

MASSOLIT Round 4

(1) One character in this work runs out of adjectives after “retrogressive, remarkable, unpalatable” but promises more when his Longer Companion Dictionary arrives. Another character in this play claims that her image took three leaves - one for each heart she will break. That character is seduced by promises that her (+) face will appear on stamps. At the end of the first act, four women play the tires of a truck that breaks down and whose driver falls in water before taking pictures of the village; those pictures later appear in a (*) magazine from the capital. A teacher confusedly believes that a belle will marry him without demanding a bride price, but she marries the Bale [BAH-lay] of Ilujinle instead. For ten points, name this play in which Lakunle loses the hand of Sidi to Baroka written by Wole Soyinka.

ANSWER: *The Lion and the Jewel*

(2) This poet wrote a poem that opened “It was not dying: everybody died” called *Losses*. In another poem, he declared that the title figure “look[s] back at the leopard like the leopard” but that “the world goes by my cage and never sees me”. This author wrote a novel about the creative writing instructor (+) Mrs. Batterson and the twelve-tone composer Gottfried Rosenbaum teaching at a women’s college. This author of *The Woman at the Washington Zoo* wrote satirically of Benton in (*) *Pictures from an Institution*. In his most famous poem, he wrote of his “wet fur” freezing after falling from his “mother’s sleep” to “black flak and the nightmare fighters” and stated that “when I died they washed me out... with a hose”. For ten points, name this American poet of *The Death of a Ball Turret Gunner*.

ANSWER: Randall Jarrell

(3) In this short story, the wife of the protagonist tells him to examine a goat so that her lover could escape. That character had left his post when he was told that the Messiah had come and that his parents had risen from the grave. The title character of this story is matched up with (+) Elka, who has a bastard son and who has another son just seventeen weeks after their wedding. At the end, the title character leaves the town of Frampol to become a beggar. The protagonist’s (*) rabbi tells him to leave his wife for her infidelity, but he remains loyal until her death. The protagonist is convinced by the Spirit of Evil to add urine to his dough. For ten points, name this story about a gullible title character written by Isaac Bashevis Singer.

ANSWER: *Gimpel the Fool*

(4) In one work in this collection, three girls conspire to use geraniums, cloths, and “heavenly labials”, to “check”, “abash”, and “undo” the title figure. Another, which questions the story of the ugly duckling, is *Sonatina to Hans Christian*. In addition to *The Plot Against The Giant*, this collection contains a work in which (+) elders watch Susanna bathe in her garden and another which states that “The houses are haunted/ By white night-gowns”. Another poem in this collection, centering on a funeral, declares (*) “Let be be finale of seem” and bids to “Call the roller of big cigars” to “whip” “concupiscent curds”. For ten points, name this poetry collection containing *Peter Quince at the Clavier*, *The Disillusionment of Ten O’Clock*, and *The Emperor of Ice Cream* written by Wallace Stevens.

ANSWER: *Harmonium*

(5) In one scene in this novel, a dozen buzzards carry the body of Gideon Tom from a dredge belonging to the Model Land Company. One character in this novel is given the nickname Margaret Mead, but after saving Emily Barton from drowning, is called Hell’s Angel. After finding (+) *The Spiritist’s Telegraph*, one character elopes with her boyfriend Louis Thanksgiving. Kiwi discovers his father working at a casino and rescues his stranded sister Osceola. This novel opens with the death of (*) Hilola Bigtree, who had been known for her Swimming with the Seths routine, and is narrated by her daughter Ava, who trains to be an alligator wrestler. For ten points, name this Karen Russell novel about a bankrupt Florida tourist park.

ANSWER: *Swamplandia!*

(6) The narrator of this novel learns of sadism by watching a young girl telling her friend to spit on a photo of her dead father. Two characters in this novel use “do a cattleya” as a euphemism for sex. The protagonist, a friend of the Prince of Wales, learns that his girlfriend had a sexual liaison while he dined with (+) Princesse des Laumes, and he originally learns of her infidelity by reading through the envelope in a letter she wrote to Forcheville. The narrator, who meets (*) Gilberte on the Champs-Élysées, walks paths named for Méséglise and Guermantes in Combray. The protagonist is obsessed with a sonata by Vinteuil and attends the Verdurin’s with Odette de Crecy. For ten points, name this first volume in Marcel Proust’s *In Search of Lost Time*.

ANSWER: *Swann’s Way* (or *Du Côté de chez Swann*, prompt on “*In Search of Lost Time*” or “*Remembrance of Things Past*” or “*À la recherche du temps perdu*”)

(7) A psychologist in this work uses the spokes of a spinning wheel and the flight of a bullet to verify the threshold of diluted presentation. The protagonist of this novella finds a group of foreigners dumb because when he tries to indicate time by pointing to the sun, they think he is signaling thunder. The protagonist uses (+) camphor he found hermetically sealed in a museum to burn his path behind him as he escaped from the Palace of Green Porcelain to a bronze chamber near a (*) white marble sphinx. This story, told primarily as a monologue to a group of journalist dinner guests, includes a forest fire that killed the protagonist's companion Weena, a member of the Eloi, while he ran from the Morlocks. For ten points, name this novella by H. G. Wells in which the protagonist visits 802,701 A.D.

ANSWER: The *Time Machine*

(8) A Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem notes that this river washes a city in which he "counted two and seventy stenchs" and asked "what power.../shall henceforth wash" this river. Byron wrote "Nor could on earth a spot be found/ To nature and to me so dear/ Could thy dear eyes.../Still sweeten" the banks of this river as the narrator travels it in the third canto of (+) *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*. Another poem about this river begins by stating "I do not know what it should mean/ that I am so sad" and mentions a (*) sailor who is looking up too high to see the rock reefs. That poem mentions a loveliest maiden using a golden comb on her golden hair on whose singing is blamed the destruction of a boat. For ten points, name this river that is the setting of Heinrich Heine's poem *The Lorelei* and which runs through Cologne.

ANSWER: Rhine

(9) One character in this work repeatedly says "Ftt". Another character wraps a dog's tail in red kleenex to prevent it from being shot by hunters. Early in this book, the narrator protects his boat from Hurricane Donna. The narrator travels to (+) New Orleans to hear the Cheerleaders jeer outside a newly-desegregated school, and earlier fails to cross the border to Canada due to missing rabies vaccination documentation. That character celebrates Thanksgiving in Texas while his companion is being treated for prostatitis. Earlier, he is mocked by (*) Minnesotans for getting lost on his way to Sauk Centre, the birthplace of his friend Sinclair Lewis, while driving a truck called Rocinante. For ten points, name this book subtitled *In Search of America* about a journey with a dog written by John Steinbeck.

ANSWER: *Travels with Charley*

(10) One resident of this city is helped by the magician Persky to meet Emma Bovary. Another resident of this city hires Kelly to create a traffic jam so that his son can get engaged. A poem addressed to this home of professor (+) Kugelmass commands “let black blood flow into your blood”, begins “At first I was bewildered by your beauty”, and was written by Léopold Senghor. One resident of this city was forgiven for stealing an umbrella in a (*) cigar store and ignored while confessing to throwing a rock through a window, but was arrested for vagrancy while listening to a church organ. This home city of Soapy also saw Jim ironically give Della hair brushes. For ten points, name this city in which *The Cop and the Anthem* and *The Gift of the Magi* were set as part of O. Henry’s collection *The Four Million*.

ANSWER: New York, New York

(11) A teenage girl in this novel is sent home from a barricade in a student protest due to a heavy period. The protagonist of this novel travels to the United States to consult with doctors on whether he is shrinking. An engagement ceremony was damped when the pet dog was found with a (+) butcher’s knife in his back. One woman, who consults with Rosicrucians and the Mora sisters, has her mother’s disembodied head under the bed when she gives birth to the twins (*) Jaime and Nicolas. Alba is born of the affair between Blanca and Pedro Tercero Garcia. After nine years of not speaking following the poisoning death of her green-haired sister Rosa, the clairvoyant Clara marries the protagonist. For ten points, name this novel about the life of Esteban Trueba written by Isabel Allende.

ANSWER: *The House of the Spirits* (or *La Casa de los espíritus*)

(12) The protagonist of this work kills a sheep with a rock after a failed sacrifice during a night of drinking in college with Steve Garvey and Jud Hume. That protagonist of this work dates a woman who repeats that her mother died of breast cancer as he undressed her in the elevator. The disillusioned protagonist promises to look for (+) an advertising job to his pregnant fiancée, Betty. Earlier, he had gone on a “field trip” to meet an admirer for a tryst, and later is asked the point of it all by that woman’s crippled husband. The title character, who was part of a love triangle with (*) Peter and Fay Doyle, reads letters by Desperate and Sick-of-it-all and works for the editor Shrike at the New York Post-Dispatch. For ten points, name this novella about an advice columnist written by Nathanael West.

ANSWER: *Miss Lonelyhearts*

(13) One story in this collection is about a man leaving his home and ends with him and his partner pulling on opposite arms of their baby. Another story sees Dummy kill his wife and himself after a flood destroys his bass pond. In addition to (+) *Popular Mechanics* and *The Third Thing That Killed My Father Off*, this collection contains a story about Burt stealing his ex-wife's ashtray on the day after Christmas called *A Serious Talk*. The final story concerns L. D. being kicked out by his wife Maxine and not being able to say its titular *One More Thing*. This collection's story (*) *The Bath* was adapted into its author's later work *A Small, Good Thing*. The title story of this collection sees Mel and Terri debate whether her abusive ex-husband had really loved her. For ten points, name this short story collection by Raymond Carver.

ANSWER: *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*

(14) While cutting wood, this character saw a man cut off his own finger, most likely to avoid service. This character became the Emperor of a lunatic asylum in Cairo after meeting Begriffenfeldt at the Sphinx. This character was abandoned in (+) Morocco when he could not convince his friends to stir up an insurrection in Greece against Turkey. This man put his mother on the mill-house roof after telling her a story of being carried into a pit on the back of a (*) buck he had been hunting. He agreed to be given a tail, but did not let the Dovre King distort his eye. This man's soul was sought by a button molder. This son of Aase gave a pearl to the dancing girl Anitra, but had been refused a dance at a wedding with Solveig. For ten points, name this title character of a dramatic poem by Henrik Ibsen.

ANSWER: *Peer Gynt*

(15) The generosity of one character in this play is inspired by the opera *Ernani*. Another character in this play is ordered to slam a bag down on some ice pudding. This play opens with tales of a victory at (+) Slivnitsa, but later acts revolve on getting three regiments to Phillipopolis. Two characters' deception in this play is revealed by a picture in a coat pocket signed to a man who had explained the foolish (*) cavalry charge of her betrothed, her "chocolate cream soldier". The servant Nicola comes onto the maid Louka, who is pursued by the army officer Sergius Saranoff, who is engaged to Raina, who saves the life of Captain Bluntschli during a war between Bulgaria and the Servs. For ten points, name this play about the Petkoff family written by George Bernard Shaw.

ANSWER: *Arms and the Man*

(16) One character in this play is asked to lock up her Diana trophy from an intercollegiate archery contest, and is later caught in a lie about a gifted cashmere robe she bought in Memphis. That character in this play calls her nieces and nephews (+) “no-neck monsters” and says that their names sound like four dogs and a parrot; those children included Trixie, Dixie, and Polly. This play’s second act features a long dialogue about “mendacity”. One man reveals to his father that the diagnosis from the Ochsner clinic was cancer, not a (*) spastic colon, after the father withheld a crutch for an ankle injury from jumping hurdles at night. That man feels the “click” from drinking after his wife lies about being pregnant to please Big Daddy. For ten points, name this play about the tense marriage of Maggie and the alcoholic Brick Pollitt written by Tennessee Williams.

ANSWER: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

(17) This poet wrote of “country comets” “shining unto no higher end/ than to presage the grass’s fall” in *The Mower to the Glowworms*. This poet suggested that Apollo and Pan pursued Daphne and Syrinx for the plants they became in a work whose first stanza notes that “all flowers and all trees... weave the garlands of (+) repose”. In that work, he wrote that “No white nor red was ever seen/ So amorous as this lovely green” in praise of that “happy (*) garden-state/ While man there walked without a mate”. He urged to “tear/ Thorough the iron gates of life” and to “roll all our strength and all/ Our sweetness up into one ball” in another poem. This poet of *The Garden* wrote that his “vegetable love” could grow “Till the conversion of the Jews” if only he had “world enough and time”. For ten points, name this poet of *To His Coy Mistress*.

ANSWER: Andrew Marvell

(18) One character in this novel does not prepare anything for the Spring Exchange and is told by his teacher that he does not need to be creative. Another character is this novel cries after lying about the source of her pencil box. Three friends visit a washed-up (+) boat in a marsh, and earlier had traveled to Norfolk with Rodney and Chrissie in search of a “possible” for Ruth since Norfolk is England’s “lost corner”. The narrator works on an essay about Victorian novels at (*) The Cottages, and earlier had made Madame cry by dancing with a pillow, her “baby”, to a Judy Bridgewater song. Tommy completes after his fourth donation, and after leaving Hailsham, Kathy works as a carer. For ten points, name this novel about organ-donating clones by Kazuo Ishiguro.

ANSWER: *Never Let Me Go*

(19) In one story by this author, the narrator thought her 4-year-old son had spilled palm oil on himself when he was shot by soldiers, but can not recount the story when trying to obtain an asylum visa. In a novel by this author, the narrator's father responds to his father's death by scalding his children's feet with water. This author of the story (+) *The American Embassy* wrote of Ade Coker, the editor of The Standard, dying from a mail bomb in the wake of a coup. The narrator of that novel is forbidden from visiting her grandfather because he is considered a pagan by her Catholic father. While visiting (*) Nsukka, where her aunt works as a university instructor, the narrator learns that her father died from poisoned tea. For ten points, name this author whose *Purple Hibiscus* is set in her native Nigeria.

ANSWER: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

(20) Three characters in this novel cut five legs off of a spider. The protagonist of this novel loses his pet, Groucho, to tetanus contracted from eating bailing wire, and was arrested while questioning the opera singer (+) Luba Luft. The chickenhead J. R. Isidore endlessly watches the television show of Buster Friendly, which airs an exposé on the true identity of Wilbur Mercer. The Boneli Reflex-Arc Test measuring (*) neural speed is offered as an alternative to the empathy-based Voigt-Kampff Test, which Rachel Rosen failed. In this novel, set in the aftermath of World War Terminus, prices of animals are listed in Sidney's catalogs, and the protagonist buys a goat to celebrate retiring three andys in one day. For ten points, name this novel about the bounty hunter Rick Deckard written by Philip K. Dick.

ANSWER: *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*