

IBA Academic League - March - Round 4

1. In 1697, he went incognito as a part of a grand embassy to secure allies in western Europe for a revolt against the Turks. He returned to Moscow to suppress a revolt, and then began his reforms. He centralized the administration, abolished the old council of the boyars, established a senate, and encouraged trade, industry, and education. Name this Russian Tsar who ruled until his death in 1725, after which his second wife, Catherine I, ascended to the throne.

Answer: Peter I or The Great

2. Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, she was privately educated and widely traveled, but did not turn to poetry until the age of twenty-eight. Many of her poems describe the pastoral settings of New England, and her posthumous collection of poems, *What's O'Clock*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1925. Name this influential Imagist of the early 20th century whose major collections include *Can Grande's Castle*, *Legends*, and *Sword Blades and Poppy Seeds*.

Answer: Amy Lowell

3. This country's legends claim that the hero Maui yanked its Pacific islands from the sea with a fishhook acquired from the Samoans. Cook visited the islands in 1773, 1774, and 1777, calling them "The Friendly Islands". The island groups of Vava'u, Nomaku, and Ha'apai comprise parts of this country, and its capital means "abode of love". What is country with its capital at Nuku'alofa?

Answer: Tonga

4. In Babylonian mythology, this goddess ventured into the kingdom of death when one of her lovers, Tammuz, died. She was imprisoned there and assaulted with sixty illnesses by the queen of the dead, Ereshkigal. In her absence the Earth withered and became barren, but when Ea, the god of wisdom, allowed her to leave along with her lover, the Earth changed from winter into spring. Who was this goddess of sexuality?

Answer: Ishtar

5. Born in 1875 in Haiti, the illegitimate son of a French sea captain and a chamber maid, he was educated in France where he received instruction under David. He moved to U.S in 1803 to avoid conscription in Napoleon's army and lived as a naturalist, hunter, and taxidermist; his combined interests in art and ornithology led him to make a complete pictorial record of all the bird species in North America. Name this author of *The Birds of America*.

Answer: John James Audubon

6. He pushed into the disputed territory south of the Nueces River and, in the Mexican War, defeated Mexican troops at Palo Alto, Resaca de al Palma, and the decisive victory at Buena Vista. The resultant enthusiasm of the public led to his nomination for President on the 1848 Whig ticket. Who was this "rough and ready" president?

Answer: Zachary Taylor

7. His voice belongs to Kelsey Grammar, the actor who portrays Dr. Frasier Crane, the anal-retentive psychologist on the NBC series "Cheers." Name this culturally literate but criminally minded, ex-counterpart of the illiterate buffoon Crusty the Clown.

Answer: Sideshow Bob

8. On a trip to the Caucasus, he discovered its native music and thenceforth used it effectively in his own works. For example, he was inspired to write *Tamara*, an orchestral piece based on a poem by Lermontov. Identify this member of the "Russian Five", born in 1837, recognized as the founder of the Russian national school of music.

Answer: Mily Balakirev

9. 2 answers required: *George Washington Slept Here*, *Once in a Lifetime*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *I'd Rather Be Right*, *You Can't Take it With You*, and *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Name the American playwright-pair responsible for these works.

Answer: Hart Moss and George Kaufman

10. He advocated a propertyless Church, emphasizing the purely spiritual function. He asserted that as Christians hold all things of God under a contract to be virtuous, sin violates this contract

and destroy titles to goods and offices. Name this author of Civil Dominion, the man responsible for the first complete, vernacular English Bible.

Answer: John Wycliff

11. Although only one hundred have died from it, 13,768 cases have been treated in Peru as of Friday, February 15. The bacteria which causes the disease settles in the human intestines and can be carried for several months. What is this disease currently plaguing Peru which is spread through contact with food and water contaminated with the feces of those who are infected?

Answer: cholera

12. "Hog Butcher for the World, Toolmaker, Stacker of Wheat, Player with the Railroads and the Nation's Freight Handler; Stormy, Husky, brawling, City of Big Shoulders;". This is a description by Carl Sandburg of what city from a poem of the same name?

Answer: Chicago

13. Jackie Robinson becomes the first black to sign a contract with a major baseball club; a U.S. airplane becomes the first to fly at supersonic speeds; the U.S. withdraws as mediator in China; General George Marshall is appointed U.S. Secretary of State and calls for his European Recovery Program; and over President Truman's veto Congress passes the Taft-Hartley act restricting the rights of labor unions. FTP, give the pivotal year in American history during which these events occurred.

Answer: 1947

14. In 1951, he delighted western audiences with his story of rape and murder told from different points of view, a film which won the Golden Lion Award at the Venice Film Festival. He retitled his adaptation of Macbeth "Throne of Blood." Name this Japanese film director of "The Seven Samurai."

Answer: Akira Kurosawa

15. Don't feel stupid if you can't name this independent state comprising a group of islands located at the northern end of the Mozambique Channel. These islands were at one time under French control, but gained their independence in 1975. Name this island group located northwest of Madagascar with their capital at Moroni.

Answer: Comoros

16. Eliphaz the Temanite, Zophar the Naamathite, and Bildad the Shuhite were his well-meaning friends, but with friends like that, who needs enemies? Bildad's name is Hebrew for "God crushes", and that's exactly what He did to this Old Testament figure who lost his health, his family, and his property. Who was this "blameless and upright" whose story is found in the 18th book of the Old Testament which bears his name?

Answer: Job

17. When Pope Gregory VII made a decree forbidding lay investiture, he refused to obey; Gregory promptly excommunicated him in January of 1076. Who was this 11th century king of Italy, Germany, and Burgundy, later Holy Roman Emperor, who in January of 1077 made his famous submission in the snow of Canossa?

Answer: Henry IV

18. The name's the same: the desert in Australia which lies between the Great Sandy Desert and the Great Victorian Desert, a Negro National League baseball player called the "Negro Babe Ruth", the first black player to win a major tennis championship, the artist and illustrator whose drawings defined the ideal American woman at the turn of the last century, and the actor who portrays Hamlet in the 1991 release of the Shakespearean play.

Answer: Gibson

19. Under this man, order was established and Mexican prestige was raised, finances were stabilized, and vast material progress was achieved. His government favored the upper classes which led to his ousting in 1911 by Francis Madero. Name this man who became president of Mexico in 1877 after he overthrew Lerdo de Tejada.

Answer: Porfirio Diaz

20. First published in 1732, its objective is to vindicate the ways of God to man, and to prove that we do in fact live in the best of all possible worlds. It asserts that man's failure to see the perfection of the whole is due to his limited vision. It consists of four epistles to Bolingbroke, and was perhaps to some extent inspired by his fragmentary philosophical writings. Give the title of

this philosophical poem in heroic couplets by Alexander Pope.

Answer: An Essay On Man

21. This American author was born in New Jersey in 1789. He spent part of his youth in the merchant marine after dismissal from Yale, and spent some time in the navy. His second novel, *The Spy*, brought him into prominence. A year later, he wrote *The Pioneers*, the first of his *Leather-Stocking Tales*. Name him.

Answer: James Fenimore Cooper

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1. Name the French monarchs with whom you would associate each of the following ministers of finance, five points apiece plus five if all correct.

- a. Maximilian, duke of Sully Answer: Henry IV, of Navarre
- b. Jacques Necker Answer: Louis XVI
- c. Jean Baptiste Colbert Answer: Louis XIV
- d. Andre de Fleury Answer: Louis XV

2. I have here three miracles - and not one of them is a card trick. For 10 points apiece and canonization if all correct, name the Biblical personage with whom you would associate each of these miracles.

- a. He saved a bridegroom from utter embarrassment by turning water into wine at a wedding in Canaan. Answer: Jesus Christ
- b. He saved the Israelites from utter destruction at the hand of the Egyptians by raising his staff over the Red Sea, thus causing the waters to part.
 Answer: Moses
- c. He caused a three-year drought, raised a widow's son from the dead, and summoned fire from heaven in the Baal vs. God contest on Mt. Carmel; He ended his sparkling career with a flaming chariotride into heaven.
 Answer: Elijah

3. Were it not for comic books, many American youths would be perfectly content to remain illiterate. For five points apiece, identify the following comic book stars.

- a. The former servant of Galactus who was befriended by the Fantastic Four.
 Answer: The Silver Surfer
- b. The hero whose native name was Kal'el.
 Answer: Superman
- c. The bald mobster and foe of Spiderman.
 Answer: The Kingpin
- d. The hero whose alter ego is Tony Stark.
 Answer: Ironman
- e. The post-graduate, many-armed foe of Spiderman.
 Answer: Dr. Octopus

4. (25 points) This western figure requested burial next to friend Wild Bill Hickock and probably serve as both a scout for General Custer and as a circuit rider on the Pony Express. One of the main characters in Edward Wheeler's Deadwood Dick on Deck, she was the heroine of Whoop Up. For 10 points, identify this old west figure reared in a Montana mining community and for an additional 15 points, give her real last name.

 Answer: Calamity Jane - Martha Jane Burke

5. Name the following groups of women from Greek mythology for five points each.

- a. They were water nymphs who dwelt in brooks, streams, and fountains.
 Answer: Naiads
- b. These lovely maidens were nymphs of the mountains
 Answer: Oreads
- c. Frenzied with wine, these women rushed through the woods uttering sharp cries, waving pine-cone tipped spears, and tearing to bits any animals they encountered.
 Answer: Maenads or Bacchantes
- d. Phorcys, the son of the Sea and of the Earth, was the father of these three dragonlike winged creatures, two of which were immortal.
 Answer: Gorgons
- e. These gray women were sisters of the Gorgons and had but one eye between the three of them.
 Answer: Graiae

6. Many human disorders are genetically caused; for example, a person with one X chromosome and one Y chromosome is, unfortunately, male. For five points each and a bonus five if you know them all, identify these other tragic human genetic disorders given a description of the faulty genes.

a. an extra chromosome on the 21st pair

Answer: Down's syndrome or Mongoloidism

b. an extra X chromosome in a male

Answer: Klinefelter's syndrome

c. females with the X chromosome being their only sex chromosome, also known as monosomy X

Answer: Turner's Syndrome

d. this term describes females with three X chromosomes

Answer: Metafemale

7. Istanbul was Constantinople; now its Istanbul, not Constantinople. Why they changed it, I can't say, but it's not the only city to undergo such a change. You'll earn five points for each present-day city name you can tell me, given its old name.

- a. Duquesne Answer: Pittsburg
- b. Baile-atha-cliaith Answer: Dublin
- c. Lutetia Answer: Paris
- d. Yerba Buena Answer: San Francisco
- e. Last Chance Gulch Answer: Helena, Mt.

8. Many great great works of music are based on equally great works of literature. Given an opera title, name the composer for five points and the author of the work of literature on which it was based for an additional five points.

- a. Ruslan and Ludmilla
 Answer: Glinka, Alexandr Pushkin
- b. The Girl of the Golden West
 Answer: Puccini, David Belasco
- c. Lucy of Lammermoor
 Answer: Donizetti, Sir Walter Scott

9. English author Thomas Hardy lived from 1840 to 1928; though he never won a Nobel Prize, he was still an okay writer. For ten points each give the title of these Hardy works from a list of characters.

- a. Gabriella Oak, Bathsheba Everdene, Boldwood, Sergeant Troy.
 Answer: Far From the Madding Crowd
- b. Arabella Donn, Sue Bridehead, Jude Fawley.
 Answer: Jude the Obscure
- c. The Eminent Will, the Shade of Earth, Napoleon I.
 Answer: The Dynasts

10. Name the artist from a list of works, 30-20-10.

30: The Return of the Hunters

20: The Tower of Babel

10: The Blind Leading the Blind

 Answer: Pieter Brueghel, the Elder

11. Have you eaten your Wheaties today? If so you should be able to name the authors of the following works of American literature for five points apiece.

- a. The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table Answer: Oliver Wendell Holmes
- b. Breakfast of Champions Answer: Kurt Vonnegut
- c. Breakfast at Tiffany's Answer: Truman Capote
- d. The Triumph of the Egg Answer: Sherwood Anderson
- e. Novuum Organum Answer: Sir Francis Bacon

12. Jack Nicholson is widely regarded as one of the strangest men in Hollywood. He has, however, appeared in quite a number of films. For ten points each, give the titles of the following movies in which Nicholson appeared given a brief description.

- a. In this 1969 film, he played an alcoholic young lawyer in jail.
 Answer: Easy Rider
- b. In this 1970 film, he played a character whose middle name comes from the subtitle for Beethoven's Third Symphony, an ex-classical pianist who now works as an oil rigger.
 Answer: Five Easy Pieces
- c. This film won all five major Oscars in 1975, the first to do so since 1925.
 Answer: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

13. For five points each name the trophy awarded to the following National Hockey League players:

- a. the leading goalie. Answer: Vezina Trophy
- b. the winner of the MVP award Answer: Hart Trophy
- c. the best defenseman Answer: James Norris Trophy
- d. the best rookie Answer: Calder Trophy
- e. the most sportsmanlike player. Answer: Lady Byng Trophy

14. For five points each, identify the city in which each of the following structures is located.

- a. Hagia Sophia Answer: Istanbul, Turkey
- b. Taj Mahal Answer: Agra, India
- c. St. Basil's Cathedral Answer: Moscow, Soviet Union
- d. Pantheon Answer: Rome, Italy
- e. Cleopatra's Needle Answer: London, England or New York, New York

15. Identify this composer, 30-20-10:

30: This Russian composer finished his First Symphony when he was a 19-year-old student of Maximilian Steinberg, and it launched him into international prominence almost overnight.

20: His Fourth Symphony was just going into rehearsal when it was withheld from the public, and it remained unperformed until the 1960's.

10: His Fifth Symphony is subtitled "A Soviet Reply to Just Criticism."

Answer: Dimitri Shostakovich

16. Identify this piece of legislation, 30-20-10: 30: It was passed as a result of the so-called "Crime of 1873" and was designed to raise the price of farm products. 20: It was passed over the veto of President Hayes and provided for free coinage of silver. 10: This act was introduced to the house of representatives in 1877 by Richard P. Bland.

Answer: Bland-Allison Act

17. For five points each, give the authors of the following "devilish" works.

- a. "The Devil and Tom Walker" Answer: Washington Irving
- b. "The Devil and Daniel Webster" Answer: Stephen Vincent Benet
- c. "The Devil's Advice to Storytellers" Answer: Robert Graves
- d. The Devils of Loudon Answer: Aldous Huxley
- e. The Devil's Disciple Answer: George Bernard Shaw

18. For ten points each, name the conflict in which the given battles were fought.

- a. Crecy, Poitiers, Agincourt Answer: Hundred Years War
- b. Edgehill, Marston Moor, Naseby Answer: English Civil War
- c. White Mountain, Leipzig, Lutzen Answer: Thirty Years War

19. Identify these "first" winners of the Nobel Prize for literature for five points apiece.

- a. The first Russian winner of the Nobel Prize for lit, 1933. Answer: Ivan Bunin
- b. The first French winner. Answer: Sully Prudhomme
- c. The first winner from the United States, 1930. Answer: Sinclair Lewis
- d. The first woman to win a Nobel Prize in lit, 1909. Answer: Selma Lagerlof
- e. The first person to decline a Nobel Prize in lit, 1958. Answer: Boris Pasternak

20. In this bonus question, you won't be looking for silver linings, but for the types of clouds described below, for five points each and a bonus five if all correct.

- a. detached, feather-like clouds composed of ice
Answer: cirrus
- b. thick, white clouds with a flat base and dome-shaped upper parts
Answer: cumulus
- c. a heavy mass of clouds, whose summit rises in the shape of mountains
Answer: cumulo-nimbus
- d. gray, layered clouds in the lower atmosphere
Answer: stratus or strato-nimbus