

**Modern World Tournament 2014
Round #6 Bonuses**

1. Despite the traditional Japanese adage that any women in Japanese over the age of 25 is unmarriageable, the average age of marriage has skyrocketed to 27, much to the horror of the government. For 10 points each:

[10] The Christmas variety of these items are often compared to Japanese women who are too old to be marriageable, because like these items, nobody in Japan wants them after the 25th.

ANSWER: christmas **cakes** [accept kurishimasu **keeki**; do not accept or prompt for alternative words for cake]

[10] Another term for Japanese women over the age of twenty-five is *urenokori*, which refers to items that are too old to sell in these ubiquitous establishments, the subject of a *Boxers & Trunks* song. Examples include Lawsons, Circle K, Family Mart and 7-Eleven.

ANSWER: **convenience stores** [or **konbini**; accept **corner stores**; accept clear-knowledge equivalents; prompt on generic answers like **stores**]

[10] China is somewhat more lenient about the age of marriage than Japan, allowing women to turn thirty-one before they are identified with this moniker, a term for Chinese women too old to marry.

ANSWER: **sheng nu** [accept **leftover** women]

2. Some of this body's newest members include such luminous countries such as Saudi Arabia, the People's Republic of China, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Socialist Republic of Cuba. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this intergovernmental body within the United Nations. It tends to focus exclusively on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the expense of all the other issues it purports to cover.

ANSWER: UN **HRC** [or United Nations **Human Rights Council**]

[10] The current UN Secretary General and his predecessor have both criticized the UN Human Rights Council for its bizarre obsession with Israel and general disregard for human rights anywhere else, especially in China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia and Cuba. Name either Secretary General.

ANSWER: **Ban** Ki-moon or Kofi Atta **Annan**

[10] In July 2012, this nation declared its candidacy for a spot on the UN Human Rights Council, which it is guaranteed to win. A group named the "Friends of" this nation was founded in Istanbul to overthrow this nation's government.

ANSWER: **Syria** [or **SAR** or Syrian **Arab Republic**]

3. This show stars Birgitte Nyborg, a member of the Moderate Party who skillfully claws her way up into becoming Prime Minister while dealing with exciting political issues like pig farming regulations. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this thirty-episode political drama that was dubbed the best TV show you have never seen by *Newsweek*. Its third season was kind of crappy.

ANSWER: **Borgen**

[10] I suppose pig farming is serious business in this nation, the home of *Borgen*. This nation's Prime Minister, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, was caught taking selfies with Obama at the funeral of Nelson Mandela.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Denmark** [or Kongeriget **Danmark**]

[10] You've probably seen *Borgen* on this network, whose other political dramas include *The State Within*, *Party Animals* and *Yes Minister!* *Walking with Dinosaurs* was produced by this network behind *Sherlock*.

ANSWER: **BBC** [or **British Broadcasting Company Television** [if any Brown kids say "Better Burger Company," kill them]]

4. Thanks Gaben. You've probably installed this gaming platform by Valve, which allows you to store purchased videogames on your account and download them when you feel like it. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this gaming platform that you have to install if you want to play *Team Fortress 2*.

ANSWER: **Steam**

[10] This amusing class in *Team Fortress 2* is a deranged American who fought in World War II and never stopped. He employs items like the Black Box, the Direct Hit, and the Rocket Launcher.

ANSWER: The **Soldier**

[10] Kirk's favorite class is the Pyro, because if you set someone on fire and then hit them with this item, you deal an automatic critical which will kill anyone who isn't a Heavy in one hit.

ANSWER: **Axtinguisher** [or **Postal Pummeler**; prompt on fire **ax**]

5. Answer these questions about why the economy of a certain nation is such total shit, for 10 points each:

[10] This nation suffered a real estate crash in the 1990s, leading to its so-called “Lost Decade,” when government debt exploded to over 200%, but GDP growth largely stagnated.

ANSWER: **Japan** [or **Nippon**-koku; or **Nihon**-koku; accept nicknames like **Land of the Rising Sun**]

[10] This term refers to financial institutions that the Japanese government kept open with huge amounts of financial infusions and free credit, even when they should really have died due to having negative net worth. The term is now widespread.

ANSWER: **zombie** banks

[10] The Japanese government borrowed obscene amounts of money that no one seriously thinks it can pay back, but interest rates haven’t destroyed it yet because so many old people put their savings into this state-owned company, the largest holder of personal savings and deposits in the world.

ANSWER: **JP** [or **Japan Post Holdings Co., Ltd.**; or **Japan Post** Group or **Japan Post** Bank or **Nippon Yūsei Kabushikigaisha**]

6. This character is the namesake of the collective pseudonym of editors of the based economics website Zero Hedge. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this resident of Paper Street, who converts fat from a liposuction clinic into beauty soap. This character mocks the “IKEA nesting instinct” and controls the “space monkeys” of Project Mayhem.

ANSWER: **Tyler Durden** [prompt on partial answer]

[10] Tyler Durden is a character from this 1996 Chuck Palahniuk novel, which inspired a 1999 David Fincher film starring Brad Pitt as Tyler Durden and Edward Norton as Tyler Durden.

ANSWER: **Fight Club**

[10] This other Chuck Palahniuk novel is a series of vignettes about seventeen writers who get trapped at a retreat and start killing themselves because of their own self-pitying exhibitionism.

ANSWER: **Haunted**

7. The 2010 Supreme Court Case *US v. Stevens* ruled unconstitutional a law that banned these works.. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these works depicting the brutal killing of animals for voyeuristic purposes. After *US v. Stevens*, they were immediately and specifically re-banned by a more narrowly worded act in a rare act of Congressional bipartisanship

ANSWER: **crush** videos [prompt very generously, but do not accept any answer that doesn’t have **crush** in it]

[10] Shortly before his death, Robert Byrd gave a rambling, incoherent speech about how “simply barbaric, barbaric. Barbaric! Barbaric!” this football player’s dogfighting scheme was.

ANSWER: Michael Dwayne **Vick**

[10] Internet people (aka 4channers) have tried to track down people who abuse animals by using this file format. It stores ancillary tags used by cameras, which often include clandestine GPS information that can be used for geotagging.

ANSWER: **Exif** [or **exchangeable image file format**]

8. This nation’s central government labels anti-government riots as “mass frustrations” and spends an estimated eighty billion USD each year trying to defuse a yearly average of 180,000 “mass frustrations.” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nation where 65% of riots are against local officials who expropriate peasant collective lands in collusion with private real estate developers. This nation’s government plans to move 250 million more people into its cities by 2030.

ANSWER: **PRC** [or **People’s Republic of China**; prompt on **China** or **Zhōngguó** with, “Which one?”; accept **Mainland China** or **Dàlù** or **Communist China** or really anything that indicates we’re not talking about Taiwan]

[10] This village of twelve thousand residents revolted, expelled all government officials, and repelled police forces that tried to besiege it. The provincial government eventually agreed to allow this village to elect its own leaders.

ANSWER: **Wukan**

[10] Wukan is a village in this relatively wealthy and predominantly Cantonese-speaking province in Southern China. It borders Hong Kong and contains cities like Shenzhen, Taishan and Jiangmen.

ANSWER: **Guangdong**

9. Viral hepatitis and severe anemia are nearly ubiquitous in the areas around this body of water, which is heavily polluted by lindane. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Central Asian inland sea that, as a result of Soviet-era cotton irrigation projects, has shrunk to one-tenth of its original size, leaving a desert full of lost ships around a tiny saline lake as the remnants of a once-prosperous fishing center.

ANSWER: **Aral** Sea [or **Aral** Teñizi; or **Orol** Dengizi; or **Aral'skoye Morye**; accept “**Sea of Islands**”]

[10] The Aral Sea’s island-turned-peninsula Vozrozhdeniya housed a bio-weapons lab whose buried spores from this species of the genus *Bacillus* were decontaminated in 2002. The AVA vaccine that protects against it became mandatory for US military personnel in the ‘90s.

ANSWER: **anthrax** [accept *B. anthracis*]

[10] As the first leader of the Soviet Union’s biological warfare agency, this Kazakh-American and now-biodefense expert testified to Congress on the possibility of anthrax attacks by Saddam Hussein’s forces.

ANSWER: Ken **Alibek** [or Kanatzhan “Kanat” **Alibekov**]

10. Answer these questions about Kirk’s favorite branch of the federal government, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for 10 points each.

[10] Obama had to recess appoint this healthcare economist to lead the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, but opponents criticized him for supposedly endorsing health rationing. He is running for governor of Massachusetts.

ANSWER: Donald M. **Berwick**

[10] The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services uses this system of alphanumeric codes, whose Level I is based on the Current Procedural Terminology. Level II codes are used for ambulances and prosthetics.

ANSWER: **HCPCS** [or **H**ealthcare **C**ommon **P**rocedure **C**oding **S**ystem] [MODERATOR WARNING: HCPCS is usually pronounced “hick picks”]

[10] CPT codes are based on guidelines established by this lobbying group, which purports to represent American doctors even though only about 15% of doctors are still members. In 2010, it lobbied heavily in support of Obamacare.

ANSWER: **AMA** [or **A**merican **M**edical **A**ssociation]

11. Bill Frist yelled Bill Maher down after he asserted that vaccines could cause this disorder. For 10 points each:

[10] Several Hollywood figures and a completely discredited 1998 paper in *The Lancet* have claimed that vaccines are a major cause of this disorder spectrum, which now includes Asperger’s Syndrome.

ANSWER: **autism** [prompt on mental **retardation** or **intellectual disability** or whatever]

[10] This former *Playboy* model and *View* co-host has become the most visible leader of the anti-vaccine movement. A website tracks the “body count” of preventable illnesses and deaths that have occurred since she alleged that vaccines gave her son autism in 2007.

ANSWER: Jennifer Ann “Jenny” **McCarthy**

[10] The discredited *Lancet* report linked autism in the UK and Ireland to this specific vaccine, which follows a similar administration schedule to the varicella vaccine.

ANSWER: **MMR** vaccine [or **M**easles, **M**umps and **R**ubella vaccine]

12. Roughly one thousand seats are available in the seventeen colleges in this system, perhaps the most selective in the world because of how ridiculously high one must score on the Advanced version of the Joint Entrance Examination to get in. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this system of higher education, whose member schools focus largely on engineering and science. The first campus to be established was designed by CIAM founder Werner Moser.

ANSWER: **IITs** [or **I**ndian **I**nstitutes of **T**echnology]

[10] The IIT Joint Entrance Examination is only available in Hindi and this other common lingua franca of India, which doesn’t make minority language speakers particularly happy.

ANSWER: **English** [accept **aṅgrēzī** or translations of “English” in minority languages]

[10] This institution was converted into an IIT in 2012, making it the newest member of the IIT family. It takes its name from the city it is located in, which also names the Lok Sabha district held by Narendra Modi.

ANSWER: Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), **Varanasi** [prompt on **BHU** or **B**anaras **H**indu **U**niversity]

13. The lone developer Kikiyama designed this game, which has been called one of the most nightmarish videogames ever released. For 10 points:

[10] Name this cult classic independent videogame about Madotsuki's disturbing adventures in a hellish dream world. This 2004 game has been studied way too much by academics.

ANSWER: **Yume Nikki** [or **Dream Diary**]

[10] Another work about people who go totally bonkers is this 2000 film, which follows the slow effects of drug abuse on Sara, Harry, Tyrone and Marion. "Lux Aeterna" is the memorable leitmotif of this Darren Aronofsky film.

ANSWER: **Requiem for a Dream**

[10] Everyone is on drugs and nobody has any clue what is real in this sci-fi author's novel *The Futurological Congress*. This Polish author is perhaps better known for writing *The Cyberiad* and *Solaris*.

ANSWER: Stanisław **Lem**

14. This philosopher is known for books like *Time Passing*, *The Parity of the Sexes* and *Politics of the Sexes*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this French philosopher of Polish origin. She is heavily representative of the "differentialist feminism" that characterizes French thought, which is largely creaped out by modern American militant feminism.

ANSWER: Sylviane **Agacinski** [DO NOT READ THIS OUT LOUD but accept Sylviane **Agacinski**-Jospin]

[10] Agacinski is married to this former Socialist Party leader, who narrowly lost the presidential election in 1995. He served as Prime Minister from 1997 until 2002, when he ran again for President and failed again.

ANSWER: Lionel **Jospin**

[10] Jospin was defeated in the 1995 and 2002 elections by this member of the UMP. This noted critic of the Iraq War served as President from 1995 to 2007, when he was replaced by Nicolas Sarkozy.

ANSWER: Jacques René **Chirac**

15. The amount of trade flowing through this nation every year is more than three times its GDP. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this predominantly Chinese-speaking city-state, which scored the highest of any sovereign state on the WSJ's Index of Economic Freedom due to its low level of business regulations, taxation, and government spending.

ANSWER: Republic of **Singapore** [accept the **Lion City**]

[10] Singapore's banking sector took an amusing tumble when Nick Leeson took advantage of Chinese superstitions and made his account number 8888, so no regulator bothered taking a look at it. Leeson then made huge bets, causing this oldest investment bank in Britain to go bankrupt.

ANSWER: **Barings** Bank

[10] The Singaporean government, as laissez-faire as it may seem, actually provides 80% of housing in Singapore through this agency.

ANSWER: **HDB** [or **H**ousing and **D**evelopment **B**oard]

16. The anime *Gunslinger Girls* features a terrorist group from this nation's valley of Padania, whose people are the subject of Michelangelo Antonioni's first film. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nation whose agricultural center is the Po Valley in Emilia-Romagna, which is also a manufacturing hub known for cars like the Maserati, Lamborghini and Ferrari.

ANSWER: **Italy** [or **Italia** or **Italian Republic** or **Repubblica italiana**]

[10] This right-wing Italian political party seeks greater autonomy for Padania because of the widespread belief that it subsidizes the poorer "Mezzogiorno." The strongest showings of this secessionist party have been in the Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Lombardy.

ANSWER: **Lega Nord** per l'Indipendenza della Padania [or **Northern League** for Panadian Independence; accept **Lega** or il **Carroccio**]

[10] This man was the best known leader of Lega Nord, but he was recently caught in a pretty nasty corruption scandal and has very much taken a back seat in party leadership.

ANSWER: Umberto **Bossi**

17. This ex-President and Methodist Christian has dedicated much of his post-White House career to humanitarian and development projects in Africa. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this non-Jimmy Carter humanitarian and promoter of anti-AIDS initiatives in Africa. Partisans criticized his African initiatives for promoting abstinence in addition to contraceptive usage.

ANSWER: George **Walker Bush** [or George **Bush Jr.**; or George **Bush the Younger**; or **Dubya**; or other things that indicate that it's the younger Bush]

[10] During the Bush administration, this 2003 initiative committed fifteen billion over 5 years to help relieve AIDS in Africa. Thus far, this initiative is estimated to have averted 1.1 million deaths.

ANSWER: **PEPFAR** [or **President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief**; accept **Emergency Plan**]

[10] This May 2000 bill was designed to assist the economies of sub-Saharan Africa. It provides for quota- and duty-free entry of some goods from designated countries into the US.

ANSWER: **AGOA** [or **African Growth and Opportunity Act**; accept **Trade and Development Act** of 2000]

18. This policy was instituted by the Reagan Administration, repealed by the Clinton Administration, reinstated by the Bush Administration, and then re-repealed by the Obama Administration. For 10 points:

[10] Name this US policy, named after a conference in a Latin American capital where the nations involved agreed not to fund any so-called foreign aid projects based primarily on abortion.

ANSWER: **Mexico City** Policy

[10] This human rights agreement between the vast majority of nations in the Americas is named after another capital city. It includes a personhood clause for fetuses, which is largely why the US hasn't ratified it.

ANSWER: **Pact of San José** [or the **American Convention on Human Rights**]

[10] [10] Latin America's most liberal abortion laws are in this country, whose politics have been dominated by the left-wing Broad Front since 2004. In 2006, indoor smoking was banned in this country with capital Montevideo.

ANSWER: Oriental Republic of **Uruguay** [or Eastern Republic of **Uruguay**; or Republic East of the **Uruguay**; or República Oriental del **Uruguay**]

19. You know what can never spend enough money on funny gadgets? The United States military. Answer some questions about US military equipment, for 10 points each.

[10] The US army spent a lot of money developing this lightweight assault rifle, part of the OICW system, with Heckler & Koch. Ultimately, it proved to be a dud for various reasons and was canceled.

ANSWER: **XM8** rifle

[10] This integrated naval weapons and ballistic missile defense system generally shoots down missiles by hitting them with another missile. Brilliant! It is in use on most American naval destroyers.

ANSWER: **Aegis** Combat System [accept anything with **Aegis** in it]

[10] This newest ballistic vest issued to the US Marine Corps replaced the Interceptor Body Armor. Unfortunately, it is three times heavier than the Interceptor, so many Marines use the Scalable Plate Carrier instead.

ANSWER: Improved **Modular Tactical Vest** [or **IMTV**]

20. This book refers to *The Moral Animal's* account of the winning tit-for-tat strategy of Robert Axelrod's tournaments in its section "Ancient Balances." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this book that imagines Scrooge Nouveau being visited by spirits of Earth Day who open his eyes to environmental degradation. This book's release conveniently coincided with the 2008 financial crisis.

ANSWER: **Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth**

[10] *Payback* was written by this terrible author, who imagined a future inhabited by genetically engineered organisms in her *Oryx and Crake* trilogy. She described the theocratic Republic of Gilead in *The Handmaid's Tale*.

ANSWER: Margaret Eleanor **Atwood**

[10] Atwood once spoke at the speech of this separatist political party in Canada, whose only rhetorical target it hates more than minorities is English-speaking minorities. It was annihilated by the NDP in the Federal Elections of 2011.

ANSWER: **Bloc Québécois** [or **Bloc**]

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21. An ad for this state's Senate candidate Jodi Ernst in this state claimed she would bring her hog-castrating abilities to Washington in order to cut the pork.

[10] Name this state where Democratic candidate Bruce Braley mocked a sitting senator for being a supposed country bumpkin who couldn't go to law school.

ANSWER: State of **Iowa** [or **IA**; accept goofy nicknames like the **Hawkeye** State]

[10] Bruce Braley mocked this sitting Republican Senator, who is quite old. He is ranking member of the Judiciary Committee and yes, has not gone to Law School.

ANSWER: Charles Ernest "Chuck" **Grassley**

[10] One of the leading figures in Iowan politics is Bob Van Der Plaats, a leading social conservative who endorsed this former Arkansas Governor for Iowa's caucus in 2008. This governor won the caucus, but was not nominated.

ANSWER: Mike **Huckabee**