

1. Currently led by Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry and President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who was elected by the Great Council of Chiefs, it consists of over 800 islands and islets in the southwestern Pacific which surround the Koro Sea. Principal islands include Taveuni, Kadavu, Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. It became independent in 1970 and the next year joined the five-island South Pacific Forum. FTP, identify this nation whose capital is Suva
Answer: FIJI

2. X-rays have uncovered the fact that the artist shifted the position of the six figures several times before settling on the final composition. The result, a superb harmony of light, color, movement, time and pose has few rivals in the history of painting. The air of surprise conveyed in this work was greatly enhanced by the artist's decision to portray the group as being viewed at a sharp angle from below. FTP, identify this 1662 work on display at the Rijksmuseum depicting a board of directors going over the books of the corporation and all apparently taking notice of the entrance of someone into their room.
Answer: The Syndics of the Clothmakers Guild (or Hall) or The Syndics of the Drapers Guild (or Hall) or The Staalmeesters

3. Exiled to the Caucasuses by Alexander I for his connection to the Decembrist revolutionaries, he has been rumored to have been half black and half white and the grandson of a Haitian Naval Officer. Before his death in a duel over a woman, he was able to establish himself as one of Russia's literary giants. FTP, name this poet and playwright, author of Prisoner of the Caucasuses, Boris Godunov, and Eugene Onegin.
ANSWER: Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin

4. While the bulk of this epic was likely written in the 3rd century BC, its beginning and ending were probably written later. The title character is a prince and the seventh reincarnation of the god Vishnu. He slays the evil demon king Ravana with the help of the monkey general Hanuman in order to rescue his beloved Sita. FTP, name this epic believed to be written by the poet Valmiki in Sanskrit.
ANSWER: the Ramayana

5. Philip Lenard won the Nobel Prize for discovering this in 1905. That same year, a far more famous physicist, who would win the Nobel Prize in 1921, published a paper explaining it in terms of the quantum interaction of atoms and light rays. FTP, name this effect, in which ultraviolet light that shines on an object above a certain frequency threshold causes negatively charged rays to leave the object's surface.
ANSWER: photoelectric effect

6. Because he could not afford the training, this man left behind his dreams of a medical career, turned to the clergy, and was ordained in 1961 as an Anglican parish priest. After studying in London, he returned to his homeland and served as the dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg in 1975. FTP, name this man, who spoke out for the rights of black South Africans and became the first black archbishop of Cape Town.
ANSWER: Desmond Mpilo Tutu

7. Failing to get separate statehood for his home region, this man tried to negotiate its annexation in to Canada. However, he is better known for leading the group that captured a fort at Ticonderoga, New York, in 1775. For ten points identify the leader of the Green Mountain boys who did not live to see Vermont's statehood.
Answer: Ethan Allen

8. He was expelled from Yale in his junior year for a prank. The 11th of 12 children, he worked in the Navy, agriculture, politics and even the Westchester Militia. He found his niche as writer, though. After the success of his early novel The Spy, he went on to produce books like The Pioneers, The Deerslayer and the rest of the Leatherstocking Tales. FTP, name the author of The Last of the Mohicans
ANSWER: James Fenimore Cooper

9. The few scientifically confirmed examples of these compounds include dried blister beetle remains and the bark of the African yohimbe tree. Powdered rhinoceros horn, fish and various vegetables are also supposed examples of these helpful substances. Henry Kissinger said that power was the ultimate one. FTP, identify the term that designates substances meant to enhance sexual arousal and performance.
ANSWER: aphrodisiacs

10. The Swedish chemist Carl Wilhelm Scheele first demonstrated its existence in 1778. At Scheele's suggestion, Peter Jacob Hjelm, another Swedish chemist, successfully isolated the metal in 1782 and named it after the Greek word for lead. FTP, name this corrosion-resistant element with seven stable isotopes and chemical symbol Mo.

ANSWER: Molybdenum

11. In the United States, about a sixth of it is associated with transportation. Calculated by multiplying the quantity of each individual type of product by its market price, many criticize this measurement as an inaccurate indicator of economic health and progress. FTP, name this quantity, the sum of the consumption, investment, government purchases, and net exports that a nation's population produces inside and outside of its borders.

Answer: Gross National Product or GNP (~~DNA~~: GDP or Gross Domestic Product) "
Do accept, only. int. "and outside"

12. Desperate to escape from Yonville, this woman cheated on her dull doctor husband with wealthy landowner Rodolphe Boulanger and lawyer Lon Dupuis. Her luxurious tastes plunge her into bankruptcy and she commits suicide by ingesting poison. As a result of these exploits, her story has constantly been banned by less forgiving civic authorities. FTP, name this notorious title character of a Gustave Flaubert novel.

ANSWER: Madame (or Emma) Bovary

13. The life of this man remains shrouded in mystery. His ancestry- i.e., whether he was black or a mixed African- and Native-American-- is still heavily debated. A monument honoring him was erected in 1888 in the Boston Common. He is forever immortalized for his part in an incident that occurred on March 5, 1770. FTP, name this man, a runaway slave, and the first casualty of the Boston Massacre.

ANSWER: Crispus Attucks

14. Originally written in French, this play featured unusual set design by famous Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti and use of clown imagery to reflect the nature of the human predicament. Meant to be seen in performance instead of read, this play moves on as the main characters, Vladimir and Estragon, endure absurdity and abuse but no significant changes happen in the plot. FTP, Name this 1953 existentialist drama by Samuel Beckett.

ANSWER: Waiting for Godot

15. In the upper regions of mathematics, it is given the term "orthogonal." Two vectors form this if their dot product is zero. It can only occur once in a triangle, and only three times in a pentagon. In physics, it is the angle between a line and another line "normal" to it. FTP, name this phenomenon, that is also one half of an angle formed by two supplementary ones.

Answer: Right Angle (also accept perpendicular lines, or 90o angle)

16. Joseph Kerman referred to it as "that shabby little shockers' and historian Susan Nicassio recently published a book about its historical inaccuracies. Audiences, though, have loved it chiefly for the music in such arias as "Vissi d'Arte" and the human drama centering on a stage-singer attempting to save her revolutionary lover from an evil police chief. FTP, name this Puccini opera, in which Baron Scarpia made his first appearance.

ANSWER: Tosca

17. After the death of her husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law, she loyally cared for her mother-in-law and accompanied her back to Bethlehem. This childless Moabite woman's virtue paid off and she ended up marrying a wealthy landowner and kinsman of her late husband, Elimelech. FTP, name this Biblical female with a book all to herself, the grandmother of King David.

Answer: Ruth

18. He was born in Salisbury, New Hampshire and began a successful career as a lawyer in Portsmouth after graduating from Dartmouth College. He later became a U.S. senator and debated Robert Hayne over states' rights. FTP, name this man who is more famous for helping to settle the Maine/Canada boundary dispute with Great Britain, clashing with Clay and Calhoun, and helping to save the soul of Jabez Stone.

Answer: Daniel Webster

19. It's only found in the limestone deserts of the Chihuahuan desert of southern Texas and northern Mexico. This substance helped preserve Native American cultural and religious traditions during the late 19th and early 20th century after white settlers defeated and displaced them. The religion around this plant from the family Cactaceae involves chewing its dried tops in order to release the hallucinogenic drug mescaline. FTP, name this plant sacred to the Native American Church.

Answer: peyote

20. He was an active participant in the Prague Spring of 1968, and after the invasion -by, the Soviets, he became a spokesman for the Czech civil rights movement. He was jailed in 1977, eight years after writing The Garden Party. FTP, name this author and statesman, president of the Czech Republic since 1993 who also wrote The Increased Difficulty of Concentration, and The Memorandum.

Answer: Vaclav Havel

21. The amount of it in the Earth's crust is estimated to be about 1.5 grams per ton of rock. It's also known as Wolfram. This element has a melting point of 6,116 degrees Fahrenheit, the highest of any metal. It is, therefore, the ideal metal to use in lightbulb filaments. FTP, name this element, number 74 on the periodic table with chemical symbol W.

Answer: tungsten