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**Matt Baker's 20 Questions #8**

1. As a child, his father hired a tutor who spoke only Latin to him until he was six and had him awakened every morning by music. After a trip through Switzerland, Germany, and Italy, partly in search of treatment for gallstones, he served two terms as mayor of Bordeaux. FTP, identify this French moralist and creator of the personal essay.

Michel de Montaigne

2. "Of our Methods in Recognizing one another". "Of the Suppression of the Chromatic Sedition." "Concerning Irregular Figures". "How the Sphere, having in vain tried words, resorted to deeds". "How I tried to teach the Theory of Three Dimensions to my Grandson, and with what success". "How I had a Vision of Lineland". These are some of the section titles within, FTP, what satirical work of science fiction by English schoolmaster Edwin Abbot?

Flatland

3. The first winner was Nelson Algren in 1950 for "The Man with the Golden Arm". Other winners have included Ralph Ellison for "Invisible Man", Thomas Pynchon for "Gravity's Rainbow", William Styron for "Sophie's Choice", Cormac McCarthy for "All the Pretty Horses", and E. Annie Proulx for "The Shipping News". FTP, identify this award given annually for outstanding literary works for American citizens.

National Book Award (for fiction)

4. It is usually divided into two main layers: a lower layer, designated the E or Heaviside layer, which reflects radio waves of low frequency, and the F or Appleton layer, which reflects higher-frequency radio waves. FTP, identify this layer of the earth's atmosphere, which exerts tremendous influence over the propagation of radio signals.

Ionosphere

5. He served in the Rhineland campaigns during the French Revolution, and afterwards attended a military academy for young officers in Berlin. During the Napoleonic Wars, he was captured by the French and held prisoner for two years. He later served in the Russian army against Napoleon and, after reentering the Prussian army, fought at Waterloo. From 1818 to 1830, he was director of the War College in Berlin. FTP, identify this man, who gained international fame as a military theorist with his posthumously published work "On War".

Karl von Clausewitz

6. Born in 1901 in Jefferson, Iowa, he was professor of journalism and advertising at Northwestern University from 1931-32 and at Columbia University from 1935-37. He became interested in the use of statistical methods in journalism and advertising, and extended his research to include the reactions of radio audiences, founding the Audience Research Institute in 1939. FTP, identify this American journalist and statistician for whom a political public opinion poll is named.

George Gallup

7. Born in Germany, he studied at the Paris Conservatoire and in 1837 became a cellist at the Paris Opera-Comique, where his first operetta, the one-act Pepito, was performed. By 1875 he had composed some 90 witty and satiric operettas, many of them to librettos by the French writer Ludovic Halevy. FTP, identify this composer, whose works include "La Perichole", "Orpheus in the Underworld", and "The Tales of Hoffman".

Jacques Offenbach

8. Born in 1870, he was a member of a prominent Afrikaner family and was educated at

Cambridge in England. He fought on the Boer side of the Boer war but later advocated cooperation with Britain. He commanded British imperial forces in East Africa during World War I and helped plan the League of Nations. From 1919-1924 and again from 1939-1948 he served as prime minister of South Africa, bringing the country into World War II on the Allied side despite the opposition of Afrikaners who favored neutrality. FTP, identify this prominent South African leader.

Jan Smuts

9. They are usually named for the particular organ or part of the body affected. For example, salivary, bronchial, and biliary ones affect the salivary gland, neck, and gallbladder, respectively. They may also form between the urinary bladder and the rectum or vagina. They may be acquired or congenital, and are usually treated by cauterization and surgery. FTP, give the name for these abnormal, inflated passages leading from one internal organ or cavity to another.

Fistula

10. Born in New York City in 1942, he studied literature and theater at Denison University. After graduating in 1964, he worked for six weeks as a clerk at NBC and then briefly in programming at CBS. His career jumpstarted at ABC, which he joined in 1966, ultimately becoming senior VP of prime-time production and development. In 1976, he was named president and chief operating officer of Paramount Pictures. FTP, identify this corporate giant, who in 1984 took over as CEO of the Disney Corporation.

Michael Eisner

11. The first was Don Meineke in 1953. Other winners have included Maurice Stokes in 1956, Dave Bing in 1967, Alvin Adams in 1976, Darrell Griffith in 1981, Mark Jackson in 1988, Derrick Coleman in 1991, Larry Johnson in 1992, Shaquille O'Neill in 1993, and Chris Webber in 1994. FTP, identify this annual award.

NBA Rookie of the Year

12. The US returns to the single gold standard. Olds Co. opens the first Detroit auto factory. Kurt Weill and Aaron Copland are born. Baseball's American League is organized. The census lists the US population over 75 million for the first time. FTP, in what year did all of these events, as well as the Boxer Rebellion in China, occur?

1900

13. "The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign state." This is, FTP, the complete text of what amendment, adopted Jan. 8, 1798?

Eleventh Amendment

14. Its chemical formula is C<sub>21</sub>-H<sub>22</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>, and can be obtained commercially from the seeds of the Saint-Ignatius's-bean and from nux vomica. It is obtained in colorless or white rhombic crystals, and is widely used in medicine as a stimulant and tonic. In larger doses than those used therapeutically, it causes extreme excitation of the central nervous system, resulting in convulsions and tetanic contractions. FTP, identify this substance, commonly used as a poison for rats and vermin.

Strychnine

15. Maggie is loved by Philip Wakem, the deformed son of the lawyer responsible for the ruin of Maggie's father, but her brother Tom's opposition makes the relationship impossible. Maggie later falls in love with Stephen Guest, the handsome and passionate fiance of her cousin Lucy. Her life becomes miserable after she impulsively runs off with Stephen, and

only death reunited her with Tom when the two are drowned together in a great flood of the title river. FTP, identify this work about the Tulliver family, written in 1860 by George Eliot.

The Mill on the Floss

16. Born in Paris of English parents, he studied with Swiss painter Charles Gabriel Gleyre, and through his studio met Claude Monet and Pierre Auguste Renoir, with whom he founded the impressionist school of painting. Although his work attracted little attention in his own lifetime, its importance has since been recognized. His soft, idyllic paintings, mainly of scenes near Paris, reveal the influence of Corot, especially in their gentle colors. FTP, identify this artist of such works as "Flood at Port-Marly" and "Street at Moret", born in 1839.

Alfred Sisley

17. Arriving in America at age 21, he worked assorted jobs and witnessed first-hand America's squalid side. He later became a police reporter for the New York "Tribune" and fought against the horrid conditions of New York City tenements. His famous 1890 work attracted the attention of Theodore Roosevelt and resulted in improved water supply, child labor laws, and elimination of the notorious Mulberry Bend slum. FTP, identify this Danish-born American author of "How the Other Half Lives".

Jacob Riis

18. He was preceded by both Flynn and Blake, the former being a "pudd'n" and the latter a "flake". Both Cooney and Burrows had already died at second, so the outlook was bleak. But with 5,000 people watching, he did indeed get a chance to display his mettle, or lack thereof. I am describing, FTP, what Ernest Lawrence Thayer anti-hero?

Casey (at the Bat)

19. A metric, a sphere, a sum, a surface, an integral, a hypothesis, and a zeta function are all named for him. FTP, identify this German mathematician who contributed to non-Euclidean geometry, the rigorization of calculus, and many other areas of mathematics.

Bernhard Riemann

20. Its original score was composed by Michael Nyman, and it was directed and written by Christopher Hampton as an adaptation of his own play. The story concerns a young painter and the unusual men in her life, most notably author Lytton Strachey, played by Jonathan Pryce. FTP, identify this 1995 film starring Emma Thompson in the title role.

Carrington