

1. In April, researchers Emile Begin and Ken Hodges warned this park was due for a major forest fire. The karst Maligne [muh-LEEN] Canyon was created in this park by outflow from Medicine Lake. Edith Cavell, a nurse killed by a German firing squad during World War I, names a mountain in this park; with the adjoining Sorrow Peak, it sandwiches Angel (*) Glacier. A transparent "Skywalk" here affords striking views of the Sunwapta Valley below, and a gondola lift takes visitors up Whistlers Mountain. The Miette Hot Springs lie just inside the eastern edge of this park, near where the Athabasca River enters. The Icefields Parkway connects Banff to—for 10 points—what other national park in the Canadian Rockies?

ANSWER: Jasper National Park

2. In 1951, a developer renamed this waterway's Haw Par Island after the Brooklyn neighborhood of Coney Island. Its former name translates to "Big Fish Strait," and pods of bottlenose dolphins have appeared near this waterway's Punggol [PUNG-gall] Marina. It is the ancestral home of the indigenous Orang Seletar [or-AHNG sell-uh-tar] people, who retreated north after Sir Stamford (*) Raffles purchased a bordering island in 1819. A causeway to The Woodlands was constructed across this waterway in 1923, four years before the Territorial Waters Agreement designated it an international border. Planes flying south into Changi [CHENG-yee] Airport cross this waterway just before landing. For 10 points, name this strait separating peninsular Malaysia from the city-state of Singapore.

ANSWER: Strait(s) of Johor

3. The Guamá [gwuh-MAH] crocodile hatchery is among the attractions on Route 116, which links this site with the Autopista Nacional [oh-toh-PIECE-tuh nah-see-oh-NALL] 20 miles to the north. Porgies and groupers congregate in Cazonos [kuh-ZOH-ness] Gulf, an underwater canyon in Ciénaga de Zapata [see-ay-NAH-guh day zah-PAH-ta] National Park, which bounds this site to the west. Playa Larga lies at the northern end of this site, while Playa (*) Giron sits off its southeast. The Tractors for Freedom Committee sought to free captives taken at this site, who were eventually released in exchange for \$53 million worth of medicine and baby food. This site was attacked by Brigade 2506, whose members had received military training in Guatemala. 1,500 U.S.-backed exiles conducted an unsuccessful 1961 invasion of—for 10 points—what porcine-named inlet on Cuba's southern coast?

ANSWER: Bay of Pigs (or Bahía de Cochinos)

4. On April Fools' Day 2017, the Dutch company TravelBird promoted discounted flights to this place, which it deemed its "most noteworthy destination" of the year. The 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion occurred at a rig within an oil prospect named for this place. This place names an "express" train that travels south from Santa Marta through Magdalena (*) province. Its inhabitants include Mauricio Babilonia, who was inspired by a real-life electrician whom yellow butterflies reportedly trailed wherever he walked. A banana company arrives in and departs this town like a "leaf storm." Aracataca, Colombia was the basis of—for 10 points—what setting of Gabriel García Márquez's novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude*?

ANSWER: Macondo

5. A crippled princess accedes to the throne of the Cloud Kingdom in a folktale from this mountain range collected in the 2018 book *Dancing on Blades*. Antoni Rehman was the first to comprehensively describe this range, in an 1895 text on its "physico-geography." The Little and Great Alfolds form the Pannonian Basin between the two arms of this range. During the Middle Ages, this range's Bihor Massif [bee-HOAR maa-SEEF] was home to an intensive gold- and silver-mining operation. The Iron (*) Gate, part of the Djerdap [jurr-DAHP] gorge system, divides these mountains from the Balkans. This range begins in the Czech Republic, ends at the northern tip of Serbia, and covers the bulk of Romania. The Transylvanian Alps belong to—for 10 points—what mountain range that arcs across eastern Europe?

ANSWER: Carpathian Mountains

6. The Turkish firm Gulsan-Cukurova supplied seven screening plants used in the resurfacing of this road, a job executed by the Louis Berger Group. A crash involving a 303 commuter bus killed seven people on this road in March, days after hundreds of protestors camped out here to draw attention to a pair of killings in the Qarabagh [kah-rah-BAHK] district. The Loya Jirga legislature convened for the first time two days before this road's 2003 dedication ceremony, at which U.S. ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad declared, "On to Ghor, and then to (*) Herat." This road includes a particularly treacherous stretch in Ghazni province. Taliban fighters regularly besiege—for 10 points—what 300-mile-long road connecting Afghanistan's two most populous cities?

ANSWER: Kabul-Kandahar highway (or Highway One; accept descriptions involving a road linking Kabul and Kandahar; prompt on "Afghan ring road" or similar answers)

7. In 2017, this city's mayor, Ahmed Aboutaleb [ah-boo-TAH-leb], raised hackles by claiming "every Muslim is a bit of a Salafist." Unilever, the parent company of Lipton tea and Dove soap, moved its corporate headquarters from London to this city in the wake of Brexit. This city is the birthplace of the gabber subgenre of techno music. This city's Caland [kuh-LAHND] fountain was moved in 1939 from the entertainingly named "Cool" district to the street Veerkade [VEER-kah-duh]. This city contains a horseshoe-shaped commercial (*) building called Markthal [MARK-tall]. The 19th-century construction of this city's "New Waterway" linked it to the Meuse [MUZZ] and Rhine Rivers, easing steamship travel. For 10 points, what coastal Dutch city contains the busiest cargo port in Europe?

ANSWER: Rotterdam

8. This region's township of Upper Saucon [SAW-kin] is projected to experience a 70-percent population increase by 2040, in part because of its location straddling Interstate 78. This region's towns of Mauch Chunk [MAWK chunk] and East Mauch Chunk merged in 1954 and assumed the name of legendary Sauk and Fox athlete Jim (*) Thorpe. Moravian immigrants to this region built the Sun Inn, which sheltered John Hancock and other members of the Second Continental Congress. A company headquartered in this region manufactured the steel used to build the Golden Gate Bridge. This region is home to the IronPigs, the Phillies' AAA ["Triple A"] affiliate. Easton, Bethlehem, and Allentown lie within, for 10 points, what historical hotbed of industry, a region of eastern Pennsylvania?

ANSWER: Lehigh Valley

9. New Zealand's *harakeke* [HAH-ruh-KEH-kay] lily is misleadingly referred to as a variant of this crop. This crop's oil is boiled and mixed with spirits to produce a patented anti-spalling compound sold by the construction-supply firm W. R. Meadows. Hippocrates [hip-AWK-ra-tees] recommended crushing this crop's grain for use in surgical poultices. For decades, this crop has suffered reduced yields due to the fungal disease Pasmó, first identified in 1911 in Argentina but now common in the Upper (*) Midwest. While typically high in alpha-linolenic acid, this crop has a low-fat variant called solin. It's not hemp, but the term "retting" may refer to the act of softening this plant's fibers. For 10 points, what plant produces a "superfood" known to Brits as linseed?

ANSWER: **flax** (accept **flaxseed** or **flaxseed oil**; accept **linseed** or **linseed** oil before mention; accept **Linum** usitatissimum)

10. This city lies opposite the 20-mile-long Mussulo Peninsula, which is directly accessible via Jeep during low tide. SonAir long operated a twice-weekly non-stop flight between Houston and this city; that service, as well as the Belas Shopping Center, which opened in this city's upscale Talatona neighborhood in 2007, catered largely to executives at Chevron and ExxonMobil. Unregulated van (*) taxis called *candongueiros* [KAHN-doan-GWARE-ohs] are widespread in this city. The national Liberation Movement Day commemorates a 1961 uprising in this city led by the MPLA, which has been helmed since 1979 by José Eduardo dos Santos. An offshore oil boom has led to a soaring cost of living in, for 10 points, what most populous Portuguese-speaking city outside Brazil?

ANSWER: **Luanda**, Angola

1. Rice-fiber ropes and *shide* [SHE-day] streamers tied to cryptomeria ["crypt"-uh-MEER-ee-uh] trees demarcated early examples of these sites called *iwakura*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these sites of meditation, commonly found at Zen temples. Their Japanese name, *karesansui* [KAH-ray-SAHN-swee], translates to "dry mountain water."

ANSWER: **rock garden** or **stone garden** (prompt on "garden")

[10] Fifteen stones spread across five patches of moss lie amid a sea of white gravel at the rock garden of what Kyoto temple? Many tourists visit in April, when a cherry tree overhanging the garden turns magenta.

ANSWER: **Ryoan-ji** (or Temple of the **Peaceful Dragon**)

[10] An oft-cited purpose of rock gardens is to instill this quality, a state of emptiness, in visitors. Robert Pirsig described this quality as the liminal space between dualities such as "yes and no."

ANSWER: **mu**

2. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill modeled this structure's tessellated fiberglass roof on the design of Bedouin tents. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this wing of Jeddah's King Abdulaziz International Airport. It was designed to cater to travelers performing a namesake pilgrimage.

ANSWER: **Haji** Terminal

[10] Sir Norman Foster designed this airport in Essex that opened in 1991. Its geometric, single-floor design is reminiscent of Foster's earlier Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts.

ANSWER: London **Stansted** Airport

[10] This architect designed Terminal 1 at Charles de Gaulle International Airport with an eye toward accommodating large numbers of travelers. He has also designed terminals for airports in Abu Dhabi, Cairo, and Istanbul.

ANSWER: Paul **Andreu** [ann-DREW]

3. William Alonso extended this model to an urban context with his bid-rent theory. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this rural land-use model developed by a German economist that illuminated the need for producers of perishable goods – such as milk and greens – to locate themselves closer to market.

ANSWER: **von Thünen** model

[10] The von Thünen model is typically drawn as a set of concentric rings, with a dot at the center representing a city. The outermost ring, just beyond grain cultivation, represents what agricultural activity?

ANSWER: **ranching** or **livestock** farming or **grazing** or **animal husbandry** (prompt on partial answer; accept **cattle** farming or other answers referencing specific types of livestock)

[10] Thünen laid out his ideas in this 1826 book, in which he described an imaginary city lying on a flat, uniform plain devoid of navigable waterways.

ANSWER: The **Isolated State** (or Der **isolierte Staat**)

4. Karo, Kwegu, and 'Ongota, languages spoken in this country's south, are classified as critically endangered by UNESCO. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this country whose other tongues include Argobba, spoken by a namesake Muslim ethnic group concentrated in the mountains east of the town of Were Ilu [WARE ee-loo].

ANSWER: **Ethiopia**

[10] Ethiopia's official language is this relative of Ge'ez [guh-EZZ] that also bears the marks of the Cushitic language Agaw. Addis Ababa [AH-deese AH-buh-buh] means "new flower" in this language.

ANSWER: **Amharic**

[10] The Amhara subjugated these people, who lend their name to Ethiopia's other dominant language. These people follow the *gada* system, in which they assign members to strict age-based social groups.

ANSWER: **Oromo**

5. It includes the islands of Alderney, Sark, and Herm. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this British crown dependency. With the bailiwick of Jersey, it forms the Channel Islands.

ANSWER: **Guernsey**

[10] The English Channel also includes this smaller, French-owned archipelago off the coast of Normandy. It extends from the Plateau des Minquiers [MANG-key-AY] to Pointe du Roc [PWANNT doo ROCK]; foreign vessels generally receive clearance to visit these islands in the mainland port of Granville.

ANSWER: **Chausey**

[10] The Santa Barbara Islands are another name for this U.S. state's Channel Islands; while some of them comprise a national park, the westernmost, San Miguel, is controlled by the U.S. Navy.

ANSWER: **California**

6. This festival is timed to coincide with the release of water stanced by the Summersville Dam. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this festival held each year in mid-September on a namesake river in West Virginia. Particularly daring participants raft down a rapid dubbed "Pure Screaming Hell."

ANSWER: **Gauley** Fest

[10] American Whitewater, the non-profit that organizes Gauley Fest, assigns rapids to a range of difficulty classes. What class, signifying "extreme and exploratory rapids," is reserved for the most challenging runs?

ANSWER: Class **VI** [six]

[10] Buena Vista, Colorado serves as the starting point for many rafting expeditions down this river, which passes through the stunning Browns Canyon en route to the Mississippi.

ANSWER: **Arkansas** River

7. Yasemin Baban [YAH-suh-mean bah-bahn] has rescued scores of golden retrievers in this city, from which she ships them to a nonprofit in Atlanta for placement with families. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this city whose stray dog population also captured the attention of Mark Twain, who wrote in *The Innocents Abroad*, "They are the sorriest beasts that breathe – the most abject – the most pitiful."

ANSWER: **Istanbul** (accept **Constantinople**)

[10] In this district on the Asian side of the Bosphorus, cats are more prevalent than dogs. It includes the Moda neighborhood, home to late rocker Baris Manço [bah-REESE MAHN-cho], and is less touristy than cross-strait peers Taksim and Galata.

ANSWER: **Kadiköy**

[10] In his 2006 tribute *Istanbul*, this Turkish writer quotes a 1911 newspaper column claiming it was "impossible to walk down the street without hearing *Grrrrr!*" His other works set in Istanbul include *My Name Is Red*.

ANSWER: Orhan **Pamuk**

8. In 2016, Croatia awarded a Chinese consortium \$344 million to construct a bridge to this peninsula. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this peninsula bookended by the towns of Ston and Orebić [ORE-eh-pitch]. Visitors to this region may sample prized grey mullet in Lovište [LOW-vee-shta] and visit Saints Hills Winery, known for its Plavac Mali offerings.

ANSWER: **Pelješac** [PELL-yuh-shots]

[10] Pelješac belongs to this coastal region of Croatia, bordered on either side by the Adriatic Sea and the Dinaric Alps. Shipbuilding and cement manufacturing are key industries in this region's city of Split.

ANSWER: **Dalmatia** (or **Dalmatian** coast)

[10] The southern reaches of Croatia, including Pelješac, are separated from the rest of the country by this 12-mile corridor, the extent of Bosnia and Herzegovina's coastline.

ANSWER: **Neum** corridor [NAY-oom]

9. Its 90,000 square feet abut Lake Butler in the upscale Orlando suburb of Isleworth. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this complex originally slated to be the largest house in the U.S. Timeshare magnate David Siegel and his wife Jackie began construction on it in 2006.

ANSWER: **Versailles**

[10] At a cow pasture in nearby Sanford, Fla. a planned building of this type has also suffered repeated delays. Tons of marble mined in Thassos, Greece were imported for its construction.

ANSWER: **mosque** (the **Masjid Al Hayy'** Mosque, specifically)

[10] In 2012, Siegel added this city's Hilton to his Westgate Resorts portfolio. It lies a 15-minute drive north on Paradise Road from McCarran International Airport.

ANSWER: Las **Vegas**, Nevada

10. The sociologist J. Winfield Fretz studied their immigration to the Gran Chaco. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Christian group whose Paraguayan base is the town of Filadelfia. They were criticized by former *Guardian* environment editor John Vidal for clearing land inhabited by the Ayoreo-Totobiegosode tribe. They are not to be confused with the Amish, a related Anabaptist sect.

ANSWER: **Mennonites** (do not accept or prompt on "Amish")

[10] In 2016, the Amish founded a settlement near Catamarca, in the northwestern portion of this country. Other religiously significant sites in this country include the Basilica of Our Lady of Luján [loo-HAHN] and the Recoleta Cemetery.

ANSWER: **Argentina** (or **Argentine Republic**)

[10] In 2011, nine men were charged with having drugged and raped more than one hundred women and girls at this colony near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, one of the Mennonites' largest in Latin America.

ANSWER: **Manitoba** Colony