

Tossups

1. The fifth book of the Twelve Minor Prophets, it is unique among prophetic books in that it contains no oracles. Its message contradicts that of Ezra and Nehemiah, using the conversion of the hated Assyrians to show that God is universal and not the sole property of Israel. For 10 points--name this book about the son of Amittai, a reluctant prophet who spent three days in a fish's belly.

Answer: Jonah

2. He was originally named Kusnasosro but after several childhood illnesses his parents changed his name to something luckier. During World War II he was the chief collaborator with the Japanese invaders of his country. As Japan collapsed he declared his country's independence and successfully fought off Dutch attempts to re-impose colonial rule. For 10 points--name this first president of Indonesia, overthrown in 1965 by General Suharto.

Answer: Sukarno

3. Bela Lugosi died during production and was replaced by a chiropractor who hid his face behind a cape. In it, aliens attempted to take over the earth by raising the dead. However, they only manage to resurrect 3 people, and their ship is destroyed during their retreat. Not very interesting, which is why it is probably the worst movie of all time.

FTP, identify this bomb, a travesty unleashed on the public by Ed Wood.

ANSWER: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE, or GRAVE ROBBERS FROM OUTER SPACE

4. A quartermaster in the Franco-Prussian war, this syphilitic bureaucrat's favourite activity was boating on the Seine with prostitutes. Flaubert said of him, "He's my disciple and I love him like a son," and interested him in the theme of "the humble truth," which is the subtitle for his novel, *A Woman's Life*. For 10 points--who wrote of war, water and women in stories such as "Fly," "Ball-of-Fat," and "The Necklace?"

Answer: Guy de Maupassant

5. Founded in the early 13th century, its cultural landmarks include the Zwinger, a complex of baroque-style buildings surrounding a courtyard, and the Semper Opera House, where Wagner and Richard Strauss debuted operas. Formerly known as "Florence on the Elbe"--for 10 points--name this capital of the state of Saxony, which on February 13 and 14, 1945, was devastated by Allied bombers.

Answer: Dresden

6. This traditional delicacy of the Egyptians and Romans was presented by J.P. Clause to Louis XVI in 1780, associating it forever with the cuisine of Strasbourg. The best consists of firm, smoothly textured whole lobes of a creamy white colour tinged with pink, and can be served with pancakes, in terrines, or around a truffle core. For ten points, give the French term for this fatty goose liver most often served in a pate (pa-TAY).

Answer: foie gras (fwah GRAH -- accept gross mispronunciations!)
(prompt on "pate", or on "fatty liver" or "goose liver" before "French")

7. If healthy, it floats on water and crackles when squeezed; if diseased, it sinks. In addition to its usual functions, this organ aids the liver in the regulation of starches by storing glycogen, and removes fat from the bloodstream, which it stores in the alveolar cells. It is surrounded by a membrane called the pleura. For 10 points--name this lobed respiratory organ to which blood is supplied by the pulmonary artery.

Answer: lung

8. When this notoriously frugal man was reluctantly persuaded to buy an executive jet, he christened the expensive plane "the Indefensible." But he must have liked it since he later bought the company, Gulfstream Aircraft. He likes eating at Dairy Queen, and now he owns that too. He is fond of Cherry Cokes, and owns eight percent of Coca-Cola through his holding company, Berkshire Hathaway. For 10 points--identify this investor, the second-wealthiest man in America.

Answer: Warren Buffett

9. It nearly bankrupted Ufa Studios, requiring 37,633 performers, including 1,000 men with shaved heads for the Tower of Babel scene alone. In it, the citizens of the surface are contrasted with the slaves who work underground, operating the machines that maintain the city above. Only the scientist Rotwang understands both worlds. FTP, identify the film, in which Freder Frederson finds love in Maria, a classic by Fritz Lang.

ANSWER: METROPOLIS

10. On Broadway, he directed big-name hits like *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *Death of a Salesman*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. His early motion picture credits include "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" and "Pinky." For 10 points--name this Oscar-winning director of "Gentleman's Agreement" and "On the Waterfront," whose 1999 honorary Academy award met with mixed reactions due to his compliance with the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Answer: Elia Kazan or Elia Kazanoglous

11. The Great Vowel Shift of medieval English involved the creation of these, as the "ee" sound was shifted to "eye" and "oo" shifted to "ow." In dieresis, one syllable is turned into two, often by breaking one of these into two pure vowels. For 10 points--identify this kind of gliding vowel which requires the vocal tract to make a continuous transition from one position to another.

Answer: diphthong

12. The most distant can be identified with color comparison techniques. The Lyman-alpha forest, caused by light absorption from intervening hydrogen clouds, causes them to have very different colors from stars. For 10 points--name these extremely luminous objects first discovered in 1963 by Maarten Schmidt, whose high redshifts indicate their great distance.

Answer: quasars or quasi-stellar objects or QSOs

13. Despite its 18th-century Scottish origins, it was adopted as the official philosophy of France from 1816 to 1870. Advanced by Scottish Realists like Thomas Reid, it was a reaction to the skepticism of David Hume. It held that to ordinary people, sensations are not merely abstract ideas but carry with them a belief in an external reality. For 10 points--identify this philosophy which shares its name with a 1775 pamphlet by Thomas Paine.

Answer: philosophy of common sense

14. According to *National Geographic*, those who perform this service command up to \$50 an hour in Boston and New York. Since parasitic head lice have developed resistance to most conventional treatments, professionals now teach parents how to remove the eggs by hand. For 10 points--name this practice, a term which now more commonly refers to minute or unjustified criticism.

Answer: nitpicking (accept alternate forms of the word) [note: lice eggs are known as "nits."]

15. While stationed in the Bay of Naples, this Roman admiral noticed a large cloud over a nearby mountain. Curious, he sailed toward it, only to be asphyxiated by the sulphurous gas emitted by Vesuvius. For 10 points--name this man who tried "to give a general description of everything that is known to exist throughout the earth" in his *Natural History*, whose death was chronicled by his nephew, Pliny the Younger.

Answer: Pliny the Elder or Gaius Plinius Secundus

16. This term may be used to describe any non-orientable surface of genus two. Named after the man who proposed the *Erlanger* program, it may be constructed from a finite cylinder by matching up the opposite ends with the orientation of the two circles reversed, or by attaching two Möbius strips along their boundary circles. For 10 points--name this "bottle" which cannot be embedded in 3-dimensional space.

Answer: Klein bottle

17. This city between the San Sebastian and Matanzas rivers was plundered twice by Sir Francis Drake and besieged by British general James Oglethorpe. A refuge for Loyalists during the American Revolution, during the Indian wars its Castillo de San Marcos, still the oldest standing fort in the U.S., served as a prison for Seminoles, including Osceola. For 10 points--what Florida city did Pedro Menendez de Aviles name for a bishop of Hippo?

Answer: Saint Augustine

18. Wordsworth said of it: "The Poem of my Friend has indeed great defects... the principal person has no distinct character...as a human being who having been long under the control of supernatural impressions might be supposed himself to partake of something supernatural...." It ends with the lines "He prayeth best, who loveth best/All things both great and small." For 10 points--name this Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem featuring a dead albatross.

Answer: "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"

19. By 1822 he had compiled an alphabet of twenty-six letters, but only twelve of these were correct or partly correct; the others turned out to be wrong. Expanding on the earlier work of Thomas Young, he was the first to deduce that some of the symbols were phonetic, some were ideographic, and some determinative. For 10 points--name this Grenoble professor, renowned as the father of Egyptology and the decipherer of the Rosetta Stone.

Answer: Jean-Francois Champollion

20. The work was inspired by *Die Beterin*, a Seume poem about a praying maiden transfigured with hope by angels. Its form breaks 18th century tradition; its first movement, which precedes a scherzo and a "presto agitato" finale, bears the unusual marking "quasi una fantasia." A critic, reminded of Lake Lucerne at night, gave--for 10 points--what nickname to Beethoven's Opus 27, No. 2, a sonata in C sharp minor?

Answer: Moonlight Sonata

21. His name is Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and he is currently the youngest political prisoner on Earth--he is ten years old and has been detained by the government in an unknown location since he was six. Divinatory tests using dice and dough balls confirm his holy status, but the Chinese have tried to discredit him by claiming that he drowned a dog, and have put forth an impostor to replace him. For 10 points--name this reincarnated figure, the second-most-important spiritual leader of Tibet.

Answer: the Panchen Lama

22. Of all the candidates in this country's recent election, the top three were all former or current presidents. Abel Goumba received 6 percent of the vote, while Andre Kolingba received 19 percent. However, the current president, Ange-Felix Patasse, won with an overwhelming 52 percent to retain the presidency of, FTP, what African nation with its capital at Bangui?

ANSWER: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

23. Mildly addictive when taken in small quantities, it is severely addictive when imbibed in quantities above two grams daily per seventy kilos of body weight. A characteristic effect of addiction is the "Eyes of Ibad" where the whites and pupils of the eyes turn a deep blue. For 10 points--name this drug, priced as high as 620,000 solaris per decagram, the chief export of Arrakis in Frank Herbert's ~Dune.~

Answer: melange or spice

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24. The interior of the room features a vase beside a column, and slender trees can be seen in the distance. Two handmaids in the background are removing and folding clothes from a chest, and a small dog sleeps on the bed at the feet of the central figure, whose paleness contrasts with the darkness of the wall behind her. For 10 points--name this 1538 Titian painting of a nude goddess.

Answer: Venus of Urbino