

Vancouver Estival Trivia Open — July 19, 2003

FAR SIDE team packet

TOSSUP 1

In 1976, Innsbruck, Austria, hosted the Winter Olympics, but the IOC had first awarded the Games to this other city, in the United States. Future governor Dick Lamm led a successful drive to amend the state constitution to prevent state funds being used to pay for the event in this capital of the only American state lying entirely above 1 kilometre above sea level. For 10 points, what city is home to Mile High Stadium?

Answer: Denver, Colorado

TOSSUP 2

"Oriental immigration to Canada" was the title of his Ph.D. thesis at Harvard in 1909, the same year he became a federal cabinet minister. In 1923, his Chinese Immigration Act abolished the head tax — but other provisions resulted in an average of only two immigrants of Chinese descent arriving each year until 1947. For 10 points, who also maintained racial discrimination in voting rights until 1948, his twenty-second and final year as prime minister?

Answer: William Lyon Mackenzie King

TOSSUP 3

"He has many friends, laymen and clerical,
Old Foss is the name of his cat;
His body is perfectly spherical,
He weareth a runcible hat."

For 10 points, who wrote this self-description in the Preface to his 1871 work of *Nonsense Songs* which include "Calico Cat", "The Jumblies", and "The Owl and the Pussycat"?

Answer: Edward Lear

TOSSUP 4

After initial failures in politics, Brian Mulroney did it in June of 1979, and George W. Bush did it in July of 1986. Public pledges to do it were made in November 2002 by Defence Minister John McCallum, in December 2001 by Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, and in January 2003 by B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell. For 10 points, what is this lifestyle choice most famously recommended from 1935 onward by Dr. Bob and Bill W.?

Answer: quitting drinking alcohol, or teetotaling (accept equivalents)

TOSSUP 5

Pindar's 11th Pythian Ode says this character died in Amyclae ["AM-ick-lee"], but according to Aeschylus, he died in a palace in Argos. A third location of his death is given in Homer's *Odyssey*, in which he recounts from Hades that he was murdered at a banquet given by Aegisthus ["egg-ISS-thus"] and his own wife Clytemnestra ["cly-tem-NEST-ra"] in his home town. For 10 points, who was this king of Mycenae ["my-SEEN-ee"]?

Answer: Agamemnon

TOSSUP 6

Born in Minnesota, he moved to Vancouver in 1911, at age 9. As a teenager, he sold peanuts at Athletic Park, later adding hot dogs and drinks, and then, in 1928, at Granville & 67th he opened Canada's first drive-in restaurant, and named it White Spot. For 10 points who was this restaurateur who died in 1978, 30 days before a new Vancouver team's first home game of Triple A baseball was held at a stadium renamed in his honour?

Answer: Nat Bailey

TOSSUP 7

In Turkish, a cheesy version of it is called "her majesty was pleased", or hünkâr beyendi, and another version is "the minister fainted", or imam bay[ld] [by-ULL-duh], which is made with tomatoes. In Arabic, a variant with tahini is called "spoiled daddy", or baba ghannouj. For 10 points, what is also the main vegetable in the Italian melanzana alla parmigiana

and the Greek moussaka?

Answer: eggplant (or aubergine)

TOSSUP 8

This song refers in a coded way to the hilltop town of Ripley, just across from Kentucky, with the Ohio River being referred to as the Jordan, and "a band of angels" a reference to Ripley resident John Parker and his colleagues in the Underground Railroad. For 10 points, what African-American spiritual includes the refrain, "comin' for to carry me home"?

Answer: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

TOSSUP 9

The only person who sells them is Cliff Stoll of Oakland, California, who originally contracted with a Berkeley producer of drug paraphernalia before finding that "the trouble with bong makers is that they're also bong users." Now made by Adams & Chittenden Scientific Glassblowers, strictly speaking, these items are 3-dimensional projections of a 4-dimensional object. For 10 points, what are these closed, non-orientable boundary-free manifolds?

Answer: Klein bottles

TOSSUP 10

This work lays down four general precepts: make no assumptions other than what's known clearly to be true; divide problems into parts for separate examination; start with the easiest problems and work one's way up to the hard ones; and make sure nothing is omitted. Inspired by geometrical reasoning, what treatise published in Holland in 1637 also introduces the phrase, "I think therefore I am"?

Answer: Discourse on (the) Method for Reasoning Well and for Seeking Truth in the Sciences (*Discours de la méthode pour bien conduire sa raison, et chercher la vérité dans les sciences*) by René Descartes

TOSSUP 11

In Esperanto, it is indicated by the suffix "US". In Hungarian, the infix "NÉ" or "NÁ" is inserted between the stem and the personal ending for the present tense. In Italian, the ending for the past historic tense is put after the infinitive, and in Portuguese, Spanish, and French, the ending for the imperfect is put after the infinitive. For 10 points, what is this verb mood expressed in English by the auxiliary "would"?

Answer: conditional (mood or tense)

TOSSUP 12

The examples of N. Beeker, G. Spender, B. Lunt, and Dorothea D. Ditto are drawn from the author's experience working in the school system of Vancouver, which is called Excelsior City in this 1969 book. It refutes apparent exceptions labelled Percussive Sublimation, Lateral Arabesque, and Paternal In-Step. For 10 points, name this treatise that explains why, "In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence."

Answer: the Peter Principle

TOSSUP 13

John is a reporter, Charles is a banker, Scott teaches English, Emily works for the U.S. ambassador, and Mark, the only Canadian, studies "history of nostalgia." Like the "lost generation" in 1920s Paris, all have been drawn in 1990 to Budapest in, for 10 points, what 2002 Arthur Phillips novel about North American twentysomethings who wish they were 500 kilometers away in the real-life Bohemian capital that gives this book its title?

Answer: Prague

TOSSUP 14

In 1921 the Communist Party of Canada was founded in this city, which Ayn Rand fans may find ironic for a planned community established in 1827 by a man named John Galt. Located on the Speed River 65 kilometres west of Toronto, today its largest employer is its namesake university. For 10 points, what is this home of Ontario's only veterinary college?

Answer: Guelph

TOSSUP 15

Upon its independence in 1975, it replaced Canada as the western hemisphere's LEAST densely populated nation — but only because a third of its people, mostly those of East Indian origin, had voted against independence with their feet and moved to Europe. For 10 points, what originally English colony was traded in 1667 for New York and for 308 years was called Dutch Guiana?

Answer: Suriname

TOSSUP 16

Fourteen thousand of them were parachuted by the Royal Air Force over remote villages in British North Borneo, in 1957, as a desperate measure to counteract a side effect of an insect control program. Sprayed DDT had killed or affected house cockroaches but then moved up the food chain to kill animals that ingested the cockroaches, resulting in an explosion of the rat population that was controlled by reintroducing, for 10 points, what domestic animal?

Answer: cats (or Felis catus)

TOSSUP 17

The first name's the same: Mr. MacPherson was a Vancouver saxophonist and the bandleader at The Cave in the 1960s. Mr. Simpson is a Toronto math teacher who writes the Globe & Mail's Saturday cryptic crossword. And the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research was founded by Dr. Mustard. For 10 points, what is their shared given name that is similar to but NOT the same as that of TV's Dr. Crane?

Answer: Fraser ["FRAY-zur"] (do NOT accept "Frasier")

TOSSUP 18

It was invented by Jarkko Oikarinen at the University of Oulu in the summer of 1988. Soon thereafter, it incorporated the first peer-to-peer networking capability, called Client To Client Protocol. Beginning with the server tolsun oulu.fi, more were added until the first split occurred in 1990 when Anet separated from EFnet. For 10 points, what is this program that now has at least 85 separate networks for people to talk to each other in online "channels"?

Answer: Internet Relay Chat

TOSSUP 19

Averaging 40 by 50 metres at the base, about 25 of these are currently known. The largest one, Chogha Zanbil in Elam, is 102 metres square and 24 metres high, though its original height is estimated to be at least twice that. Ascent was usually by either a spiral ramp or an exterior triple stairway. For 10 points, what are these brick stepped temple towers built between 2200 B.C. and 500 B.C. in Mesopotamia?

Answer: ziggurats

TOSSUP 20

The United Kingdom was the birthplace of seven current members of Canada's House of Commons, but this other country one-ups the U.K., with eight of the forty-four foreign-born MPs hailing from it. All eight are Liberals, representing seven Ontario ridings, plus Quebec's Vaudreuil-Soulanges ["vode-ROY sue-LONGE"], with its MP Nick Discepola ["dish-EPP-oh-la"]. For 10 points, name their European homeland represented in cabinet by the Secretary of State for International Financial Institutions, Maurizio Bevilacqua.

Answer: Italy

TOSSUP 21

It's usually blue or bluish-white, often accompanied by a hissing sound, and lasts a few minutes. It occurs on objects, especially pointed ones, at a minimum of about 30 thousand volts per centimetre of electric field potential. For 10 points, what is this luminous phenomenon seen during thunderstorms and named after a patron saint of sailors?

Answer: Saint Elmo's Fire or corona or point discharge

TOSSUP 22

This art style requires a build-up of thin layers of glazes on top of layers of applications of oil painting. A form of *chiaroscuro* and the opposite of *disegno*, which emphasized line and design, this technique was invented by Leonard da Vinci and can be seen in his *Mona Lisa*. For 10 points, name this painting style from the Italian word for "smoky."

Answer: sfumato

TOSSUP 23

It rises at an altitude of about 5500 metres and begins to flow northwest. The first tributary that joins it is the Zaskar on its left, and then 240 kilometres later it is joined by the Shyok. Fed by glaciers on the Nanga Parbat massif, the Kohistan highlands, and the Karakoram Range, it flows through Kashmir and then the Punjab Plain, ending at the Arabian Sea at Karachi. For 10 points, name this most important river of Pakistan and eastern limit of Alexander the Great's empire.

Answer: Indus River

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BONUS 1

First, for 5 points, name the composer of this music:

[[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Felix Mendelssohn(-Bartholdy)

For 10 more points, the Wedding March you just heard comes from Mendelssohn's incidental music to what play?

Answer: A Midsummer Night's Dream

(Do not accept "midsummer's night dream" or similar garblings)

Now for 5 points, name the composer of this music:

[[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Richard Wagner

For a final 10 points, the Bridal Chorus you just heard comes from what Wagner opera?

Answer: Lohengrin

BONUS 2

[[HAND OUT PAGE OF CONSTELLATIONS — attached to end of packet]]

You've just been handed pictures of three constellations, all of which are in the zodiac. For 10 points each, name them.

You have 15 seconds.

Answers:

A. Taurus

B. Libra

C. Leo

BONUS 3

I'll play you three excerpts from speeches given at the United Nations Security Council on March 7, 2003. For 10 points each, name the speakers.

A. [[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Mohamed El-Baradei

B. [[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Jack John Whitaker Straw

C. [[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Joseph "Joschka" Martin Fischer

BONUS 4

[[HAND OUT 3 PAGES OF TEXT]]

You've just been handed three excerpts of novels that won the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction. The year of the award is written on each page. I'll give you 15 seconds to name the books, for 10 points each.

Answers:

A. Anil's Ghost (2000) by Michael Ondaatje

B. The Stone Diaries (1993) by Carol Shields

C. The Handmaid's Tale (1985) by Margaret Atwood

BONUS 5

I'll play you clips from themes of three classic American TV game shows. For 10 points each, given an excerpt and the period that the theme was used, name the show.

A. Opening theme, 1976 to 1985.
[[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: Family Feud

B. Closing theme, 1950 to 1967.
[[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: What's My Line?

C. Opening theme, 1959 to 1970.
[[PLAY TAPE]]

Answer: G.E. College Bowl

BONUS 6

[[HAND OUT PAGE WITH CHINESE CHARACTERS — attached to end of packet]]

You've just been handed a picture of the twelve characters representing animals in the Chinese zodiac. They're not listed in any conventional order, but in alphabetical order of their names in *pinyin*. For 10 points each, pick ANY THREE CHARACTERS OF YOUR CHOICE and tell me what animal they represent. You have a total of 15 seconds.

Answers:

- A. dog (gou)
 - B. monkey (hou)
 - C. tiger (hu)
 - D. rooster or cock (ji)
 - E. dragon (long)
 - F. horse (ma)
 - G. ox (niu)
 - H. snake (she)
 - I. rat (shu)
 - J. rabbit (tu)
 - K. sheep or goat (yang)
 - L. pig (zhu)
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BONUS 7

Name these unrelated things or people, for 10 points each.

A. A rod or bundle of twigs used for flogging, made from a deciduous tree of the same name that grows in every Canadian province.

Answer: birch

B. Olivia's drunkard uncle in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Answer: Sir Toby Belch

C. This member of the Liberal front BENCH, the first sitting MP ever to give BIRTH, told CBC TV this year that she thinks most Canadians regard her as "a five-letter word beginning in 'B' and ending in 'H'."

Answer: The Honourable Sheila Maureen Copps

BONUS 8

[[HAND OUT PICTURE OF MONSTER EATING — attached to end of packet]]

You've just been handed a copy of a painting that the artist put on his dining room wall after completing it in 1823. First, for 10 points per answer, name the painter and the ancient deity that is the subject.

Answers: Francisco de Goya
subject is Saturn or Cronus

According to Hesiod's *Theogony*, how many of his children did Cronus devour?

Answer: 5
(Hestia, Poseidon, Hades, Demeter, and Hera. Zeus got away.)

BONUS 9

[[HAND OUT EXCHANGE RATE GRAPH]]

You've just been handed a graph with the price of one Canadian Dollar and three other currency units, over the past two years, in terms of U.S. dollars. For 10 points each, name the three currencies "A", "B", and "C". You have a total of 15 seconds.

Answers:

- A. British pound (or pound sterling)
- B. European euro
- C. Argentine peso

BONUS 10

[[HAND OUT BRAIN PICTURE]]

For 10 points each, give me the letter, U through Z, indicating the part of the brain with these functions. I will NOT tell you whether you're correct until you've answered all three parts.

A. The neuroendocrine control centre.

Answer: V (hypothalamus and pituitary gland)

B. Ensures that skeletal muscle moves in a smooth and coordinated manner.

Answer: Z (cerebellum)

C. Allows nerve impulses to pass between cerebral hemispheres.

Answer: W (corpus callosum)

BONUS 11

[[HAND OUT PAGE OF TEXT — attached to end of packet]]

You've just been handed a page with excerpts of three e-mails sent by family members of recently deposed African leaders. In each excerpt, the name of a country is replaced once or twice by asterisks. You have a total of 15 seconds to name the three countries, for 10 points each.

Answers:

- A. Democratic Republic of (the) Congo
- B. Côte d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast
- C. Sierra Leone

BONUS 12

For 10 points each, name the countries that share two-letter internet codes with provinces in Canada, where they are also used as postal abbreviations.

A. Newfoundland and Labrador's new code effective in 2002 is the same as that of this country, which was first connected to the Internet in 1982.

Answer: Netherlands or Holland (NL; the province was formerly NF)

B. Prince Edward Island has the same code as this country which got connected to the Internet in 1991.

Answer: Peru (PE)

C. Saskatchewan's code is the same as that of this country, which began using it upon independence in 1993.

Answer: Slovakia (SK)

BONUS 13

When Pierre Trudeau unveiled his plan to patriate the constitution in 1980, the only provincial premiers who supported him were the two who had been in office the longest. First, for 10 points, name EITHER of these two Tory premiers, of Ontario and New Brunswick.

Answers: William Davis, Richard Hatfield (only one required)

Before agreeing on a compromise, the eight dissenting premiers were split between hard-line "L"'s and more conciliatory "B"'s. For 10 points each, name ANY ONE of the then premiers of Manitoba, Alberta, and Quebec, whose surnames began with "L", and ANY ONE of the premiers of Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, and B.C., whose surnames began with "B".

Answers: any one of the following three, for 10 points

- Sterling Lyon (Manitoba)
- Peter Lougheed (Alberta)
- Rene Levesque (Quebec)

and any one of the following three, for 10 points

- John Buchanan (N.S.)
- Allan Blakeney (Sask.)
- Bill Bennett (B.C.) — prompt on "Bennett", and do NOT accept "W.A.C. Bennett", his father

Note: Sorry for ignoring Premier Peckford of Newfoundland and Premier MacLean of P.E.I.

BONUS 14

In the late 20th century, in the same year -- which I'll ask you in part C -- two infants became instant celebrities worldwide the moment they were born. For 10 points each, tell me the unprecedented birth circumstances causing headlines about:

A. Louise Brown, born July 25.

Answer: first test-tube baby, or in vitro fertilization

B. Emilio Palma, born January 7.

Answer: first child born on Antarctica

C. For 10 points for the exact year or for 5 points within five, in what year were they both born?

Answer: 1978 (accept years in 1973-1977 or 1979-1983 for 5 points)

BONUS 15

For 10 points each, name these elements from uses of their radioactive isotopes.

A. This element's isotope of atomic weight 32 is used as a tracer to understand chemical and biological processes in plants.

Answer: phosphorus

B. The gamma rays emitted by this element's isotope of atomic weight 60 are used to sterilize foods and also to treat cancer.

Answer: cobalt

C. This element's isotope of atomic weight 241 is used in household smoke detectors.

Answer: americium

BONUS 16

In the USSR, the real power was held by the General Secretary of the Communist Party, but the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet was the official head of the Soviet state. For 10 points each, name these men who held this latter position.

A. The first head of state, from 1919 to 1946; after his death, the formerly German city of Königsberg, annexed to Russia, was named after him.

Answer: Mikhail Ivanovich Kalinin

B. As General Secretary of the Party, he broke with tradition in 1976 when he also became head of state, holding both positions until his death in 1982.

Answer: Leonid Ilich Brezhnev

C. He was head of state from 1985 to 1988, following 28 years as the USSR's foreign minister.

Answer: Andrey Andreyevich Gromyko

BONUS 17

Answer these questions from the National Final of this year's Great Canadian Geography Challenge. Ten points each.

A. What is the equivalent of the direction southeast in compass bearing, in degrees?

Answer: 135 degrees

B. What glacial deposit is egg-shaped as viewed from the air, with one blunt end and one gently-sloping end, and on average approximately 50 metres high and one to two kilometres long?

Answer: drumlin

C. Which two of the Great Lakes -- both required -- does the St. Mary's River join?

Answer: Lake Superior and Lake Huron

BONUS 18

For 10 points each, answer these questions about the Fatimid Dynasty and its continuing relevance.

A. In 969, the Fatimids founded what city, which they made their capital -- and is still a national capital today?

Answer: Cairo (or Al-Qahira), Egypt

B. The Fatimids belonged to what Shia Islamic sect, which is led today by the Aga Khan?

Answer: Isma'ili

C. In 1016, the Fatimid "mad caliph" al-Hakim declared himself the incarnation of God, but nobody believed him except in what new offshoot sect surviving today mainly in Lebanon's Chouf ["shoof"] mountains and now led by Walid Jumblatt?

Answer: Druze

BONUS 19

Give these terms that begin with "E" and are used in English property law. Ten points each.

A. A right granted by one property owner to another to use a part of his land for a specific purpose.

Answer: easement

B. In feudal law, an interest in land bound up inalienably in the grantee and then forever to his direct descendants. If the grantee died without direct descendants, the land reverted to the grantor.

Answer: entail

C. In feudal law, return or forfeiture to the lord of land held by his tenant, either by death of the tenant without heirs or by conviction of the tenant for a felony.

Answer: escheat

BONUS 20

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."
For 10 points per answer:

A. Who is credited with penning this line?

Answer: Alexander Pope

B. The line occurs in what poem of Pope's?

Answer: An Essay on Criticism

C. Complete the next line: "Drink deep, or taste not the ..."

Answer: Pierian spring

BONUS 21

In 1997, *The English Patient*, based on the novel by Michael Ondaatje, won nine Academy Awards. Name these other films that received Academy Award nominations and were based on books by Canadian authors:

A. In 1990, it was nominated for Best Picture.

Answer: Field of Dreams (based on *Shoeless Joe* by W.P. Kinsella)

B. In 1996, it won the Oscar for Best Short Film, Live Action.

Answer: Lieberman in Love (based on story by W.P. Kinsella)

C. In 1975, it was nominated for Best Writing, Screenplay Adapted From Other Material.

Answer: The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (based on novel by Mordecai Richler)

BONUS 22

Name these Shakespeare plays from anachronisms, 10 points each.

A. More than a hundred years before cannons first appeared in Europe, King Philip says: "our cannon shall be bent / Against the brows of this resisting town."

Answer: King John

B. A character refers to "young men, whom Aristotle thought / Unfit to hear moral philosophy." -- about 800 years before Aristotle was born.

Answer: Troilus and Cressida

C. A title character says "Let's to billiards: come, Charmian." about 1500 years before games of billiards were invented.

Answer: Antony and Cleopatra

BONUS 23

For 10 points each, answer these questions about Ladan and Laleh, Siamese twins who died in Singapore on July 8, 2003.

A. What was their surname?

Answer: Bijani

B. What was the name of the hospital where their unsuccessful operation took place — also the surname of Singapore's British founder?

Answer: Raffles Hospital

C. Laleh wanted to study journalism, but acceded to Ladan's wishes and so both studied for degrees in what subject at Tehran University?

Answer: law

BONUS 24

In 1913, a septet of Canadian painters formed the Group of Seven. Name any six of them for 5 points each.

Answers:

Franklin Carmichael

A.Y. Jackson

Frank Johnston

Arthur Lismer

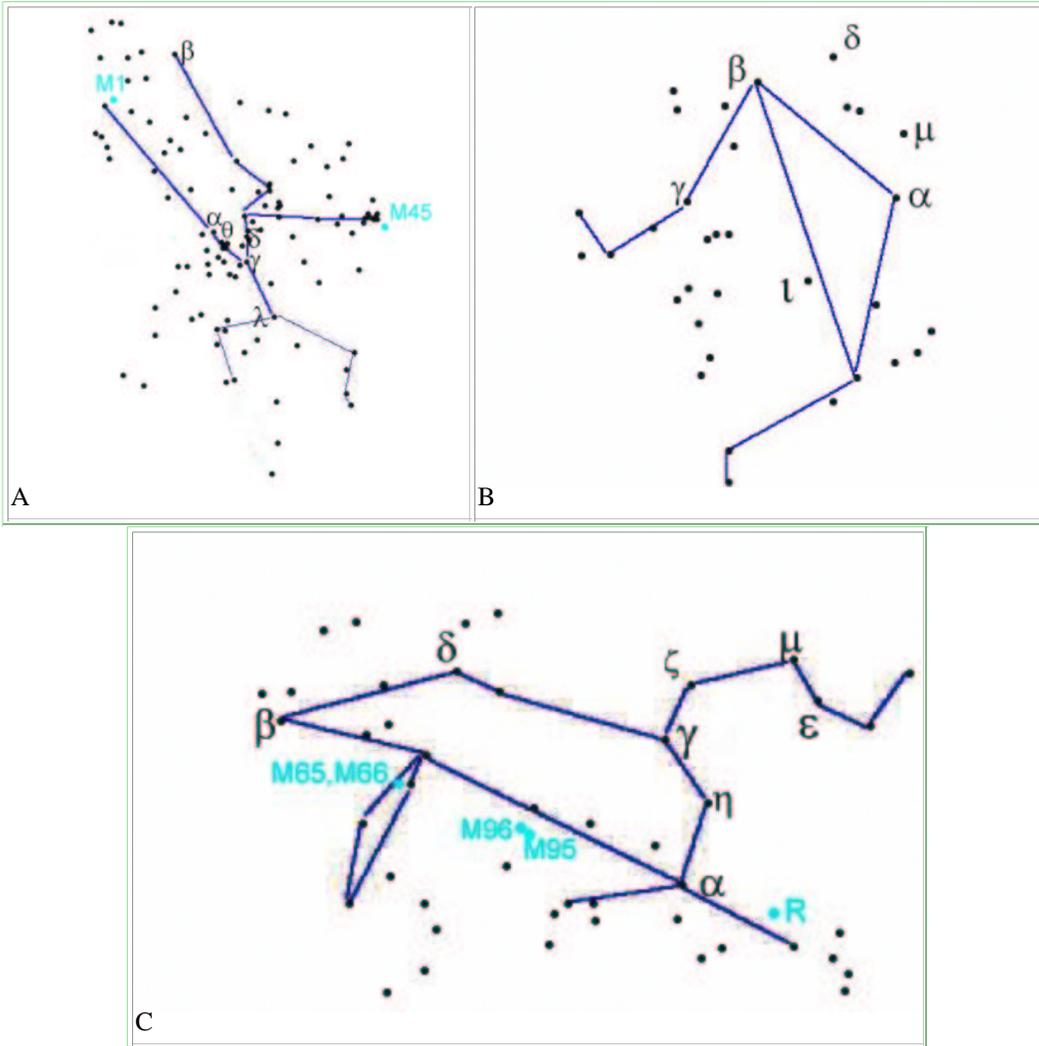
J.E.H. MacDonald

Tom Thomson

Frederick Varley

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BONUS 2
three constellations on the zodiac



BONUS 6

Chinese Zodiac Symbols

listed in alphabetical order of their Chinese names in *pinyin*

10 points each: Identify (in English) any THREE of them!





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BONUS 11

In each section, one country's name is asterisked out (*****) wherever it occurs. Name the 3 countries.
YOU GET 15 SECONDS FOR THIS BONUS.

===== "A" =====
Sir/madam,

I need your help, I am Kevin Dagarm the son of a
Late minister during the reign of Mobutu Sese Seko,
I came to know you in the course of my search for
a reliable and God fearing partner and I decide
to contact you because I believe you are a reputable

person and I felt you can help us over this
confidential
matter. I count on your integrity and honesty to be
able
to handle this business.

My father was a minister in *****
***** during the reign of Late President Mobutu.
Our father was killed during the rebel attack and
our house was burnt. We manage to escape to South
Africa with my mother and two of my sisters
where we are now taking refuge.

===== "B" =====
Dear Friend,

My greetings to you and I hope you are well. I am Josephine
Guei-Tonnere, sister to the late General Robert Guei erstwhile ruler
of *****. General Robert Guei was murdered alongside his wife
Rose on Thursday the 19th of September 2002 by government forces in
their very home while having lunch on trumped up charges of trying to
forcefully overthrow the civilian government of Laurent Gbagboh whom
he handed over power to in the year 2000. Though the Government is
claiming to the International media that my brother was killed in a
shootout, it has now leaked out that he was killed in his house along
with his wife.

===== "C" =====
Sir

I am Prince Johnson Vander. The son of former minister of
finance (Prince Vander Makabo) of the republic of ***** West
Africa based on the information I gathered from your chamber of
commerce and industry on your credibility, I decide to contact for the
assistance.
Regarding my zeal toward foreign investment and security for my life
and possession,
I therefore write to you a break down of this proposal.

My father died when a group of rebel soldier led by sir Foday
Sankoh overthrown government of ***** forcing the president out
of power and killing many members of the cabinet and minister including
my own father.