

1. **Israeli programmers Talmon Marco and Igor Magazinik launched the Skype alternative Viber in this country. It's not Germany or Kazakhstan, but this country's capital includes a constructivist Palace of the Republic, colloquially called "the Sarcophagus." A tractor works here covertly sold arms to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. This country's cuisine includes a potato-and-onion (*) pancake called *draniki*. A 300-foot-tall steel obelisk and a massive carved stone head dubbed "Courage" overlook a fortress in this country's city of Brest, which, like Grodno to the north, lies along its border with Poland. This is the only country in Europe to retain the death penalty, and is home to the continent's "last dictatorship." For 10 points, name this country ruled by Alexander Lukashenko from Minsk.**

ANSWER: Belarus

2. **This museum includes an exhibit on the stages of Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption captioned, "A small catastrophe in the present helps us understand a huge catastrophe in the past." This museum features a display responding to the work of Charles Templeton. An imposing mastodon skeleton greets visitors to this museum, which boasts an animatronic display relating the expulsion from (*) Eden of Adam and Eve. This museum's Australian-born founder, Ken Ham, contested the claims of Bill Nye in a live-streamed 2014 debate. In 2016, this museum's operator, Answers in Genesis, opened a replica of Noah's ark in nearby Williamstown. Petersburg, Ky., just south of Cincinnati, is home to—for 10 points—what museum that touts a biblical alternative to the theory of evolution?**

ANSWER: Creation Museum

3. **This sport may derive from the game of *sipa*, and it is alternatively known as *rago*. The *regu*, or lineup, that won the 2017 iteration of a regional championship in this event dedicated its win to the residents of the flood-stricken Isaan region. Karen refugees living in New Zealand and Australia have fielded internationally competitive teams in this sport. A variety of this sport called *chinlone* [chin-LUN] involves six-person squads performing 10-minute routines within a circular court. A woven (*) rattan ball and badminton net are the equipment traditionally required to play this game. Three-player teams compete in—for 10 points—what Southeast Asian sport that combines elements of volleyball and soccer?**

ANSWER: sepak takraw

4. **The Englishman Armitage Forbes and his wife Harrie promoted this route's development, with sponsorship from such groups as the Native Daughters of the Golden West. This route winds north through Cahuenga [kuh-WENG-guh] Pass to Sherman Way. State Route 82 and U.S. Highway 101 have largely replaced this route, while Interstate 5 supplanted it in the cities of Tustin and (*) Oceanside. A different route of the same name connected the Red River with Mexico City. This route passes Our Lady Queen of Angels church, where the first of many bells marking it was erected in 1906. This route's central attractions are said to be spaced one day's horse ride apart. Twenty-one Franciscan missions, four presidios, and two pueblos are linked by—for 10 points—what route that roughly follows the California coast?**

ANSWER: El Camino Real (prompt on "Royal Highway," "Royal Road," or "King's Highway")

5. This city is home to prostitutes dubbed "central bankers," after their preferred solicitation spot outside a branch of the country's central bank. In February 2018, this city's mayor labeled fellow politician Pantaleon Alvarez an "insecure, fat sleaze," and said, "You messed with the wrong girl." This city exports the fiber abaca from the deepwater port of Sasa. Pakiputan Strait separates this city from the island of Samal, from which Canadian mining engineers John Ridsdel and Robert Hall were abducted in 2016 by Abu (*) Sayyaf militants. Contract killers formed a "death squad" convened by a former mayor of this city. Sara Duterte-Carpio governs—for 10 points—what city in Mindanao, led for 21 years by her father, current Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte?

ANSWER: Davao City

6. This city's House of the Golden Scales was formerly owned by a burgher whose visage is preserved in gargoyle form on its quoin [KWOIN], and its Archaeological Garden includes remnants of a Roman military camp. Both venues are part of a newly rebuilt neighborhood within this city's Altstadt [ALT-shtott], or Old Town, that links a Gothic cathedral named for St. (*) Bartholomew with Römer [REW-mar] Square. Rows of commemorative metal cubes, known as the Wand der Namen [VAUNT der NAH-min], line a wall of this city's Old Jewish Cemetery. Visitors to this city can tour the rebuilt birthplace of Goethe just north of the Main [MINE] River. The Rothschild family launched its banking dynasty in this city, now home to the European Central Bank. For 10 points, name this German financial capital.

ANSWER: Frankfurt am Main

7. The forthcoming book *The Fishmeal Revolution* addresses how this current's "industrialization" satisfied growing demands for marine-protein-based animal feed in the U.S. and Europe after World War II. This current's exceptionally large minimum oxygen zone, or MOZ, forces tuna and anchovy to congregate near the surface, which accounts for this current's six to 20 percent share of the world's fish catch. El (*) Niño events warm this current, which is otherwise unusually cold, in part because of significant upwelling. The Atacama Desert owes its extreme aridity to this current. The Peru Current is another name for—for 10 points—what turbid current off the Pacific coast of South America named for a German naturalist?

ANSWER: Humboldt Current (accept Peru Current until mention)

8. For almost two decades, Gary dos Santos served as this site's self-proclaimed "mayor," dictating where buskers could play. Landscape architect Bruce Kelly redesigned this site in 1984, incorporating a black-and-white, starburst mosaic gifted by the city of Naples, Italy. This teardrop-shaped site consists of two and a half acres of shrubbery, trees, and walking paths, preserving its initial purpose as a "peace (*) garden." This site was inspired by a 1967 song containing the repeated line, "Nothing is real, and nothing to get hung about." This site is accessible via an entrance on West 72nd Street, just across from the Dakota, the apartment building outside which its dedicatee was killed in 1980. For 10 points, name this Central Park memorial to Beatles legend John Lennon.

ANSWER: Strawberry Fields

9. Kent State researcher Rodney M. Feldman was the lead author of a 2007 paper announcing the discovery of Late Cretaceous fossils of two new species of lobster in this desert. This desert is home to a clan of shepherds called *chobans*. Journalist-explorer Paul Salopek described this desert as a "redoubt of ghosts" in a 2016 dispatch for National Geographic; he also described the disappearance of 50 liters of water his party had buried. Several camps near this desert's village of Yangi Kazgan offer lodging in camel-hair (*) yurts. The Amu and Syr Darya Rivers flow past either side of this desert en route to the Aral Sea. For 10 points, name this "red sand" desert north of the Karakum that occupies much of central Uzbekistan.

ANSWER: Kyzylkum Desert

10. Monk's Cowl and Cathkin Peak are among the lesser peaks of Champagne Castle, the third-highest mountain in this range. The sandstone Clarens Formation, part of the Karoo Basin, lies in this range. Fulton's Rock, within this range's Highmoor Wilderness Area, preserves cave paintings of (*) elands and other wildlife created by Bushmen. One portion of this range is known locally as Quathlamba, or "barrier of broken spears," and runs along the southwestern border of KwaZulu-Natal [kwah-ZOO-loo nah-TALL]. The Orange River flows to the Atlantic from its source in the Lesotho [leh-SOH-toh] Highlands, a subrange of these mountains. For 10 points, name this principal mountain range of southern Africa.

ANSWER: Drakensberg

1. Its cuisine includes the *pupusa* [poo-POO-sa], a thick corn tortilla that may be stuffed with cheese, crispy pork skin, or *ayote* [ah-JOE-tay] squash. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this sole Central American country without a coastline on the Caribbean Sea, also the origin of the cabbage relish *curtido*. El Rinconcito Cafe is one of many restaurants devoted to this country's cuisine in D.C., where a large expat population resides.

ANSWER: **El Salvador**

[10] In January, the Trump administration announced it had repealed this designation that permitted 200,000 Salvadorans to immigrate to the U.S. following a pair of devastating earthquakes in 2001.

ANSWER: **Temporary Protected Status** (or **TPS**)

[10] Manuel Orozco, of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank, estimates at least 80 percent of Salvadoran immigrants send remittances home. To within \$500 million, give the global value of those remittances in 2017.

ANSWER: **\$5.1 billion** (accept answers between \$4.6 and 5.6 billion)

2. This city's Basilica of Our Lady of Peace features a stained-glass portrayal of late president Felix Houphouët-Boigny [fay-LEEKS hoo-foo-ETT bwan-yeé] kneeling before Christ. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this city that grew from a small village into a city of roughly 300,000 after being named its country's administrative capital in 1983. To build the aforementioned, massive church, 1,100 workers spent three years arranging 17 acres' worth of marble on the plot of a cleared coconut grove.

ANSWER: **Yamoussoukro** [yah-moo-SOO-kroh]

[10] Yamoussoukro is located near the center of this country, whose most populous city is the coastal Abidjan.

ANSWER: (Republic of) **Côte d'Ivoire** (or **Ivory Coast**)

[10] The elongated Nimba Range, home to Côte d'Ivoire's highest peak, lies on the country's border with these *two* neighbors to the west.

ANSWER: (Republic of) **Liberia**; (Republic of) **Guinea** (both answers required)

3. It contains the Place des Vosges [PLAHSS day vohzh], a 17th-century square built at the direction of Henri IV ["the fourth"]. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this neighborhood that occupies parts of Paris's third and fourth *arrondissements* [AH-ron-deese-mah]. It encompasses the city's Jewish quarter, the Pletzl, and is a hub of gay life.

ANSWER: Le **Marais** [MAH-ray]

[10] Le Marais contains this attraction, whose fourth and fifth floors comprise France's national modern art museum. External pipes and electrical cables contribute to this venue's distinctive appearance.

ANSWER: **Centre Georges Pompidou** (or **Pompidou Center**; prompt on "Pompidou")

[10] This science museum, one of the oldest in Europe, occupies the former Marais priory of Saint-Martin-des-Champs [SAN mar-TAN day shahn]. Its seven collections include ones devoted to mechanics, construction, and transport.

ANSWER: Musée des **Arts et Métiers** [moo-ZAY days ARR ay MEH-tee-ay] (or Museum of **Arts and Crafts**; or Museum of **Arts and Trades**)

4. It includes Whitman College, named for a Christian missionary who taught reading and writing to the indigenous Cayuse people. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this city near Washington's border with Oregon. Its present, alliterative name may derive from a Nez Percé term for "small-rapid rivers," while its original name of Steptoeville honored an Army lieutenant colonel.

ANSWER: **Walla Walla**

[10] One hundred miles north-northwest of Walla Walla is this city, an eastern gateway to Mt. Rainier National Park. Toppenish is one of the main population centers in a neighboring, similarly named reservation.

ANSWER: **Yakima**

[10] On the other side of Mt. Rainier lies this county, Washington's second most populous after King County. Its cities include Tacoma and Puyallup.

ANSWER: **Pierce** County

5. It was named "Formosa," or "beautiful," upon its discovery by Portuguese explorer Fernão do Po. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this island whose population consists largely of two rival ethnic groups, the Bubi and Fang. From 1973 to 1979, it bore the name of Macias Nguema [mah-SEE-ahss in-GAY-muh], who served as the first postcolonial president of its country.

ANSWER: **Bioko**

[10] Bioko is the largest island of this country, whose continental portion is named for the Muni River. It is the only African country to recognize Spanish as an official language.

ANSWER: **Equatorial Guinea**

[10] You're more likely to associate the name "Formosa" with this East Asian island, often grouped with the P'eng-hu Islands. The Democratic Progressive Party and Kuomintang are this island's leading political factions.

ANSWER: **Taiwan**

6. It received its colloquial name, Monkey Island, after 1,400 rhesus macaques were imported from the Puerto Rican breeding colony La Parguera in 1979. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this island generally accessed via boat from the town of Beaufort. Its monkey population is owned and studied by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

ANSWER: **Morgan** Island

[10] Morgan Island lies in the heart of the South Carolina Lowcountry, a 100-mile region stretching from Charleston to this coastal city just over the Georgia state line.

ANSWER: **Savannah**

[10] Daufuskie [duh-FUSS-key] Island, a Lowcountry retreat, was once populated primarily by members of this black ethnic group, who speak a namesake creole also called Geechee.

ANSWER: **Gullah**

7. So-called Doc Trotters administer medical care to participants in this event, who often develop large blisters on their feet. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this endurance competition sometimes called the "toughest footrace on Earth." It covers 154 miles of the Moroccan Sahara, including a grueling 12-degree ascent of the El Oufal jebel.

ANSWER: **Marathon des Sables** [mah-rah-TONE day SAH-bluh] (or **Marathon of the Sands**)

[10] Another popular ultramarathon, held each July, takes runners from this namesake basin to the base of Mount Whitney. The race's 135 miles cross Death Valley and include a 13,000-foot elevation gain.

ANSWER: **Badwater**

[10] The ghost town of Winfield serves as the 50-mile turnaround point for the Leadville 100, named for a former boomtown in this state. The Hardrock 100 is contested in this state's San Juan Mountains.

ANSWER: **Colorado**

8. It may refer to an late-night pub crawl or to a leisurely drive with friends. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this Icelandic word often applied to weekend fun on Laugavegur [LOW-gah-veh-goor], a hip street in Reykjavik.

ANSWER: **rúntur** (or **rúnta**)

[10] Among Laugavegur's top draws is Mál og Menning, a shop devoted to selling these items, including ones crafted by Sjón [she-OWN] and Halldór Laxness.

ANSWER: **books** (accept **novels** or other specific book types)

[10] Reykjavik installed more closed-circuit TV cameras after 20-year-old reveler Birna Brjánsdóttir [BROWNS-DOH-tare] was killed in 2017. A crewman on the Polar Nanoq, a fishing trawler registered in this large Danish territory, was charged with her murder.

ANSWER: **Greenland**

9. In her 2011 book *Moon Tides*, Brenda Paik Sunoo refers to these people as "grannies of the sea." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this exclusively female class of free divers who collect abalone, urchins, and other seafood off the coast of Jeju Island. The title *sanggun* tops their three-level hierarchy, and is conferred on women able to reach depths of 30 feet.

ANSWER: **haenyeo**

[10] The *haenyeo* ply their craft in this strait, whose other major island is Tsushima, site of the decisive battle of the Russo-Japanese War.

ANSWER: **Korea** Strait

[10] Among the creatures *haenyeo* seek are members of this snail family named for their resemblance to a certain piece of headwear. The "horned" variety of this animal is especially prized.

ANSWER: **turban** shell (or **Turbinidae**)

10. In this region, growers in St. Andrew parish annually sell hundreds of thousands of pounds of beans to the Mavis Bank Coffee Factory. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this colorfully named region of eastern Jamaica. Japanese consumers are especially fond of this region's namesake variety of coffee, importing a majority of the harvest each year.

ANSWER: **Blue Mountains**

[10] Sandstone blocks dropped from helicopters form part of the National Pass, a walking trail in this Australian state's Blue Mountains. This state's West Head lookout affords gorgeous views of the Pittwater estuary.

ANSWER: **New South Wales**

[10] Blue Mountain Resort lies in the north of this American mountain range. Other ski resorts in this relatively low-lying range include Big Boulder, Jack Frost, and Shawnee.

ANSWER: **Poconos** (or the **Pocono** Mountains)