

1. The foreground features a still-life of roses and a bowl of oranges. An enigmatic aspect of the work is the fact that the reflection of the central figure and the primary observer is deliberately inconsistent with the viewpoint. The title locale, located on the Rue Richier in Paris, was an immensely popular theater and café that featured vaudevilles, operettas, and farces. Considered the last great work of its artist, FTP, identify this painting which features a huge shimmering mirror that occupies four-fifths of the picture, and for which an actual barmaid named Suzon was used as a model.

Answer: A/The Bar at the Folies-Bergere or Un Bar Aux Folies-Bergere

2. David Graham, Tony Kirby, John Scottie Ferguson, L B Jeff Jeffries, Alfred Kralik, Roger Hobbs, Ransom Stoddard, Charles Lindbergh, General Sternwood, and Rupert Cadell. These are roles played by a man whose first role was Shorty, and whose last was Wylie Burp. His Oscar-nominated roles include Mike Connor, Paul Biegler, Jefferson Smith, and Elwood P.Dowd. FTP, name this actor who played all these roles as well as, most notably, that of George Bailey.

Answer: Jimmy Stewart

3. Its highest point is Monts Bagzane, located in the north of the country which also harbors large high-grade uranium deposits and is populated by Tuareg and Fulani nomads. Hausa and Djerma compose most of the population in the southern savannahs of this country, whose principal towns include Zinder, Maradi and Agadez. Bordering Lake Chad on the southeast a river of the same name flows through the southwest. FTP, name this African country whose capital is Niamey.

ANSWER: NIGER

4. After earning a medical degree at the University of Heidelberg in 1856, this man studied briefly with Johannes Muller. He moved on to become a lecturer at that school, and worked under Wilhelm von Helmholtz. He also authored such books as "Principles of Physiological Psychology" and "Outline of Psychology." FTP, name this founder of experimental psychology.

Answer: Wilhelm Wundt (pronounced "veunt")

5. He graduated from St. Cyr in 1913 and outlined his conception of leadership in his work The Edge of the Sword. One of the few French military officials to oppose the Maginot Line, he got plenty of time to test his ideas after becoming president of the French National Committee in London in 1941. FTP, name this first leader of France's Fifth Republic who led the Free French government during World War II.

ANSWER: Charles DeGaulle

6. It all begins with a gruesome death by helmet. Things get really icky when the ruler of this title setting starts pursuing his dead son's fiancée and, in the end, kills his own daughter. And let's not forget the scenes with the haunted gallery, bleeding portraits, and growing statues. FTP, name this work, the first of the Gothic novels, by Horace Walpole.

Answer: The Castle of Otranto

7. In very low concentrations, it can act as a stimulant for some brain functions. Congress enacted the Volstead Act to fight it in an effort to combat what one lobbyist called the most dangerous of our German enemies—Pabst, Schlitz, Blatz, and Miller—. It was the drug of choice for people like Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald. FTP, name this substance, whose sale in the US was prohibited in 1919 and legalized again in 1933.

ANSWER: alcohol

8. Paul Muller won the Nobel Prize in 1948 for discovering this organic halogen compound's useful properties. It is synthesized by the reaction of chloral with chlorobenzene with sulfuric acid and was restricted in the US after causing ecological problems like thin eggshells in raptors. More recently, the abbreviation of this pesticide has come into use to describe a wrestling slam. FTP, name the nasty insecticide. ANSWER: DDT or DICHLORODIPHENYLTRICHLOROETHANE (ed. note, if they start giving the IUPAC name, slap them, it is: 1,1,1-TRICHLORO-2,2-BIS(P-CHLOROPHENYL)ETHANE).

9. In the first volume of this work, the author introduces Vladek, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist. An ultimate survivor's tale, it won the Pulitzer Prize in 1992. FTP, name this powerful memoir of the son, which artfully integrates a tortured filial relationship with a Holocaust narrative, written by Art Spiegelman.
ANSWER: Maus

10. His race is descended from Cain and he lives in the wilderness surrounding King Hrothgar's (Heh-roath-garz) main meadhall. When we first encounter him, he has been tormenting Hrothgar's subjects for twelve years and has proven invulnerable to all mortal weapons. Only a visiting warrior from Geatland can defeat him and rip his arm off. FTP, name this nemesis of Beowulf whose story was revisited in a novel by John Gardner.
ANSWER: Grendel

11. This town served as a supply depot during the Civil War. In 1965, non-violent marches for voting rights angered its Sheriff Jim Clark, who ordered his men to use electric cattle prods to disperse the crowds. The full force of the organized civil rights movement forced the story of this incident into the nation's living rooms. FTP, LBJ put the Voting Rights Act before Congress in response to the tragedy in which town?
ANSWER: Selma, Alabama

12. As a messenger of Zeus and Hera, this granddaughter of the Titan Oceanus left Olympus only to transmit divine commands to mankind. Unlike her sisters the Harpies, she was a beautiful maiden with brightly colored wings and a halo of light around her head. FTP, name this Greek goddess of the rainbow.
ANSWER: Iris

13. Capable of reaching speeds of 84 mph, this ship was inaugurated in 1936 and offered passenger service across the North Atlantic. It only made 10 round trips, though. Some have attributed its explosion to anti-Nazi sabotage, but the more likely cause was a leak in the hydrogen gas reservoirs. FTP name this dirigible whose 1937 destruction in Lakehurst, NJ prompted Herb Morrison of WLS Radio to exclaim "Oh the humanity."
ANSWER: The Hindenburg

14. While his only novel is his best-known work, his short story collections are more numerous. His Going to the Territory and Shadow and Act are collections of interviews, reviews and stories concerning literature, music, art, and most importantly, race. FTP, name this African-American writer, the Albert Schweitzer Professor of the Humanities at NYU in the 1970's and author of Juneteenth and Invisible Man.
ANSWER: Ralph Waldo Ellison

15. With a frequency between 300 and 30 megahertz, this portion of the electromagnetic spectrum includes radiation with wavelengths of 1 to 10 meters. In Canada and the U.S., FM radio stations and TV stations on channels 2 through 13 employ this signal. FTP, give the full name of this type of signal, known as VHF for short.
ANSWER: Very High Frequency (acc: VHF on the early buzz)

16. Before quantum mechanics, one theory suggested that light traveled through a medium that permeated the universe and affected nothing but the light itself. This medium was supposedly weightless, frictionless, and undetectable. However, the Michelson-Morley experiment of 1881 damaged the theory of its existence. FTP, name this substance, whose existence was debunked by Einstein's special theory of relativity.
ANSWER: ether or aether

17. A performance of his musical Barefoot to Zion marked the Mormon Church's sesquicentennial celebration. He won Hugo and Nebula awards two years in a row in 1986 and 1987 and recently taught a novel-writing course at Pepperdine University. For ten points, name this science fiction author who lives in Greensboro, North Carolina and wrote Speaker for the Dead and Ender's Game.
ANSWER: Orson Scott Card

18. This man had notoriously bad skin. On the payroll of the CIA and the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1986, he was actually selling military secrets to the Cuban and Soviet governments. In 1985, as head of the National Defense Forces, he overthrew the civilian leader of Panama. FTP, name the man captured in the 1989 U.S. invasion of the nation and later convicted of conspiracy and drug trafficking.

ANSWER: Manuel Noriega

19. Educated at Teachers Agricultural and Mechanical College in Huntsville, Alabama, he led his own orchestra from 1903-1921. With pieces like "Memphis Blues" and the classic "St. Louis Blues," he was the first composer to draw on traditional African-American blues music and use it as a harmonic improvisational framework. FTP, identify this musical figure who appropriately titled his autobiography Father of the Blues.

Answer: W.C. Handy

20. Her name means "Black." Her four hands are either stretched in a gesture of assurance or hold a sword, a shield, the severed hand of a giant, or a strangling noose. As Shakti, Shiva is powerless without her and she is often portrayed sleeping. When enraged and vengeful, however, she becomes known as this goddess. FTP, name this Hindu patroness of creative energy.

ANSWER: Kali

21. This body of water has a name as grand as its size. Principal ports on this lake include Ashland, Marquette, Duluth, and Thunder Bay. Discovered by the French explorer Etienne Brule in 1622, it is bounded by Ontario, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and has a surface area of 31,700 square miles. FTP, name this largest of the Great Lakes.

Answer: Lake Superior