

IBA Toss-Up Set 6

1. This man began writing thrillers in a Paris attic before his spectacular failure as a publisher. His first success was *Les Chouans* in 1829, and many great novels followed. FTP, identify this author of *Eugenie Grandet* and *Cousin Bette*, which form part of his monumental, *The Human Comedy*.

Answer: Honore de Balzac

2. The father-in-law of Richard Wagner, this man revolutionized keyboard technique with his performances and his compositions. His works include *Transcendental Studies for Piano* and the *Faust* symphony. FTP, identify this romantic piano virtuoso and composer of *Hungarian Rhapsodies*.

Answer: Franz Liszt

3. Also known as coryza, it is caused by several different viruses, most often a rhinovirus. FTP, identify this "common" infection characterized by watering of the nose and eyes, sneezing, and nasal obstruction.

Answer: cold

4. He was the son of Pepin of Heristal, whom he succeeded as Mayor of the Palace in 714. FTP, identify this Frankish leader who was victorious over Abd-er-Rahman at the 732 battle of Tours.

Answer: Charles Martel

5. He said that periodic catastrophes, human perversity, and general wretchedness coupled with the possibility of self-imposed restraint might prevent us from breeding ourselves into extinction. FTP, identify this British clergyman who said that population growth would always exceed food production in his *Essay on the Principle of Population*.

Answer: Thomas Malthus

6. He was a canon at the Cathedral of Frauenberg, where he performed his ecclesiastical duties, practiced medicine, wrote a treatise on monetary reform, and focused his attention on astronomy. By May, 1514, he had written and discreetly circulated in manuscript his *Commentariolus*, the first outline of those arguments he would eventually substantiate in *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*. For 10 points, identify this father of the heliocentric theory.

Answer: Nicolaus Copernicus

7. His story *Youth*, tells of the hazardous first voyage of the character Marlowe. His *An Outcast of the Islands* concerns the early lives of the characters featured in his *Almayer's Folly*. For 10 points, identify this Polish-born, British writer better known for *Nostromo* and *Lord Jim*.

Answer: Joseph Conrad

8. Born in 1757 at Chavagniac into an ancient noble family, this man presented a draft of the Declaration of the Rights of Man in the National Assembly of 1789. During the Restoration he sat in the Chamber of Deputies, became a radical leader of the Opposition, and commanded the National Guard in the 1830 Revolution. FTP, identify this French leader who is best remembered for fighting on the side of the colonists in the American revolution.

Answer: Marquis de Lafayette

9. It is an alcohol that consists of three six carbon rings and one five carbon ring with two methyl additions and one dimethyl hexane group. It is ingested and manufactured by the body and it can be removed from the body by excretion in bile or by being metabolized in the intestines by bacteria. For 10 points, identify this chief sterol of invertebrates that is negatively associated with heart disease.

Answer: cholesterol

10. The daughter of the treasurer of Amherst College, she attended Amherst Institute and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, then retired to home, wearing only white and rarely seeing guests. FTP, identify this American poet of "Because I Could Not Stop for Death".

Answer: Emily Dickinson

11. It includes Capes Andreas and Geta, the Troodos Mts, Morphou Bay, and the cities of Larnaca, Famagusta, and Paphos. It is divided into two sections by the Attila Line, which runs through the capital city, where it is known as the Green Line. FTP, identify this third largest Mediterranean island with its capital at Nicosia.

Answer: Cyprus

12. A former slave born in Maryland, he escaped to Massachusetts where he became a lecturer for the American Anti-Slavery Society. For 10 points, identify this man who in 1847 founded the abolitionist newspaper, the North Star.

Answer: Frederick Douglass

13. His most famous work, painted in 1893, illustrates the expressionist method by its utilization of line and color to underscore the fear and terror experienced by an isolated woman on a bridge over swirling water. For 10 points, identify this Norwegian artist of "The Scream".

Answer: Edvard Munch

14. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Give the first derivative of the following expression: $3x^2 + 14 - \sin(x)$. [read: three x squared plus 14 minus the sine of x]

Answer: $6x - \cos(x)$

15. It sprang from the blood of the decapitated Medusa. Tamed by Athena and presented to the Muses, with a stroke of its hoof it caused the fountain Hippocrene to gush. FTP, identify this mount of Bellerophon, the winged horse of Greek mythology.

Answer: Pegasus

16. Raised in Boston, she was tutored by such distinguished writers as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. While serving as a nurse during the American Civil War, she wrote letters to her family that were later published as "Hospital Sketches". For 10 points, identify this author whose *Jo's Boys* and *Little Men* are sequels to her famous autobiographical novel, *Little Women*.

Answer: Louisa Mae Alcott