

WORLDSTAR Round 1

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1. **During a battle this group was involved in, they used the Grand Monde Casino as a base of operations. This group was led during its heyday by the half-Chinese general Vien the Seventh. One leader organized a ritual burning of opium pipes as a gesture attacking this group, which returned to river piracy in the Rung Sat Swamp after a failed coup attempt. This organization was given policing powers over the Cho Lon district of the city it operated in by a man nicknamed the “Playboy Emperor”, and it was crushed in a 1955 battle by a general nicknamed “Big” (*) Minh. It’s not an Army, but this group allied with the Hoa Hao sect to overthrow a leader advised by his brother Nhu. For 10 points, name this Saigon crime syndicate that mounted an attempt to overthrow Ngo Dinh Diem’s government in 1955.**

ANSWER: Binh Xuyen <JM>

2. **An Egyptian story named for one of these people begins with his master saying “do as you wish; it is wearying to talk to you” and ends with that master saying “Do not continue... does one give water to a goose at dawn that will be slaughtered in the morning?” after hearing that person’s story about being turned into a snake. In the *Story of Wenamun*, a Tjekker prince attempts to kill a group of these people while robbing Wenamun, who commanded that group of these people to take him to (*) Tyre to fetch wood for a royal barge. One of the few complete ancient Egyptian short stories is about a shipwrecked one of these people. For ten points, name these people who frequently plied trade routes to Phoenicia and Punt in Ancient Egypt.**

ANSWER: sailor <JM>

3. **A director from this country made a documentary detailing his anguish over an actress nearly dying during the production of his film *Dream*. In a film from this country, a fictional director meets a woman in a blessing hall and goes out with her for one night. Another film from this country is framed around a student writing three screenplays which are tied together by a lifeguard, a French visitor, and themes of infidelity. This country, the setting of *In Another Country* and *Right Now, Wrong Then*, produced a film which focuses on the secret relationship between a (*)Japanese heiress and her servant. Another film from this country features a 3 minute-long fight scene down a hallway, which is part of a man’s quest to discover why he was imprisoned for 15 years. *The Handmaiden* and *Oldboy* were made in, for ten points, what country home to Hong Sang-Soo and Park Chan-Wook?**

ANSWER: South Korea (Accept ROK, Republic of Korea; prompt on Korea; Obviously do not accept or prompt on North Korea, DPRK, or Democratic People’s Republic of Korea) (The first film mentioned is *Arirang* by Kim Ki-Duk) <ES>

4. **Anti-colonial unions in what is now this country gravitated to the messianic preacher André Matswa, and this country’s first president was an ex-priest who maintained a wardrobe of Christian Dior-designed cassocks and was dethroned in an uprising called “Les Trois Glorieuses.” The current leader of this home country of Fulbert Youlou is supported by a militia called the “Cobras” and opposed by a militia that calls themselves “Ninjas.” This country’s Marxist leader Marien Ngouabi was mysteriously assassinated in 1977, (*) and forced labor was notoriously used to build its namesake “Océan” railway from its capital to Pointe-Noire. Two civil wars in this country resulted from the power struggle between Pascal Lissouba and its current, long-serving leader Denis Sassou-Nguesso. For 10 points, name this country, whose capital is named for Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza.**

ANSWER: The Republic of the Congo [or La République du Congo; accept any answer that mentions both “republic” and “Congo” or both “Brazzaville” and “Congo”; accept answers like former French

Congo: do not accept or prompt on "Democratic Republic of Congo," "Zaire," "Belgian Congo," or "Congo-Leopoldville"] <JG>

5. **This art form is traditionally created using *uhi*, or chisels, which came from the underworld Rarohenga. This art form uses pigment called *ngarahu* made from bird or fish oil mixed with soot from the burned kauri tree. One of the earliest styles of this medium was the *kuri*, a pattern of 3 horizontal and vertical lines in a lattice. One origin story for this medium is that the spirit Niwareka's father taught it to Mataora after sweat caused pigment to run down his (*) face. Men traditionally wear this body art on their entire face; the traditional style for women covers their lips and cheeks only. The indigenous practice of this medium differs from the more common western medium because, unlike using a rotary or coil gun, it leaves permanent grooves on the skin. For 10 points, name this body modification practiced by the indigenous people of New Zealand.**

ANSWER: ta **moko** or (accept **Maori tattoos**, prompt on less-specific answer, prompt on "tattoos" with "in what indigenous group?") <AD>

6. **Paul Oliver argued that the sources of this genre of music were further inland than often believed. Gerhard Kubik hypothesized Islamic influences on this genre. The French term *chômeur* inspired the name of a type of this genre called *tishoumaren* music. A breakthrough album by a musician in this style was recorded after producers heard of a concert he played at the Grand Mosque of the namesake city, *Agadez*. A musician in this genre became mayor of Niafunké and often collaborated with Toumani Diabaté and Ry Cooder. (*) Many bands in this genre formed in camps organized by Muammar Gaddafi, like one founded by Ibrahim Ag Alhabib. Vieux Farka Touré continues to popularize a Malinese version of this genre pioneered by his father, the so-called "African John Lee Hooker." For 10 points, name this genre of Ali Farka Touré and the Tuareg band Tinariwen.**

ANSWER: the **blues** [also accept **blues-rock** or "**desert blues**"; also accept African **finger-style guitar** music and prompt on partial answers; prompt on **Tuareg** or **Tamasheq** music; prompt on **rock** music or **rebel** music; *Agadez* is by the so-called "Sultan of Shred," Bombino] <JG>

7. **The villains of a work in this genre beat a man to death with a purple and gold mallet after he argues with their rigged scales. The gibbon-enthusiast Robert van Gulik adapted several works in this genre into a series of English novels. A stock hero in this genre travels with three guillotines shaped like a dog, a tiger, and a dragon and has a crescent-shaped birthmark on his forehead. In one work, that stock hero reunites the Emperor and his real mother, who was exiled after a rival swapped her baby with a dead civet cat. (*) *The Seven Heroes and Five Gallants* melded *wuxia* and this genre and centers on a hero who, in Yuan-era plays, "*Sells Rice at Chenzhou*," "*Cleverly Executes Court Official Lu*," and inspired Brecht by determining a maternity by placing a baby in a circle of chalk. For 10 points, name this genre, which often centered on judges like Bao Zheng.**

ANSWER: **Gong'an** literature [or "celebrated court-**case**" fiction; accept answers like **Chinese courtroom** fiction, **Chinese detective** fiction, or **Chinese crime** fiction and prompt on such partial answers with "from what country?"; prompt on any answers giving media like **opera** or **zaju plays** with "on what subject?"; prompt on *wuxia* literature until mentioned even though *Seven Heroes and Five Gallants* is basically the only time that applies] <JG>

8. **In Indonesia, government had mandated labelling for a form of this foodstuff called *bakso* to which borax was added to the *surimi* to make it whiter and increase elasticity. Split yellow lentils are added to make the *Tabrizi* form of this foodstuff, while the *Nargisi* form of this foodstuff contains a whole boiled egg because it is said to resemble a narcissus when cut open. In *Huaiyang* cuisine, one extremely large form of this foodstuff is known as (*) "Lion's Head" and is served with a cabbage broth**

which forms the mane of the lion. Many forms of this foodstuff are known by names derived from the Persian for “to beat” *kuftan*. For 10 points, what sort of foodstuff is *kofta* which can be made with minced lamb or beef?

ANSWER: Meatballs <DJ>

9. **This country is the southernmost African landing point of the AAE-1 and SEA-ME-WE series of submarine Internet backbone cables. This country’s endemic namesake francolin is critically endangered due to tree loss in its only two habitats, the Mabla Mountains and Forest of the Day National Park in the Goda Mountains. Dangerous currents at its mouth earned an inlet in this country the name “Gulf of Demons” or Ghoubbet al-Kharab. This country is home to (*) Camp Lemmonier, America’s primary permanent military base in Africa, and it contains the incredibly saline Lake Assal, the lowest point in Africa. The Bin Laden family is heavily involved in plans to build a “Bridge of the Horns” with its African endpoint in this country. For 10 points, name this country, formerly the “French Territory of the Afars and the Issas,” which forms the Western shores of the Bab al-Mandeb.**

ANSWER: The Republic of Djibouti <JG>

10. **John of Ephesus described how Justinian dispatched Bishop Longinus who was forced to pass to the east of a Melkite kingdom on this body of water to successfully spread Christianity. Al-Baladhuri termed the warriors of one kingdom centred on this body of water 'the pupil smiters' after they repelled a force led by 'Uqba b. Nafi'. King Qalidurut led one kingdom on this body of water and al-Maqrizi describes how his defeat at Old (*) Dongola at the hands of ‘Abd Allah b. Sa’ad led him to sign the long-lasting *baqt* treaty with a northern neighbour on this body of water. More than 200 pyramids have been discovered at the Kushite city of Meroe along the eastern bank of this body of water. For 10 points, ancient Egyptian sources suggested that Nubia was the land located upriver of the 1st cataract on which body of water?**

ANSWER: Nile

11. **This dynasty locked a rebel in a well for 50 days until that rebel, Nurbakhsh, recanted the claim that Jesus descended into him as a light beam. The Shaybanids rose to power after double-crossing this dynasty at the Battle of the Chirciq River. This dynasty’s court was the site of the rivalry between Sharif al-Jurjani and Sa’d al-Din Taftazani, and the consolidator of the Naqshbandi order, Khwaja Ubaydullah Ahrar, had de facto political power after a civil war in this dynasty between the sons of Baysonqor, ‘Abdul-La’if Mirza, and a ruler (*) who compiled the *Zij-i Sulṭānī* astronomical tables at a namesake observatory. The founder of this dynasty of Ulugh Beg caused the Ottoman Interregnum by capturing Bayezid I, repelled Tokhtamysh’s Golden Horde, and was buried in the Gūr-e Amir in Samarqand. For 10 points, name this dynasty founded by a conqueror with a limp.**

ANSWER: the Timūrid Dynasty [accept any answer that gets across the dynasty of Tamerlane or Timūr the Lame or; prompt on the Mughals, who made a huge deal about being Timurids] <JG>

12. **The two smaller islands of Marado and Gapado lie off the coast of this island. Female oyster free-divers called haenyeo are commemorated by a museum on this island. After a brief period in which it was ruled by an autonomous People’s Council, central government authority was reasserted over this island in a 1948 (*) massacre that forced survivors to flee to caves on its central mountain. This island’s Eastern half contains the Sangumburi Crater and the port of Seogwipo. This island is its country’s only island to host a stadium for the 2002 World Cup, and this island is most easily reachable by ferry from the city of Mokpo. Its country’s highest peak, Halla San, is located on this island in the East China Sea. For ten points, name this largest island in South Korea.**

ANSWER: Jeju-do (accept Cheju Island) <JM>

13. After a sculpture by this artist was destroyed in a terrorist attack, he donated a sculpture of “The Dove of Peace” to be displayed next to the earlier work. A woman in pink has a pelt draped around her shoulders in a group portrait by this artist. This artist adapted paintings by Old Masters such as *Las Meninas* and *La Fornarina* in his distinctive style, which he insists emphasizes “volume” and “sensuality of form.” An enormous man holding a pistol and wearing a white button-up stands on top of houses as he dies in a painting by this artist. The Berkeley Museum of Art received a series of paintings by this artist of *The Death of Pablo (*) Escobar*. That series includes paintings of prisoners being tortured by guards and dogs in Abu Ghraib. For ten points, name this Colombian modern artist known for his enlarged, round figures.

ANSWER: Fernando Botero <ES>

14. This novel’s protagonist rejects the crude affections of Nhorinha, and later rejects the purer attention of Otacilia, although he suggests that he married her after the main narrative. This novel ends with the posthumous discovery that Diadorim who struck up a friendship with the protagonist after helping him to cross the Sao Francisco river was a woman and begins with the single word sentence “Nonada.” This novel’s 1963 translation by Harriet De Onis has been criticized for simplifying this text which takes the form of a 600 page monologue without chapter breaks by a ranch (*) owner to a urban doctor. While fighting Ricardão, who with Hermogenes had overthrown his former employer Ramiro, the Jagunço, Riobaldo goes to a crossroads to make a Faustian pact but expresses a fear that “we sell our souls, only there is no buyer.” For 10 points, name this magnum opus of João Guimaeres Rosa.

ANSWER: Grande Sertão: Veredas (accept The Devil to Pay in the Backlands)

15. A 19th century building created by immigrants from this country, Itojo Bar, was demolished in 2016. That immigrant community, known as “agudas”, is centered on Lagos. The city of Hamamatsu is the center of another immigrant community from this country, who were the primary recipients of *nikkei* work visas in the 1980s. Immigrants from this country to America are concentrated around Framingham, Massachusetts and disproportionately come from the city of Governador (*) Valadares. The Yoruba prince Hermengildo da Silva was kidnapped by his guards in the 19th century and sold into slavery in this country before returning to Nigeria. Much of his community did the same after this country’s Lex Aurea abolished slavery in 1888. For ten points, name this country where many people of Japanese descent returned to Japan from cities like Sao Paulo.

ANSWER: Brazil <JM>

16. One essay on this novel describes its author’s “irrational love and irrational hate jostling together” and opens with a discussion of letters the author received from schoolchildren in Yonkers. Another essay on this novel claims that its author “does not give us the sense that he could imagine a fully realized alternative to imperialism” and indicates the “imperialist aesthetic” as one of its titular “two (*) visions”. In one novel intended as a “reversal” of this novel, an economist promises to “liberate Africa with [his] penis” before murdering his wife, Jean Morris. That novel is Tayeb Salih’s *Season of Migration to the North*. In an essay on this novel, its author is called a “thoroughgoing racist”. For ten points, name this novel critiqued in Chinua Achebe’s *An Image of Africa*.

ANSWER: Heart of Darkness <JM>

17. One poet from this country wrote that ‘there will be no light more beautiful than the sun of freedom the day we smash down the doors and summon all tyrants to judgement’ in a poem titled as the anthem of an ancient city in this modern day nation. Another poet from this country wrote ‘Your eyes are two palm tree forests in early light’ to open his best known work, in which he later writes

'The Gulf scatters fuming froth and shells'. That poem is *Rain Song* and the poet is Badr (*) Shaker al-Sayyab. Another novel from this country describes how Isaac leaves his tribe on the bank of Euphrates to build two enormous towers which are destroyed by Joseph and Mahmoud. That novel is believed to have been finished days before the author's capture by US armed forces. For 10 points, name this modern day country which was home to the author of *Begone, Demons*, Saddam Hussein.

ANSWER: Iraq <TH>

18. **This phenomenon is the basis of a namesake "relation" allowing for a "unity of the knower and the known" formulated by a thinker known as "the Executed Master." That thinker held vision and this phenomenon to underpin an intuitive epistemology of knowledge as "presence and" this phenomenon. Said Nursi's *Epistles of [this]* inspired a Turkish revivalist movement named for it. Al-Ghazālī called ill-informed Muslims "veiled by" this phenomenon in a work titled for a "Niche" for it. (*) The Persian concepts of *khvareneh* and *farr* liken political authority to this phenomenon, and Shihāb al-Dīn Suhrawardī created a metaphysics based on it that later underpinned Mīr Dāmād's School of Isfahān and the "*ḥikma muta'aliyya*" of Mulla Sadrā. For 10 points name this phenomenon, the basis of Illuminationist philosophy and Sūfī commentaries on a verse that likens God to a lamp.**

ANSWER: Light [also accept, more properly, illumination and word forms until "Illuminationist" is mentioned; accept 'ishrāq and more specific translations thereof like the light of the rising Eastern sun] <JG>

19. **A work by Shelley Gorenstein describes how this Empire hired refugees as frontier guards, thus instituting its region's first closed border. This empire's last leader, Tangaxoan II, surrendered it to conquerors almost immediately after their arrival in 1522. This empire was centered around the shore of Lake Patzcuaro, and due to its odd (*) language, this empire's citizens are theorized to have migrated to their region from the Andes using balsa wood rafts. The *Relacion de Michoacan* is an important primary source on this empire, which was ruled from the city of Tzintzuntzan. For 10 points, name this empire, the chief rival of the Aztecs for most of their existence.**

ANSWER: Tarrascan Civilization <JM>

20. **At the insistence of Duke Minks, former manager of the band Unit 4 + 2, this nation invested heavily in the West End musical megaflop, *Leonardo the Musical: A Portrait of Love*. In 2009, this country became the fourth after Nicaragua, Russia and Venezuela to recognize Abkhazia. In 2016, Iranian Omid Masoumali set himself on fire while in this country. In 2001, 433 Afghan (*) refugees who were refused a chance at asylum on Christmas island were taken aboard the MV Tampa to this nation as part of the "Pacific Solution" pursued by the Howard Government. For 10 points name this smallest Pacific island nation whose once phosphate dependent economy currently relies on Australian payments for its function as a detention centre for refugees.**

ANSWER: Nauru <DJ>

21. **One poem in this language was supposedly first uttered by an elderly monk as King Kelani Tissa had him lowered into a pot of boiling oil. That work is the One historical record in this language which charts the period from the 4th century until the arrival of the British in 1815, the *Cūḷavaṃsa*, was intended as a continuation of a chronicle in this language which begins with the arrival of Prince (*) Vijaya and which has been used to legitimize Sinhalese-Buddhist supremacy in Sri Lanka. That text, the *Mahāvaṃsa*, is considered outside of the canonical religious literature in this language which consists of one selection of works on discipline, one selection composed of five vinayas and a third on Abhidhamma, which together form the "three baskets" or Tipitaka. For 10 points, what is the language of all canonical texts in Theravada Buddhism?**

ANSWER: Pali <DJ>

22. **One song from this country attacks tourism minister Jack Deer for closing off some beaches to the public; another song by that artist attacks the US invasion of Grenada with the chant “government boots, government boots”. One genre of music from this country came in “raw” and “dragons” variants. Jackie Opel created this country’s spouge genre in the 1960s. It’s not Trinidad and Tobago, but this is the home country of the Mighty (*) Gabby, who reigned as its Calypso King for seven years spanning four decades. Another artist from this country became famous for songs such as “Only Girl” and “Umbrella” before entering an abusive relationship with Chris Brown. For ten points, name this home country of Rihanna whose artists often sing in Bajan creole.**

ANSWER: Barbados <JM>

23. *Description acceptable* **Holes in the walls of the Bolivian site of Pumapunku are sometimes cited in support of this hypothesis, as is a relief at Dendera showing a lotus, a snake, and a *djed* pillar. The trope of the *vimana* in Indian literature is often cited in support of this idea. Robert K. G. Temple cited the method of determining the *sigui* festival among the Dogon people in support of this idea, while a Swiss writer cited the lid of Pakal the Great’s coffin in support of it. (*) “OOParts” are cited as evidence for this hypothesis, and its advocates cite the “head gear” of Jomon-era Dogu statues and kachina dolls. Erich von Daniken popularized this hypothesis in *Chariots of the Gods*, which claims that ruins at Abydos depict a helicopter and that the Nazca lines were a landing strip. For 10 points, describe this idea promoted by living meme Giorgio Tsoukalos in an execrable namesake “History” Channel show.**

ANSWER: the Ancient Aliens hypothesis [or ancient astronauts theory; also accept answers like Chariots of the Gods or von Daniken’s nonsense until mentioned, accept any answer that describes the idea that aliens came to Earth in the past or that aliens were involved in the development of human civilization; because this is a Jakob Myers production, accept simply “aliens” if the player gives that answer while replicating the pose in *Ancient Aliens* memes] <JG>

24. **This leader’s campaign advertising often featured her cat Think Think. A court ruling in 2017 required this leader to legalize same sex-marriage within two years which, despite supporting it on the campaign trail, she has not done yet. An infrastructure plan submitted by this person caused a brawl in which legislators hit each other with chairs, and upon her inauguration this politician was attacked as a (*) “splittist”. This politician courted controversy by sending a congratulation call directly to Donald Trump after his inauguration. After Chen Shui-Bian, this successor of Ma Ying-Jeou is her country’s second president from the Democratic Progressive Party. For ten points, name this first female president of Taiwan.**

ANSWER: Tsai Ing-Wen <JM>