

1. **British mystery writer Torquil MacLeod [muh-CLOUD] set his most famous series in this city. German herring merchants named this city Elbogen [ELL-boh-ghen] , forsaking an earlier name meaning "sandpile." In 2016, the pseudonymous artist Anonymouse MMX created two rodent-sized restaurants on the corner of this city's Almbäcksgatan [ALM-bocks-gah-TAHN] and Bergsgatan [BEAR-eez-gah-TAHN]. Alex Jones (\*) associate Paul Joseph Watson tweeted he would sponsor a journalist to visit this city's "crime ridden migrant suburbs." This city's international airport lies between the towns of Skurup [SCOO-rupp] and Svedala [SVAY-uh-DAH-la]. It is the county seat and most populous city of Scania, and trails only Gothenburg and Stockholm nationally. For 10 points, name the Swedish city connected by the 16-kilometer-long Oresund Link to Copenhagen.**

ANSWER: Malmö

2. **After working for 10 days in one of these facilities, Bruce Jessen described its conditions as "nasty, but safe." In 2011, the February 20 Movement protested in front of a former venue of this kind in Zemara, now run by the Moroccan interior ministry. The closure of one of these venues in Poland led to the opening of another code-named (\*) "Bright Light" within the headquarters of Romania's National Registry for Classified Information on a leafy street in Bucharest. Abu Zubaydah was held at one of these facilities in Thailand called "Detention Site Green," which was later helmed by Gina Haspel. A Langley, Va.-based organization maintained—for 10 points—what secret venues for rendering and interrogating suspects in the U.S.'s global "war on terror?"**

ANSWER: CIA black sites (or Central Intelligence Agency black sites; prompt on partial answer; prompt on "CIA detention facilities" or similar answers lacking the term "black site")

3. **Ivan Martos sculpted a statue of Cardinal Richelieu's great-nephew that resides near the top of this feature. This feature was designed by Francesco Boffo [fran-CHESS-koh BAW-foh], who also designed two semicircular buildings, originally a hotel and municipal administrative office, that frame its entrance. This feature titles a film sequence that follows "Men and Maggots," "Drama on the (\*) Quarterdeck," and "Appeal from the Dead." This feature connects Primorskii Boulevard to a port on the Black Sea below. Cossacks kill a mother atop this feature in a 1925 film, causing her baby's carriage to roll down it. The Potemkin Stairs are another name for—for 10 points—what location of a massacre in a Sergei Eisenstein film set during the 1905 Russian revolution?**

ANSWER: Odessa Steps (accept Great Staircase; accept Potemkin Stairs or Potemkin Steps until mention)

4. **In the anthropological tome *The Flows of Sovereignty*, Christine Folch analyzes how the Patriotic Alliance for Change rode discontent with the management of this structure to a 2008 electoral victory. In 2014, four former workers here and the wife of another crucified themselves to demand wages withheld by the contractor Unicom. This structure's name means "singing stone" in the language of the Ava-Guarani [GWAH-rah-knee] people, tens of thousands of whom were (\*) displaced by its construction. The building of this structure created a hundred-mile-long reservoir that submerged a series of 18 waterfalls near the town of Guaíra [gwah-EEH-ra]. This structure's 14,000-megawatt capacity is shared evenly by its two owners, Brazil and Paraguay. For 10 points, name this massive hydroelectric plant spanning the Paraná [pah-rah-nah] River.**

ANSWER: Itaipú Dam

5. In a March Instagram post, model Cindy Sirinya Bishop related being harassed on this holiday and launched the hashtag campaign "#DontTellMeHowtoDress." This holiday's name derives from a Sanskrit word for "transformation," or "passage." The "Seven Deadly Days" refers to the increased incidence of drunk-driving accidents during this holiday. The day of the week on which this holiday falls each year determines which daughter of the Hindu deity Thao Kabinlaphrom [TAO kuh-BEAN-luh-proam] is honored. Participants in this holiday throw talc on one another and paint colorful designs on elephants. This holiday is analogous to the Burmese (\*) Thingyan [THITCH-yan], and is likewise held in April and typified by large-scale water fights. The end of the dry season is marked by—for 10 points—what five-day Thai new year festival?

ANSWER: Songkran [soang-"CRAYON"]

6. Lawson Hill and Norwood are among the neighborhoods serviced by this town's Galloping Goose bus system, which takes its name from a railbus contrived from a Buick in 1931. Glen and Isabel Harcourt founded the artists' retreat of Steeprock 10 miles west of here, in the tiny town of Sawpit. This town was originally named Columbia, but derives its current name from a Group 16 (\*) chemical element. This town's marquee event was first held at the Sheridan Opera House, and now includes open-air showings at Elks Park. The Silver Medallion has been awarded to Francis Ford Coppola and Meryl Streep in—for 10 points—what Colorado ski town that hosts an annual late-summer film festival?

ANSWER: Telluride

7. The Kant Plateau borders this low-lying region, which is set off from a similarly named neighbor by the Plinius and Vitruvius craters. The 600-meter-long, 100-meter-deep "West" ray compelled one mission to this region to land four miles from its planned (\*) touchdown spot. One visitor to this region described it as having a "stark beauty all its own, like the high desert of the United States," while another noted its "magnificent desolation." This region is bounded to its southeast by seas of "fecundity" and "nectar." Michael Collins remained in the spacecraft *Columbia* while his crewmates Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong undertook a "powered descent" to this region. For 10 points, on what lunar region did the Apollo 11 "Eagle" module land?

ANSWER: Sea of Tranquility (or Mare Tranquilitatus)

8. This venue earned the nickname "the Colossus of Saint Ursula" for its enormous size. The Arizona Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers faced off in a 2005 game here, the first regular-season NFL contest held outside the U.S. Felix Candela lost out to Pedro Ramirez Vázquez in the bidding to design this venue. Beginning in 1962, workers excavated 200,000 tons of volcanic (\*) rock to allow for construction of this venue. During a 1986 World Cup quarterfinal held at this venue, Diego Maradona carried Argentina to victory over England with his infamous "Hand of God" goal. Renovations to Rio's Maracanã [MAH-ra-KUH-nuh] rendered this stadium the most capacious dedicated to soccer. For 10 points, name this home stadium of El Tri, Mexico's national soccer team.

ANSWER: Estadio Azteca (or Azteca Stadium)s

9. This group took eight hostages from the iron-mining town of Zouérate [zoo-ay-ROT] in 1977, a debacle that led to the ouster of neighboring president Moktar Ould [OOLD] Daddah. In May, foreign minister Nasser Bourita severed his country's diplomatic ties with Iran over the latter's alleged arming of this group. This group's late secretary-general, Mohamed Abdelaziz, faced resistance from the hardline Khatt al-Shahid [shah-HEED] faction. This group established a government-in-exile abbreviated SADR, which it founded near the town of Tindouf and now leads from the Rabouni refugee camp. This group's full name references its claims to Río de (\*) Oro and Saguia el-Hamra, regions annexed, respectively, by Mauritania and Morocco. For 10 points, name this group that asserts sovereignty over Western Sahara.

ANSWER: Polisario Front (or Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el-Hamra and Río de Oro; or Frente Popular Para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y Río de Oro)

10. This neighborhood's Holy Translators' School was the first in its city to be coeducational. The group that names this neighborhood included the Crusader queens Arda, Morphia, and Melisende, who contributed to its development. The head of the apostle James is said to be buried in this neighborhood's (\*) cathedral, which Kanye West visited in 2015 to baptize his daughter North. This neighborhood may be accessed by taking a right after passing through the Jaffa Gate. It is smaller than three neighboring areas named for their Christian, Muslim, and Jewish makeup. For 10 points, name this quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, some of whose residents are descended from survivors of a Turkish genocide.

ANSWER: Armenian quarter

1. With the *hillingar* and *hafgerdingar* [HOFF-grr-din-garr] effects, it belongs to a class of mirages observed in the Arctic. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this optical phenomenon in which the sun is visible despite lying over the horizon. It is caused by warm air layered atop cold, and can distort the sun's apparent size and location.

ANSWER: **Novaya Zemlya** effect

[10] The effect was first described by Dutch explorer Gerrit de Veer, who experienced it on an expedition led by this navigator. This man names the arm of the Arctic Ocean to the west of the Novaya Zemlya archipelago.

ANSWER: Willem **Barents**

[10] Until the Soviet Union turned it into a nuclear test site, Novaya Zemlya had a modest permanent population, two-thirds of whom belonged to this ethnic group. Many of these people live on the White Sea.

ANSWER: **Nenets** (accept **Samoyed** or **Yurak**)

2. Alex Trebek hosted the national finals of this competition from its inception in 1989 through 2013. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this competition launched in response to geographic illiteracy among American schoolchildren. Students representing 54 U.S. states and territories vied for this year's title in Washington, D.C. in late May.

ANSWER: **National Geographic Bee** (prompt on "Geo Bee;" do not accept or prompt on "National Geography Bee")

[10] Like quizbowl, the National Geographic Bee suffers from a severe gender imbalance among its elite participants, with only two girls having won the competition over its 30-year run. Name either.

ANSWER: Susannah **Batko-Yovino** or Caitlin **Snaring** (prompt on partial last name; Batko-Yovino won in 1990, Snaring in 2007)

[10] From 2003 to 2007, this company sponsored a travel-themed "challenge" for high school students, with a national final held at Universal Orlando Resort; 2000 Geo Bee winner Felix Peng earned a share of first place in the inaugural championship.

ANSWER: **AAA** (or **American Automobile Association**)

3. The seventh of these opened in 2016, enabling residents of Tianjin and Hebei [HEH-bay] to drive to Beijing in under an hour. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these decongesting features encircling the Chinese capital. The first of them began as a 17-kilometer-long tram line.

ANSWER: **ring roads**

[10] This Beijing landmark lying within the first ring road takes its name from a stone gate at its northern end. It was the site of a 1989 student uprising sometimes called the "June Fourth incident."

ANSWER: **Tiananmen Square**

[10] In the 1990s, billionaire Li Ka-shing bought up 25 acres of this neighborhood east of Tiananmen Square, where he erected a complex of office buildings, malls, and hotels dubbed Oriental Plaza.

ANSWER: **Wangfujing**

4. During his first North American voyage, Jacques Cartier visited this region's Chateau Bay, but high winds forced him to anchor at Quirpon to the south. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this peninsula described by Cartier as "the land God gave to Cain." A current named for this region transports cold water from Baffin Island to the Gulf Stream.

ANSWER: **Labrador** (anti-prompt on "Newfoundland and Labrador")

[10] In 1766, Royal Navy officer Sir Thomas Adams directed the construction of this fort on Barrier Point, a spit across from Chateau Bay. It was built to protect British fisheries from French encroachment.

ANSWER: **York** Fort

[10] Cartier entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence via this strait separating Labrador from Newfoundland.

ANSWER: Strait of **Belle Isle**

5. Following the example of the Prophet Muhammad, participants in this event generally begin by consuming dates or salt. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this evening meal enjoyed by Muslims during Ramadan.

ANSWER: **iftar**

[10] In some parts of the Muslim world, this sound signals an end to the daily fast during Ramadan. Each year, actor Rajai Sanduqa uses a century-old apparatus to produce this sound from a cemetery overlooking East Jerusalem.

ANSWER: **cannon** fire (accept any answer describing the sound of a cannon being fired)

[10] Police sergeant Saeed [SAH-heed] Mohammed fires the Ramadan cannon in this emirate, the third most populous in the U.A.E. This is the only entirely "dry" emirate.

ANSWER: **Sharjah** (or Al-**Shariqah**)

6. Gustave Eiffel designed its Mercado Lonja [LUN-hah] del Barranco, a popular lunch destination housed in a restored iron-and-glass building. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this most populous Andalusian city, whose culinary specialties include a spinach-and-chickpea tapa and *solomillo* [so-lo-MEE-yoh] *al whisky*, pork loin braised in a liquor sauce.

ANSWER: **Seville**

[10] The tearoom of Aire de Sevilla [EYE-reh deh seh-VEE-ya] and La Campana pastry shop draw crowds for this light, post-siesta meal, often taken around 5 p.m. Variations on this meal, whose name means "snack," exist across the Hispanosphere.

ANSWER: **merienda**

[10] Many Sevillano [seh-vee-YAH-no] egg dishes are prepared in this style, baked with Serrano ham, chorizo, and fresh, grated tomatoes.

ANSWER: à la **flamenca** (or **flamenco**)

7. A poem whose title translates to "A Domestic Tiff" was the first published in this language. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this most popularly spoken language of Suriname. Frisians communicated their support for this language's use by publishing pieces written in this tongue in the magazine *The Churning Tub*.

ANSWER: **Sranantongo** (or **Taki-taki**; on **Ningre-tongo**)

[10] While a majority of Surinamese speak Sranan, this is the country's official language.

ANSWER: **Dutch**

[10] The Dutch were not the first Europeans to settle the land now comprising Suriname; in 1651, the Englishman Francis, Lord Willoughby led a group of settlers there from this easternmost major island of the Lesser Antilles.

ANSWER: **Barbados**

8. The musician couple Amy Grant and Vince Gill perform a run of Christmas-themed shows every year at this city's Ryman Auditorium. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Tennessee city whose other music venues include the Cannery Ballroom and Grand Ole Opry.

ANSWER: **Nashville**

[10] This Missouri town calls itself the "Live Music Capital of the World." A washtub bass and mule jawbone were among the instruments used by the Baldknobbers, an early act from this town.

ANSWER: **Branson**

[10] As a young man, Elvis Presley frequented the blues joints on this Memphis street. James Baldwin imagined if this street "could talk" in the title of a 1974 novel.

ANSWER: **Beale** Street

9. In March 2014, this company purchased a 9,800-acre tract of land in Vicksburg, Ariz. and converted it into an alfalfa farm. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Saudi company, the largest dairy producer in the Middle East. Due to depletion of domestic groundwater, it has sought to sustain its feed production by buying up land abroad, sometimes through its subsidiary Fondomonte.

ANSWER: **Almarai**

[10] Vicksburg lies in the middle of this sparsely populated county, where agricultural operations have lowered the water table by 50 feet since 2010. It shares its name with Bolivia's administrative capital.

ANSWER: **La Paz**

[10] Water-intensive agriculture, and the subsidence it can induce, poses a threat to this 336-mile-long canal that supplies half of Phoenix's water. It begins at the Colorado River and crosses the Ranegras **[rah-NAY-grahss]** Plain.

ANSWER: **Central Arizona Project** (or **CAP**)

10. Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park is home to a population of red colobus monkeys endemic to this island. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this island off Africa's east coast known by the Swahili name "Unguja." Its name was combined with that of the territory of Tanganyika to form the name of a country governed from Dodoma.

ANSWER: **Zanzibar**

[10] Wete is the principal settlement of this island 30 miles northeast of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. Its Arabic name means "Green Island."

ANSWER: **Pemba** Island

[10] Pemba is a leading producer of this spice, produced from flower buds that are harvested from September through November. Chake Chake is one of three state-run processing centers for this spice in Pemba.

ANSWER: **clove**