

2017 Halloween Vanity Packet

1) This phrase titles a Sturgill Simpson song that claims “Marijuana, LSD, Psilocybin, and DMT /They all changed the way I see /But love’s the only thing that ever saved my life”, which opens his album *Metamodern Sounds in Country Music*. This phrase informs the cosmology of Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* series. Stephen Hawking's *Brief History of Time* tells an anecdote about this phrase, in which the claims of an astronomer about the regress of what supports the universe are refuted by an old lady. This phrase titles a 2017 John Green novel. For 10 points, give this five word phrase that posits that the world rests on a series of shelled reptiles.

ANSWER: Turtles All the Way Down

2) An ancient Greek novelist of this name wrote a long story about the star crossed lovers Anthia and Habrocomes, and is usually referred to as *this man* of Ephesus. That novel is an early source for Romeo and Juliet called *An Ephesian Tale*. An earlier writer of this name wrote a novel in which the title ruler refuses to marry a beautiful foreign captive because it would distract him from his conquests. That student of socrates with this name left Athens to live in Sparta because he opposed the idea of democracy and wrote about his time as a Greek mercenary fighting for the Persians in a history account. That man of this name wrote what most considered the first Greek novel with his largely fictional *Education of Cyrus*. For 10 points, name this Greek writer who wrote the Anabasis who names a recent quiz bowl tournament on literature and history.

ANSWER: Xenophon

3) This reaction uses the Bergelson mechanism to create a scene where a series of women at a lake watch a central woman urinate in an opening scene. This reaction's intermediate converts between diastereomers at high temperatures, which make its user's claim that lesbians are not women, because femininity is defined in terms of heterosexual desire. A dibromocarbene undergoes this reaction, then an alpha elimination, in the Corey-Fuchs mechanism, which lead to a novel that features drawings of perfect circles and list of women's names in all caps. Its crucial intermediate is either an erythro zwitterion separated by two carbons, a four-member oxaphosphetane ring, or both, which creates a novel in which a society of liberated women conquer a society of men, after which they live in semi-harmony. For 10 points, name this French feminist carbonyl-to-alkene reaction which uses a phosphonium ylide to write an experimental novel called Guerillas.

ANSWER: Monique Wittig Reaction

4) The most famous novel of Vladimir Voinovich takes places in this decade. John Wyndham's South African political novel *The Outward Urge*, takes place in this decade. The third film in a Wong Kar Wai trilogy is named for a year in this decade in which the British full relinquish all control over Hong Kong. An arcade racing game set in San Francisco is named for the last year of this decade. A film set in this decade sees two men have

a fist fight in a malfunctioning hologram theater in which elvis is performing. That film set in this decade sees Joe save Deckard from a sinking flying car that has crashed in the Los Angeles ocean after Love attempts to take that Harrison Ford played character off world. For 10 points, name this decade that is the setting of a recent Blade Runner sequel.

ANSWER: 2040s

5) **This character appears as a black haired female hall monitor after a girl sees a vision of her deceased best friend in a body bag. This character can be seen pulling the protagonist's mother through a small window as her daughter and some friends depart in a car that is colored like this character. After a girl screams “oh my god”, this character raises his hand and says “This, is god”.** It is revealed that this character's signature weapons are kept in the basement of a house in a furnace after this man is killed by fire by a union of concerned parents. This man reaches his arm out between the legs on the protagonist in a bathtub in an iconic scene. For 10 points, name this ghoulish serial killer who kills his victims in their dreams, the villain of the film *A Nightmare on Elm Street*.

ANSWER: Freddy Kruger

6) **A film written by this author features a series of teenage girls who die at the hands of a drill wielding serial killer who impersonates a electrical worker. The slasher film *Slumber Party Massacre* was strangely written by this author, who has also written a series of cat-themed detective novels such as *Claws and Effect* and *Cat's Eyewitness*, part of her Mrs. Murphy series. In her most famous novel, the main character has an affair with the school's lead cheerleader Carolyn before getting a full ride to the University of Florida, where she is kicked out because of her homosexuality.** For 10 points, name this feminist author of *Rubyfruit Jungle*.

ANSWER: Rita Mae Brown

7) **This event prompted Kreayshawn to Tweet “I'm inspired to make music to disarm the patriarchy and piss off fuck boys and rile up all the ladies.” Shortly after this event, it's victim posted a n Instagram picture with the caption “This is the Face of Love, Forgiveness, and Positivity”.** This event took place at the Rolling Loud Bay Area festival. This event allegedly happened backstage after it's victim said something unkind about its perpetrator's music. For 10 points, name this October 2017 event in which a rapper who recently released the album Black Ken was attacked by A Boogie with a Hoodie.

ANSWER: Lil B being jumped by A Boogie with a Hoodie

8) **A writer with this surname wrote about the sex advice columnist Eugene Eyesores in *The Sexual Intellectual*. Another novel by that author features the sophist and Satanist Dr. Crucifer, who advises the protagonist to morph his love for his 19 year old student Isabel into Hatred. This is the surname of the novelist of *Darconville's Cat*, as well as the surname of a travel writer known for his memoir about his friendship with V S Naipaul.** That man with this surname is known for his novel *Mosquito Coast* and his travel memoir

The Great Railway Bazaar. For 10 points, name this surname of literary brothers Paul and Alexander, whose surname is a homophone to that of the author of *Walden*.

ANSWER: Theroux

9) **A mobile installment of a game in this series was announced on October 25th, 2017 and features a camping theme. Egyptian cat statues in this series can lead to a higher chance of tripping in certain locations. An exploit in this series involves putting some in game money in the bank and then moving your console's internal clock to the year 2099 to generate lots of interest on that money, those this is discouraged by the explosive growth of weeds.** The DS version of this game used the top screen to show the sky, where balloons and pelican delivery men could be shot down. Resetti the mole harasses player of this series who reset without properly saving. KK Slider is a popular musician in this game series, whose central villain is a brutal capitalist named Tom Nook. For 10 points, name this Nintendo series in which you build relationships with various animals as the only human in town.

ANSWER: Animal Crossing

10) **A character in this film exclaims "horror movies don't make psychopaths; they just make them more creative" after revealing to the protagonist that her father was tied up in a closet for nearly the entire film. While watching a slasher film in this film, a horror movie obsessed character explains that if you have sex or drink in the film, you have to die.** A bright-suit wearing news woman in this film is punched by the protagonist after implying that her murdered mother actually was having an affair with her killer. This film opens with a scene wear a teenage girl is menaced over the phone by a killer who quizzes her on films like Friday the 13th and A Nightmare on Elm Street, the later of which this film's director also directed. For 10 points, name this meta-slasher film which blatantly comments on slasher films, a 1990s comeback movie by Wes Craven featuring a killer called Ghostface.

ANSWER: Scream

11) **A bird native to this country likes to use blue trinkets in its arch-shaped ground based nests that it uses to attract females. The purpled eyed Bowerbird** is native to this country, as is the pink and grey cockatoo Galah. The black and white magpie named for this country is not a corvid unlike its Eurasian cousin. The largest bird of prey in this country is the wedge tailed eagle. The northeastern region of this country is home to Cassowaries. A large kingfisher primarily from this country is known for its distinctive laughing sound. For 10 points, the Kookaburra and the Emu are found in what country?

ANSWER: Australia

12) **Valerie Laws pioneered a form of poetry named for this adjective in which she would write certain words on the sides of animals. Vanna Banna coined a term in which this adjective is added to fiction with her novel Flight. Guyanese author Wilson Harris also writes in a style described by this adjective.** Grover's algorithm is used in a field described by this adjective. Roger Penrose wrote a book on the *this* aspects of life, which applies theory described by this word to biology. Density functional theories or Hartree Fock methods may be

used to solve systems described by this world. For 10 points, what word indicates that physical properties may only take discrete values.

ANSWER: Quantum

13) **This is the surname of an American-Welsh novelist who wrote the novel *Wolf Solent*. A kingdom of this name joined with Penda and Paeda to defeat Oswald and Owsy of Northumbria, and was later separated from Mercia by Offa's dyke.** The kingdom of this name lied south of of Gwynedd in the time of the Heptarchy and formed after the withdrawal of Romans. For 15 points, name this early Welsh kingdom led by the house of Mathrafal.

ANSWER: Kingdom of Powys

14) **In the Dana Todorovic novel *The Tragic Fate of Mortiz Toth*, an ex-punk vocalist goes on to work in this field. Newman Levy is best known for writing humorous poems summarizing works in this field, which he reviewed in verse for the *New Yorker*. A recent revival of a work in this field was savaged by fans after updating the setting from Spain to a New York circle of therapists.** Mason Bates recently created a work in this medium about Steve Jobs. A work in this medium set partially in New Mexico features text from John Donne's *batter my heart three personed god*. For 10 points, name this medium of such works as Thomas Ades *The Tempest* and John Adams' *Dr. Atomic*.

ANSWER: Opera

15) **The New York review of book recently republished a novel by Jean Giona in which this man goes to London to deliver his manuscript to a publisher, wrestles with an angel, and falls in love with an Irish Nationalist. A poem partly titled for this man mentions that "Compass, quadrant and sextant contrive / No farther tides" after noting "The calyx of death's bounty giving back / A scattered chapter, livid hieroglyph". This man's poetry collection "Battle-Pieces and Aspects of the War" commented on the American Civil War. The suicide of this man's son Malcolm may have inspired his 1876 epic poem *Clarel*. This man also wrote the novels *Redburn*, *Israel Potter*, and *White Jacket*. For 10 points, name this author of *Billy Budd* and *Moby Dick*.**

ANSWER: Herman Melville

16) **In a story written in this language, a wise magician suggests a bored ruler have an orgy on a boat, during which a woman who loses her earring in the lake. The magician then lifts half the lake water and stakes it on top of the other halve to get the jewelry. In another story in this language, a servant has an unexplained nervous breakdown, leading him to flee to Lebanon, many years later writing to his former friend to ask forgiveness. A story collection in this language features a frame story in which two baboon write down the stories told. In another story in this language, a shipwrecked sailor has a conversation with a giant magical snake and in another an eloquent peasant convinces a ruler of the injustices against him. For 10 points, name this ancient language used to write the Tale of Sinuhe and other stories featuring the Pharaoh.**

ANSWER: Ancient Egyptian

17) **In the beginning of Steven Moore's *The Novel* an alternative history, Moore refutes this man's claim that historically most fiction has been "readerly" or easy for the reader to understand with limited background by citing dozens of examples of writerly fiction from throughout the ages. This man attacked postmodernists like Barth and Gaddis in his inflammatory essay *mister difficult*, in which he argued that writers had a contract with readers that they would produce straight forward easy to comprehend novels. Ironically, later this man enraged Oprah for refusing to appear on her show to promote one of his books that had been selected for her book club. For 10 points, name this American realist writer of *Purity and Freedom*.**

ANSWER: Jonathan Franzen

18) **On a recent episode of the Bookworm podcast, poet Eileen Myles said she had a house in this city. Sections of Mark Danielewski's *The Familiar* series that involve a couple taking care of a weird extra dimensional sphere take place in this city. This city is largely the setting of a Chris Kraus novel that was adapted into a TV series by Amazon. A bunch of unexplained pink lights that appear here are name for this city. *I Love Dick* is set in, for 10 points, what notoriously weird city in southwest Texas.**

ANSWER: Marfa

19) **In a film, one of these beings is jealous of her husband's relationship with his coworker Alice, who shares a love of historical ships with him. That being of this type refuses to kiss her husband for fear she might primally murder him because of a folktale in her Serbian home village. A 1940s horror film by Jacques Tourner is named for these beings. These beings, and not the title zombies, are the true villain of a direct to VHS Scooby Doo movie *The Curse of Zombie Island*. For 10 points, name these being that are human who are like werewolves but turn into a feline monster.**

ANSWER: Werecoats or Cat People

20) **This color partially names a jazz pop group from Portland with a singer who sings in 15 different languages, known for albums like *Sympathique* and *Hang on Little Tomato*. This color names a 2005 album by the Japanese metal band Boris. In a song partly named for this color, Andre 3000 opens a verse "since you left home I've been having withdrawals / you were such a habit to call". In a different song, a record executive suggests to have a cigar before asking a band "which one is" this color. A band partly named for this color was once fronted by Syd Barrett and made the album *Saucerful of Secrets*. For 10 points, name this color that in two band names proceeds Martini and Floyd.**

ANSWER: Pink

