 1956. FTP give the abbreviated name for the Communist Information Bureau.

COMINFORM (accept Communist Information Bureau before it is said)

17. His father was Oranyan the founder of Oyo, and his grandfather was Oduduwa, the progenitor of his peoples. A sorcerer as well as a monarch, his followers believe he ascended into heaven as an orisha. His cult was brought to the Americas when his priests and priestesses were taken as slaves, and he is revered today in the Carribean basin with feasting, songs, and dances. FTP name this Yoruban spirit of thunder, lightning, and force and past visitor to the WWF.

SHANGO or XANGO (accept "Papa Shango")

18. Its highest peak is Black Mesa and its lowest point is at Little River. Its official tree is the redbud and its name means "red people" through a corruption of two Choctaw words. When it was opened for homesteading on April 22, 1889, many settlers entered the territory before 12:00 PM. It has the largest Native American population of any US state. It became the 46th state in 1907. FTP name this home of the Joads and Hanson.

OKLAHOMA

19. ~~A composer of symphonies, soncertos, shamber music, choral works, yet no operas. His rigorous studies of 16th, 17th, and 18th century works helped him reconcile some of the conflict between lyricism and classicism. His conservative style set him apart from the dramatic romantic styles of Liszt and Wagner. Among his best known works are his 4 symphonies, Violin Concerto in d, and Ein deutsches Requiem. FTP name this German, a close friend of Schumann.~~

Johannes BRAHMS

20. His father, a Swiss German emigrant, was a morphine-addicted Pharmacist in Quetzaltenango. He entered the Escuela Politecnica in 1932, and in 1944 resigned his military post in protest to the rule of General Ponce, who succeeded Jorge Ubico as president. He organized the elections that put Juan Jose Arevalo in power in December of 1944, and was himself elected president in 1950. His Decree 900 attempted radical land reform, most notably by taking lands from the United Fruit Company. FTP name this Guatemalan president who was overthrown by Castillo Armas and the CIA in 1954.

Jacobo ARBENZ Guzman

21. He served as state treasurer of Missouri from 1862 to 65 and became state adjutant general in 1875. He campaigned for Henry Clay in the election of 1844, but his painted banners could not swing enough votes for Clay, so he turned to painting scenes that documented Jacksonian America. Often his friends served as models for card playing, dancing, and conversation scenes. FTP name this painter of Raftsmen Playing Cards and Fur Traders Descending the Missouri.

George Caleb BINGHAM

Boni by Mike Ose

1. Given a shameless piece of state-promotion you might hear at a convention this summer, name the state that is giving its delegate's votes to the next president of the United States.

A. From the peaks of Mt. Frissell to the beautiful breasts of our state bird the American Robin, the Nutmeg State gives all of its votes to the next president, Ralph Nader.

ans: CONNECTICUT

B. Our state motto says it all: "The Union." We have the great union between the western meadowlark and the douglas fir. We have the union between our nearly 100,000 sq mi and nearly 3 million people. The Hard-Case State, The Webfoot State, The 33rd State give all of its votes to Pat Buchanan.

ans: OREGON

C. Whether you're sniffing a wild prairie rose beneath an american elm at our lowest point near the Red River or sniffing something else near White Butte, our highest point, the Flickertail State give all of its votes to Uncle Duke.

ans: NORTH DAKOTA

2. Given a description of a painting, give the artist, FTPA.

A. It looks like three peasant women searching for a lost contact lens. I don't know why they call it "The Gleaners."

Ans: Jean Francois MILLET

B. This guy's self portrait shows a disembodied head on a field of red and yellow. He's got a mustache and there are some apples behind him. I like his pictures of Tahitian girls much better.

Ans: Paul GAUGUIN

C. So these two brothers are trying to pick up these sisters, literally pick them up. But it looks like they're too heavy. It's called "Castor and Pollux Seizing the Daughters of Leucippus."

Ans: Peter Paul RUBENS

3. Take a letter: (moderator, read slow) Eosinophil, Erythrocyte, Macrophage, T Cell, Plasma Cell, Mast Cell, Platelets.

Now, given the function, name the cell responsible for FTPA.

A. Its lifespan is unknown, it serves as a defense against parasites.

ans: EOSINOPHIL

B. This type of cell includes the inducer, cytotoxic, and suppressor varieties.

ans: T Cell

C. It is a biochemical factory devoted to the production of antibodies directed against specific foreign antigens.

ans: PLASMA Cell

4. Identify these poems from lines F15PA, F5 if you need an author.

A. But oh, good Lord, the verse you make,/ It gives a chap the bellyache./ The cow, the old cow, she is dead; It sleeps well, the horned head...

For 5, A.E. Housman

Ans: "Terence, This Is Stupid Stuff..."

- B. Then naked & white, all their bags left behind,
They rise upon clouds, and sport in the wind.
And the Angel told Tom, if he'd be a good boy,
He have God for his father, & never want joy

For 5, William Blake

Ans: The CHIMNEY SWEEPER

5. Identify these Middle-Eastern leaders FTPA.

- A. He was responsible for the building of the Aswan Dam and the nationalization of the Suez Canal that led to an invasion by Britain, France, and Israel. FTP name this first president of the republic of Egypt.

ans: Gamal Abdal NASSER

- B. A former anti-British terrorist with the Irgun group, he led the Herut party in government before becoming Prime Minister of his country in 1977 with a coalition party. FTP name him.

ans: Menachem BEGIN

- C. He was the defense minister before leading the 1970 coup that made him the Lion of Damascus. FTP name this recently deceased Syrian.

ans: Hafez al ASSAD

6. Identify these diseases of the eye FTSNOP.

- A. For 5, this is caused by the increase of fluid and/or a blockage of the draining canal leading to intraocular pressure that affects the optic nerve.

ans: GLAUCOMA

- B. For 10, this is caused by the inflammation of the sebaceous gland in the eyelid.

ans: STYE or HORDEOLUM

- C. For 15, a blind spot appears in your vision due to excessive use of alcohol or tobacco, or overexposure to light. It is usually accompanied by a migraine.

ans: SCOTOMA

7. Name the author from works, 30-20-10

- A. For 30, Aurora Dawn, The City Boy
B. For 20, Marjorie Morningstar, The Caine Mutiny
C. For 10, The Winds of War

Ans: Herman WOUK

8. Identify these Latin American female writers from clues, FTPA.

- A. Born in Mexico City in 1925, her collection of poems "Poesia no eres tu" and her novels Balun Canan and Oficio de Tinieblas are her best known works. She died in Tel Aviv in 1974.

Ans: Rosario CASTELLANOS

- B. Born in Paris, she moved to Mexico City in 1942. Along with novels like De Noche Vienes and Tinisima are her true stories about the student protests in Mexico during the 1960s.

Ans: Elena PONIATOWSKA

C. Born in Buenos Aires, her works were critical of the military regimes that ruled Latin America in the 1970s. Among her works are *El Gato Eficaz* and *Donde Viven las Aguilas*.

Ans: Luisa VALENZUELA

9. Answer these questions about the TV show *Unhappily Ever After* FTSNOP.

A. For 5, he voiced Mr. Floppy, the stuffed rabbit that only Jack can talk to.

Ans: Bobcat GOLDTHWAIT

B. For 10, Justin Berfield, who played Ross is now playing big brother to a FOX network title character on this show.

Ans: MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE

C. For 15, what real life starlet was the perennial lust object for Mr. Floppy.

Ans: Drew BARRYMORE

10. "Dude, this geography shit will get you so high..." Name any 3 of the six next highest mountains after mighty Everest, you'll get 5 points for 1, 15 for 2, and 30 for 3. Hint: all except for one are in the Himalayas. Himalayas. Him-a-layas. You ever notice how funny that word sounds?

Ans: K-2, Kanchenjunga, Lhotse, Makalu, Dhaulagiri I, Manaslu

11. Identify the poem from lines, 30-20-10.

A. How many weeping eyes I made to pine with woe,
How many sighing hearts, I have no skill to show;

B. And said, "Fine dame, since that you be so coy,
I will so pluck your plumes that you shall say no more,

C. Go, go, go seek some otherwhere! Importune me no more!

Ans: WHEN I WAS FAIR AND YOUNG (by Elizabeth I)

12. David Lloyd-George, Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher...we all have our favourite Tory PMs, but how much do you know about Labourites in power in Great Britain?

A. First, for 5, his Labour government of post-war Britain set up the "cradle-to-grave" welfare state that Tony Blair is busy dismantling today.

ans: Clement Richard ATTLEE, 1st Earl

B. For 10, he was the first Labour PM, first in 1924 and then again from 1929 to 35, though the last 4 years he presided over a national government.

ans: J. Ramsay MACDONALD

C. For 15, he was PM from 1964-70 and again from 1974-76, but did he win a war or was he best friends with Reagan? No, so nobody cares.

ans: Harold WILSON or LORD WILSON OF RIEVAULX

13. Answer these questions about Holy Men FTPA.

A. First, In Tibetan Buddhism, the incarnate lama, or Karma-pa, wears this, it was woven from the hair of 100,000 dakinis.

Ans: BLACK HAT or BLACK CROWN or ZHVA-NAG

B. This is the only Taoist priest who can perform funerals and ceremonies dealing with the underworld. This practice of differentiating priests is prevalent in Taiwan and the Fukien province.

Ans: BLACK HEAD or TAO-SHIH

C. This was an African-American Jewish sect originating in Chicago in the 1960s. They advocated migration to the homeland.

Ans: BLACK ISRAELITES or ORIGINAL HEBREW ISRAELITE NATION

14. YOU WILL ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT A GERMAN NOW.

A. His most famous poems include The Gods of Greece and The Artists, both long didactic poems. FTP name this German who was a historian by trade.

Ans: Johann Christoph Friedrich von SCHILLER

B. Second, Schiller and Goethe brought fame to this city as a center of art and learning.

Ans: Weimar

C. Schiller's early plays like Don Carlos and The Robbers were written in this style that preceded German Romanticism. This style took its name from a play by Max Klinger.

Ans: STURM UND DRANG (prompt on "storm and stress")

15. Answer these questions about the spectral classification system of stars FTPA.

A. First, how many main classes were stars originally divided into.

ans: SEVEN or 7 (o,b,a,f,g,k,m)

B. In 1924, R, N, S, and W were added to the original 7. Which of these new classes indicate the hottest type of star that shines with a steady light.

ans: W

C. Arabic numerals signify hot or cold, but what do roman numerals signify?

ans: LUMINOSITY or INTRINSIC INTENSITY

16. Name the opera from characters, 30-20-10

A. For 30, Mariandel, Valzacchi

B. For 20, The Marschallin, Herr von Faninal

C. For 10, Count Octavian Rofrano, Baron Ochs

Ans: Der ROSENKAVALIER

17. Answer these questions about that scourge of the 1980s...Nicaraguans, FTPA.

This 1916 treaty was named for the signees, the US Sec'y of State and the patriarch of a powerful Nicaraguan family. It gave the US exclusive rights to build a canal in Nicaragua, even though there already was one in Panama.

BRYAN-CHAMORRO Treaty

He was shot by Anastasio Somoza's goons after newly-elected president Juan Sacasa held a farewell dinner for him following peace negotiations in Managua.

Augusto Cesar SANDINO (do not accept "sandinista")

This president of Nicaragua gave up power to Violeta Chamorro after his defeat in the 1990 elections.

Daniel ORTEGA Saavedra

18. Answer these questions about solutions FTPA.

A. When the vapor pressure of the solvent plotted against its mole fraction approaches being a straight line, the solution is said to be this.

ans: IDEAL solution

B. Ideal solutions follow this law named for a French chemist.

ans: Francois Marie RAOULT'S Law

C. Raoult's Law explains 4 properties of dilute solutions know by this name.

ans: COLLIGATIVE properties

19. Do you subscribe to that new-fangled theory of plate tectonics? Show off your pretty-boy, fancy-pants book-learnin' by answering these questions FTPA.

A. Of southwest, southeast, northwest, or northeast; which way is the African plate heading?

ans: SOUTHWEST

B. Of N, S, E, OR W, where will all those Olympians in Sydney this summer be heading?

ans: NORTH

C. And finally, in 50 million years, will South America be West America, East America, Less South America or Souther America?

ans: SOUTHER AMERICA or SOUTH

20. Given a definition, identify these religious terms, FTPA.

A. Promulgated by the Quaker Robert Barclay in his Apology for the True Christian Religion, this two word term is the certitude of knowledge and confidence in the Holy Spirit that negates the need for external church authority.

Ans: INNER LIGHT

B. It is the sacred force that adheres to a holy man in popular Islam. It comes from Arabic for "blessing;" it can be passed through touching, breathing, or spitting.

Ans: BARAKA

C. This is the small Shinto shrine found in many traditional Japanese homes where amulets representing gods and deities can be found. The name means "divinity shelf" or "God shelf."

Ans: KAMIDANA

21. Answer these questions about Franklin Roosevelt's first 100 days FTSNOP.

A. For 5, March 12, 1933 was the first of these made by FDR. Sixty million people heard and the next morning banks peacefully opened in the 12 Federal Reserve Bank Cities.

ans: FIRESIDE CHAT (do not prompt on "radio address" or the like)

B. For 10, this bill, passed on May 12, was in sharp contrast to the McNary-Haugen bill of the 1920s that attempted to solve the same problem.

ans: AAA or AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT (not administration, it was a BILL)

C. For 15, this bill was passed in June and the agency created would help refinance 1 in 5 mortgaged urban privat dwellings.

ans: HOLA or HOME OWNER'S LOAN ACT (not corporation, I asked for a bill)