

Ice Weasels Tossups
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1) On the island of Tanna in Vanuatu, the local inhabitants have built primitive warehouses, runways and docks anticipating the arrival of airplanes and ships with goods that will bring them immense material wealth. Elsewhere in the south Pacific, natives have made guns from branches and practiced military manoeuvres, in the belief that mimicking the rituals of the soldiers that were there during World War II will magically turn their equipment into the real thing. FTP give the term given to these hopeful societies.

A) _CARGO CULT_s

2) It's sort of like boy meets girl, boy gets girl, boy loses girl. Except the boy has three friends and so does the girl. Actually, the boy is the King of Navarre, the girl is the Princess of France, and the friends are lords and ladies. Everything is going along fine when the princess' father dies, and, being the queen, she has to go home. This describes, FTP, which of Shakespeare's comedies?

A) _LOVES LABOURS LOST_

3) This obstetrician had a thorough command of the scientific method. To test a hypothesis, he had his assistants perform ten deliveries in a way he suspected would kill the mothers. When they all died, he knew that puerperal (POO-air-PEAR-al) fever was transmitted by contact. FTP, name this modern reviver of medical hygiene.

A) _SEMMELWEISS_ (SEM-mel-UISE)

4) Istanbul was Constantinople. Lots of cities have had many names. In fact, Peking still has two. Where Beijing is now, there was a city called Zhongdu back when Genghis Khan took it. In 1264 Kublai Khan established his capital there. When Marco Polo came to visit, he referred to it by, FTP, what name?

A) _CAMBALUC_

5) This international organization has its Secretariat in Vienna. It has 55 member nations and administers such bodies as the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. It has been established under the UN charter as a primary instrument for conflict prevention and crisis management in Europe. It was formed in the early 70's as the CSCE, and at the Budapest Summit in 1994 changed its name to OSCE. FTP, what does OSCE stand for?

A) _ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE_

6) This Tuesday (August 12) will be her 20th birthday, but it has already been six years since she went pro. She joined her brother and sister on the tennis court at the age of seven, and played in tournaments by the age of 9. In 1993 she won the WTA Tour Most Impressive Newcomer Award, and is now ranked fourth on the tour. FTP name this Croatian tennis player, the only person to defeat Martina Hingis this year and the winner of the women's singles title at the 1997 French Open.

A) Iva _MAJOLI_

7) General Butt Naked, who fought wearing only boots and claimed to be in league with Satan, was but one of the many bizarre figures in this country's erstwhile civil war, which was mainly fought by drunk and drugged-out teenagers. FTP, name this country, where a recent election upgraded Charles Taylor's job title from Warlord to President.

A) _ALCESTIS_

10) This mythical King of Magnesia in Thessaly, he was the father of Sisyphus. The incest and subsequent suicide of his daughter Carnace and son Macareus provided the subject of a lost play by Euripedes that bears this king's name.

A) _AEOLUS_

12) The Oxford Atlas of the World predicts that 7 cities will have populations of over 20 million by the year 2015. For five points each, and an additional five if all of your answers are correct, name any five.

A) _TOKYO_, _Yokohama_, _BOMBAY_, _LAGOS_, _SHANGHAI_, _JAKARTA_, _S-AO PAULO_, _KARACHI_

13) You will get 10 points per poet if you identify the poet based on a list of his less-known poems, 5 points if you also need the years of birth and death.

10) "On the Grasshopper and Cricket", "To One who has been long in City pent", "Endymion"

5) 1795-1821

A) John _KEATS_

10) "Sordello", "Paracelsus", "The last Ride together"

5) 1812-1890

A) Robert _BROWNING_

10) "Epitaph on an Infant", "Fears in Solitude", "The Devil's Thoughts"

5) 1772-1834

A) Samuel Taylor _COLERIDGE_

14) Only five countries in the world today possess the heroes of "The Hunt for Red October" and "Crimson Tide", nuclear submarines. The United States alone possesses more than 50% of the total, and Russia has most of the rest. For ten points apiece, can you name the other three countries that own nuclear submarines?

A) _CHINA_(6)_, _FRANCE_(11)_, _UNITED KINGDOM_(15)_ (accept equivalents) (Russia has 48, the United States has 110).

15) Because the authors of this packet had so much fun in their attempt to write stumpers, they decided to include a question on comedy. The Old Comedy of Ancient Greece, that is.

5) First, for 5 points, name the greatest comic dramatist of Ancient Greece, and the only one from the Old Comedy period whose works have survived.

A) _ARISTOPHANES_

5) For another 5 points, name the prolonged war, which occurred between 431 B.C. and 404 B.C., that served as the background for most of Aristophanes's plays.

A) _PELOPONNESIAN_ War

10) For 10 points, what is the name of one of Aristophanes's most famous plays, a licentious comedy whose plot was set up around an attempt by the Greek women to end the Peloponnesian War by withholding sex from their husbands.

A) _LYSISTRATA_

10) For the final 10 points, name this satirical, whose ridicule of high-sounding philosophical arguments was directed chiefly against Socrates.

A) The _CLOUDS_

16) The United States armed forces continue to writhe on the spit of sexual scandal. FTSNOP, answer the following questions about our wild-and-crazy military.

can be influenced. For example, three of them are Binah, Hod and Yesod, representing understanding, glory and foundation respectively. FTP give their collective name.

A) The _SEPHIROTH_

In the 13th century Moses de Leon published a set of commentaries on the Pentateuch and on the nature of God. Perhaps the most influential Kabbalistic document, it was sometimes considered as important as the Talmud for interpretation of the Torah.

FTP name it.

A) Sepher ha _ZOHAR_ (or _BOOK OF SPLENDOR_)

27) Pencil and paper may be necessary for this bonus. The IMF provides currency exchange rates in terms of SDRs. On August 7th, 1997 one SDR was equivalent to 1.344620 US dollars. FTP, what does SDR stand for?

A) _SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS_

The value of the US dollar in SDRs is computed based on currency market exchange values of the dollar with 4 other currencies.

For 5 points each, give these 4 currencies.

A) British _POUND_, German _MARK_, French _FRANC_, Japanese _YEN_