

VETO 2017, FAR SIDE team tossups

TOSSUP 1

The only written account of this town says that it was located amid cornfields and surrounded by wooden palisades and built in a circle, containing about fifty wooden houses, each about fifty paces long. Over a thousand of its residents came to greet sailors who arrived on October the second, 1535, and the next day guided them up an adjacent mountain, which was then dubbed Mount Royal by Jacques Cartier, who viewed the rapids below and left the day after to sail back downriver to Stadacona. For 10 points, name this Iroquois settlement at present-day Montreal.

Answer: Hochelaga

TOSSUP 2

At a Saturday afternoon concert of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony at the Queen's Hall, a clerk at the Porphyron Fire Insurance Company sees his umbrella being taken, and after the concert goes to Wickham Place with Margaret, whose sister Helen has taken the umbrella. Helen later has an affair with the impoverished clerk, Leonard Bast. The aristocratic Schlegel sisters also have entanglements with the bourgeois Wilcoxes, and to overcome their conflicting values, Margaret concludes they must "Only connect!" Margaret ends up living in the titular country cottage willed to her by Ruth Wilcox in, for ten points, what novel by E.M. Forster?

Answer: Howards End

TOSSUP 3

This neighbourhood in Edmonton is centred on 95th Street between one hundred and fifth avenue and one hundred and nine A avenue, and includes a city park named after John Cabot. In Ottawa, this neighbourhood lies just west of Chinatown, with Preston Street as its main shopping and restaurant strip, and with its spiritual hub at the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua. Toronto's College Street West and Vancouver's Commercial Drive are equally famous for pasta and pizza, and all share, for ten points, what nickname?

Answer: Little Italy

TOSSUP 4

This inherited condition is caused by a single nucleotide polymorphism on chromosome fifteen in intron eighty-six of the HERC2 gene, which inhibits the expression of the adjacent gene OCA2. All humans with the condition are descended from one person who had the mutation within the past ten thousand years, including, according to DNA analysis, a dark-skinned caveman in Spain seven thousand years ago, as well as the last ten Canadian prime ministers and over eighty per cent of Scandinavians, but it's rare in non-Europeans. For ten points, what is this condition caused by lack of melanin in the iris?

Answer: blue eyes

TOSSUP 5

In 892, Isma'il ibn Ahmad made this city the capital of the Samanid Empire, under which it rivaled Baghdad in importance in the Islamic world. It was later conquered by the Karakhanids and the Khwarezmians, and then in 1220 by Genghis Khan, who destroyed most of the city but spared its iconic Kalyan Minaret. It became a capital again in 1500, first under the Shaybanids and then under the Manghids, whose Emirate lasted until the 1920 takeover by the Red Army, who made this city the capital of a People's Soviet Republic of the same name, until four years later this city along with Tashkent and Samarkand became part of the Uzbek SSR. For ten points, name this Silk Road city famed for trade in carpets.

Answer: Bukhara

TOSSUP 6

The question of why people die when this happens to them was first addressed in 1847 by William Stroud, who suggested that the procedure causes cardiac rupture. Later researchers have hypothesized heart failure, hypovolaemic shock, syncope, acidosis, asphyxia, arrhythmia plus asphyxia, pulmonary embolism, voluntary surrender of life, or even that it doesn't actually kill people. Archaeology has turned up the remains of only one known victim of it, in a first-century ossuary found in Givat HaMivtar in Jerusalem, with a nail in its heel bone, but none in its wrists. For ten points, what was this gruesome punishment of ancient Rome?

Answer: crucifixion

TOSSUP 7

Frederic Remington used this term for some of his paintings of the American West, including "Stampede", "Shotgun Hospitality", and "The Hunters' Supper". The earlier artist who coined this term stated in 1878 that it was used to refer to "an artistic arrangement" because "it would certainly bring about nothing but disappointment" if the title "A View of Cremorne" were used instead, as suggested by defence counsel in John Ruskin's libel trial. The work at issue, "in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket", as well as others such as "in Blue and Silver: Chelsea" and "in Gray and Gold: Westminster Bridge" are, for ten points, what paintings by James Whistler of scenes of twilight or night?

Answer: Nocturnes

TOSSUP 8

This country's highest point is Jebel Akhdar, located in the Al Hajar Mountains that separate the narrow Al-Batinah coastal plain from the sparsely populated interior and southeastern coastal regions. The notorious quicksands of Umm as-Samim lie at the western edge of this country that is eighty per cent desert and half the size of Saskatchewan. Its Musandam Governorate is an exclave separated by one hundred kilometres of the United Arab Emirates and lies on a peninsula that juts into the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance to the Persian Gulf. For ten points, name this sultanate in the east of the Arabian Peninsula.

Answer: (Sultanate of) Oman

TOSSUP 9

It was first synthesized in 1960 by Paul Janssen, who reacted N-phenethylpiperidone with aniline to create 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine, which was then reacted with propionyl chloride. Its citrate, called Sublimaze, was first used as an intravenous anesthetic. In the 1990s, it became available in slow-release transdermal patches to relieve chronic pain, but junkies soon found that you could get an amazing high by simply ingesting or injecting the contents. Twenty times stronger than heroin, for ten points, what is this opioid that last year accounted for over two thousand overdose deaths in Canada?

Answer: Fentanyl

TOSSUP 10

Joseph is a Brazilian journalist, Inez is a lesbian postal clerk, and Estelle is a wealthy housewife. Joseph is executed by firing squad, Inez suffocates from a leaky gas stove, and Estelle dies of pneumonia -- all before the opening of this play, where the characters are led by the valet into the same room. Prompted by Inez, who admits her cruelty, all admit their sexual infidelities and other sins. Estelle tries to seduce Joseph and stabs Inez with a paper knife, having forgotten that they're all dead already. Joseph cries out that "Hell is other people", realizing they're stuck

tormenting each other for eternity in, for ten points, what work by Jean-Paul Sartre?

Answer: No Exit (or Huis Clos)

TOSSUP 11

Statistics Canada's 2011 National Household Survey found two thousand two hundred and thirty people claiming this as their religion, mostly in the Western provinces. In its current usage, the term is said to originate with Alice Bailey, who published books in the 1940s and 1950s about "Discipleship" and "Education" in it, though a British journal of Christian socialism had been using the title since 1894. Popularized in the 1970s by David Spangler, it reached prominence in 1987 with the first worldwide "Harmonic Convergence". Alternative medicine, channeling, and crystal healing are some of the practices of, for ten points, what movement championed by Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra, and Shirley MacLaine?

Answer: New Age

TOSSUP 12

James Berry, Thomas Kelsey, Edward Whalley, and William Butler were among ten men with this title governing different regions of England and Wales for seventeen months under the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. Sir Isaac Brock had this same military rank when he was killed in 1812. It's used in the Canadian Army as well as in the Air Force, where it was formerly called air vice-marshal, and is equivalent to the Navy's rear admiral. Its insignia has two maple leaves. Below lieutenant-general but above brigadier-general, for ten points, what is this rank that in Victorian England might be held by men well educated in all but military matters, as lampooned by Gilbert and Sullivan?

Answer: major-general

TOSSUP 13

According to the narrator, this woman "lived with no other thought / than to love and be loved by" the narrator, who imagines that even "The angels, not half so happy in Heaven," envied the pair, and "that was the reason ... That the wind came out of the cloud by night, / Chilling and killing" her. The narrator now spends his nights lying by her side "in her tomb by the sounding sea" in this poem by Edgar Allan Poe. For ten points, name this maiden who lived "in a kingdom by the sea".

Answer: Annabel Lee

TOSSUP 14

The narrator of this song tells his love interest, "Gots to break it down for you / To let you know you notice things you know I'm down for" and laments "That this ain't right, 'cause you and me / 'Cause I got dough, ever since you walked in / Slap my foreign, slam my door" explaining that he knows she wouldn't want him if he were not driving a foreign car. Suggesting "do it", "show it", "prove it", for 10 points, Tory Lanez raps "You gon' have to do more than just" what?

Answer: Say It

TOSSUP 15

The idea for it was first described in a series of letters written in Kricheff in White Russia. Implementations of the concept include the Pavilhão ["pa-vee-YAWN"] de Segurança of the Miguel Bombarda Hospital in Lisbon, built in the 1890s, and the Presidio Modelo on the Isla de la Juventud, Cuba, where Raul and Fidel Castro lived from 1953 to 1955. Rooms are separated by "protracted partitions" to prevent their occupants from seeing each other, and are arranged in a circle surrounding a central lodge for an inspector. For ten points, what is this kind of structure

designed for easy surveillance of a large number of inmates, conceived by Jeremy Bentham?

Answer: Panopticon

TOSSUP 16

The only place in Canada where this is mined is the Beluga property outside Kimmirut on Baffin Island. Internationally, two major producing centres are Ilakaka in Madagascar and Ratnapura in Sri Lanka, which is the source of a rare orange-pink variety called Padparadscha. Colour is determined by trace elements, most commonly iron and titanium, which produce blue. This year, the Queen's 65th Jubilee was named for this gemstone, which has central position on the engagement ring given to Princess Diana and Princess Catherine. Chemically the same as ruby, but not red, for ten points, what is this form of corundum and birthstone for September?

Answer: sapphire

TOSSUP 17

It originated as an armistice proposal, with two versions differing in their southern part, version "A" proceeding southwest from the village of Golebie ["go-WEMB-yeh"], and version "B" continuing to follow the Bug ["BOOG"] River east and south. The Supreme War Council was unable to enforce it, and it was ignored in the Peace of Riga of 1921. But in 1939, following the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, the Red Army advanced to version "A" of this limit, and with minor adjustments, it was accepted at the Yalta conference. For ten points, what was this boundary between the Soviet Union and Poland that was named after the Foreign Secretary of Britain?

Answer: Curzon Line

TOSSUP 18

Its tributaries include the Freeman, the Fiddle, the Firebag, the Maligne ["ma-LEEN"], and the Miette, which flows into it at the town of Jasper. Grand Rapids Wildland Provincial Park extends along its banks for more than one hundred kilometres. In 1715, the Chief Factor at the Hudson's Bay Company post at York Factory wrote down a report from Thanadelthur, a Chipewyan ["chip-a-WYE-an"] woman, referring to "a certain gum or pitch that runs down the river in such abundance that they cannot land but at certain places." Draining into a lake of the same name, for ten points, what is Alberta's longest river, flowing through Fort McMurray as the centre of extraction of its tar sands?

Answer: Athabasca River

TOSSUP 19

Robert Burton writes about this: "A newspaper is better than a magazine. A seashore is a better place than the street. At first it is better to run than to walk. You may have to try several times. It takes some skill, but is easy to learn. Even young children can enjoy it. Once successful, complications are minimal. Birds seldom get too close. Rain, however, soaks in very fast. Too many people doing the same thing can also cause problems. One needs lots of room. If there are no complications, it can be very peaceful. A rock will serve as an anchor. If things break loose from it, however, you will not get a second chance." Banned by the Taliban in Afghanistan, for ten points, what is this tethered toy that's flown in the wind?

Answer: kite

TOSSUP 20

He played piano and bass for the punk rock band L'Étranger, whose second EP, *Running out of Funtown*, included "One People", an anti-apartheid song that played on MuchMusic in 1984. He went on to lead his next band, Grievous Angels, which received Juno nominations for Best

Roots/Traditional album and Country Band of the Year. As a copyright activist, in 2010 he proposed a tax on MP3 players, in the form of Bill C-499, which he introduced in his capacity as MP for Timmins - James Bay, which he has represented since 2004. For ten points, name this NDP member and current candidate for party leadership.

Answer: Charlie Angus or Chuck Angus (prompt on Angus)

TOSSUP 21

The front of this building has a portico with three arches, on top of which are two bronze equestrian statues by Hippolyte Lefebvre, depicting Louis the Ninth and Joan of Arc. Designed by architect Paul Abadie, its construction was paid for by private donations and seen by donors as penance for the defeat in the Franco-Prussian War as well as the Paris Commune. Built in a Romano-Byzantine style with five ovoid domes, it is made of Château-Landon travertine, which bleaches with age. Across the street from it lies the end station of the only funicular in Paris. For ten points, what is this church that sits atop Paris's highest hill, Montmartre?

Answer: (La Basilique du) Sacré-Coeur (de Montmartre)

TOSSUP 22

It first became available in Canada in 1991 and comes in two types: one for lenders, to cover losses associated with priority, validity and unenforceability of a mortgage; and one for owners, to cover losses from real estate fraud and forgery, liens, and unknown encroachment issues. Lenders will usually accept it in place of a survey certificate. Paid with a one-time premium and covering unknown happenings in the past rather than future events, for ten points, what is this financial product that protects against threats to property ownership?

Answer: title insurance

TOSSUP 23

In 2009, this company began producing its B5LH bus chassis for its line of 7700 and 7900 buses, including an Integrated Starter Alternator Motor system and diesel engine. In 2013, a specialized version of its V60 was nominated alongside the Renault Zoe but lost to Tesla Model S for World Green Car of the Year. A year later, the company began selling its top-of-the-line XC90 Twin Engine. Its Polestar subsidiary will begin making only electric vehicles according to a June 2017 announcement, and regular line will be either hybrid or electric at, for ten points, what car maker from Sweden?

Answer: Volvo Cars

TOSSUP 24

The so-called "Oh-My-God Particle" detected on October 15, 1991, at the Dugway Proving Ground in Utah was the most energetic of these objects ever found, at three hundred and twenty exa-electron volts. The Oh-My-God Particle was a high-speed proton, in common with about ninety percent of these; and the rest are mostly alpha particles. Observations from the Fermi Space Telescope have shown that a major source of them is young supernova remnants. When they enter the atmosphere, they cause "air showers", cascades of ionized particles and electromagnetic radiation. For ten points, what are these energetic particles from outer space?

Answer: cosmic rays

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