

## WORLDSTAR Round 7

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1. **One work in this language ends with its main character disappearing while hunting wild ass, which is a pun because the words for “wild ass” and “tomb” are homophones. A satire in this language depicts its speakers as ludicrously naïve mice that get slaughtered by an outwardly pious cat. In a work in this language, a king builds seven domes to attract seven beauties from around the world. This language’s foundational romance *Vis and Ramin* heavily (\*) influenced a set of works in this language known as the “Five Treasures,” and the blind poet Rudaki revived this language’s literature in the Samanid court. A poem in this language of Nizami Ganjavi pioneered the “it was you all along” ending in a work in which thirty birds out of the title “Conference” reach the domain of the Simurgh. For 10 points, name this language of Farid al-Din Attar, as well as Sa’di and Hafez.**

ANSWER: Persian [or Farsi; also accept New Persian but do not accept or prompt on “Old Persian”; anti-prompt on Middle Persian or Parthian since antecedents of *Vis and Ramin* may go back that far; do not accept or prompt on “Avestan” or “Pahlavi” since those are alphabets, not languages] <JG>

2. **One politician from this country is known for wearing a cowboy hat that was a gift from George W. Bush. That man directed a series of abductions from his opponent’s hometown of Leer before a peace agreement created the post of First Vice President for that opponent. For one referendum in this country, images of clasped and open hands were used on ballot papers for this country’s largely illiterate population. This country disputes the oil-rich (\*) Heglig region with its Northern neighbor, and this country’s pending relocation of its capital to Ramciel was first proposed by John Garang. This country has seen ethnic violence between the factions of Salva Kiir Mayardit and Riek Machar, who represent its Dinka and Nuer people. For ten points, name this country that became independent in 2011.**

ANSWER: South Sudan <JM>

3. **In this country, the Dutch anthropologist Antoon Postma introduced the pamudpod virama to the script of a language used to write ambahan poetry. It's not South Africa, but this country is home to a “kitchen” language whose name literally translates as “poor taste”, the creole Chavacano. One of its substrates is a language from this country first documented by explorer Antonio Pigafetta and closely related to Hiligaynon; substrate influence means that Chavacano exhibits verb-initial order and extensive morphological reduplication despite not being (\*) Austronesian. The English words “boondocks” and “cooties” are borrowed from the most commonly spoken language in this country, which itself draws loanwords such as keso, trabaho and estudyante from the former colonial language of this country. 10 points, name this Asian country whose native languages include Cebuano and Tagalog.**

ANSWER: Philippines <EJW>

4. **Ramsingh I failed to capture the Kamrup area in this region after losing the Battle of Saraighat to the Borpuhan Lachit, thus ending Mughal attempts to capture this region. This state is in the process of stripping its Bengali minority of citizenship after accusing them of being illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. One kingdom in this region had its capital at (\*) Gurghaon, and the precolonial kingdom of Koch was located in this region. The Tai prince Sukaphaa left Mong Mao to establish the kingdom of Ahom in this region. This state’s capital was moved to Guwahati from Shillong during the colonial period, and this state was split into seven states in the 1960s including Mizoram, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh. For 10 points, name this region of the far East of India known for its tea growing.**

ANSWER: Assam <DJ> <Ed. JM>

5. **This text begins with the story of a monkey getting hit in his private parts by a wedge he was attempting to pull out of an acacia log. This text’s frame story is set in the city of Maiden’s Delight and features a bull**

**named Lively advising the lion king Rusty until a jackal dissolves their friendship. This text, most notably compiled by (\*) Purnabhadra, has sections including “The Book of Crows and Owls”, “The Loss of Gains”, and “The Gaining of Friends”, and its stories include “The Brahmin’s Gift”. A teacher named Vishnu Sharma teaching a king’s sons how to be virtuous provides the frame story of, for ten points, what Indian collection of fables named for its five sections?**

ANSWER: Panchatantra <JM>

**6. Expatriates from this civilization were known as Meluhha and established agricultural villages in one of their furthest-afield trading areas. New methods of cycad nut toxin removal and the arrival of the dingo are often cited as evidence that ships from this civilization reached Australia. Seals from this civilization, whose major port was (\*) Lothal, inspired those used by the royal family of Dilmun in modern Bahrain, likely due to the trade this civilization conducted there. This civilization imported shells from modern Oman and had an inland trade network that imported metals from modern Afghanistan. This civilization’s Lothal docks likely helped import goods into Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro in, for ten points, what civilization?**

ANSWER: Indus Valley Civilization (accept Indus River Valley, Harappan before mention of Harappa) <JM>

**7. A 1994 photograph taken in this country shows a crouched, bearded man with his arms up, begging for his life, as two dead colleagues lie in and outside a car. A 2000 book consisting of photos mostly from this country was co-written by Joao Silva and is subtitled *Snapshots from a Hidden War*. That book's co-author took a Pulitzer-winning photograph in this country showing a man wielding a machete swinging at an already (\*) burning victim. A photographer from this country who killed himself via carbon monoxide poisoning in 1994 was the first to depict "necklacing," in which people are killed by having a flaming tire wrapped around them, and died the same year he won a Pulitzer for a photo taken in Sudan of a vulture watching a starving child. For 10 points, name this country where Greg Marinovich, Kevin Carter, and the "Bang-Bang Club" of photographers documented fighting between IFP and ANC forces.**

ANSWER: Republic of South Africa <MC>

**8. This ruler was brought down in part by a rumored affair with the Abyssinian slave Jamal-ud-din Yaqut and was appointed heir to the throne by a firman issued by Taj-ul-Mulk Mahmud. This monarch took power after a rebellion led by Vizier Muhammad Junaidi caused the assassination of the powerful regent, and the previous sultan’s widow, Shah Turkaan. This monarch was in charge of administration during her father’s expedition to Gwalior, and minted coins titling her “pillar of women” and gained her highest position due to the perceived incompetence of her brothers Rukn-ud-din Firuz and Muiz-ud-Din Bahram, the latter of whom led the rebellion that overthrew her. This woman succeeded her father (\*) Iltumish, after which she cross-dressed in order to maintain legitimacy among her kingdom’s Mamluk class. For ten points, name this only Sultana of Delhi.**

ANSWER: Razia Begum bint Iltumish <JM>

**9. Rulers of this ethnicity could declare a *mupeto*, a type of systematic confiscation of trade goods. A predecessor site to states led by this ethnicity lends its name to a national order of merit symbolized by a golden rhinoceros figurine found there. A ruler of these people executed the missionary Gonçalo da Silveira at the behest of Muslim traders whom he then also had killed in a fit of guilt. Kingdoms of this people included the Butua kingdom at Khami and one ruled by the holder of a title that meant “Ravager of the Land.” This people’s Rozwi Empire superseded a kingdom of this (\*) people ruled by the *Mwene Mutapa*, who traded extensively through the port of Sofala with the Portuguese. Evidence that these people built a palace city also claimed by the Lemba that contained a thirty-foot conical tower and several statues of soapstone birds was aggressively suppressed by the Rhodesian government. For 10 points, name this ethnic group, the most likely builders of Great Zimbabwe.**

ANSWER: the Shona people [also accept the baKalanga people] <JG>

10. In a three-minute, live broadcast summit in this country, its leader claimed that a major critic “did not learn the lessons of March 1<sup>st</sup>.” A celebrity who claimed to be “inspired” by events in this country posted photos with an infamous *opponent* of those events known as the ruling party’s namesake “*tatik*” or “Granny.” The founder of this country’s Civil Contract party initiated a campaign he called “My Step” by walking 200 kilometers to this country’s capital from (\*) Gyumri. In April in this country, the corrupt leader of the HHK ran for Prime Minister after having promised not to when establishing the position in 2015, galvanizing protests under the hashtag “RejectSerzh.” For 10 points, name this country, in which opposition leader Nikol Pashinyan replaced Serzh Sargysian after protests against the latter shut down the country this spring, especially in its capital, Yerevan. ANSWER: the Republic of Armenia [also accept Havk or Havastani Hanrapetut’yun; the celebrity mentioned is, of course, Kim Kardashian] <JG>

11. Inscriptions in one of these locations indicate that its individual rooms were patronized by politicians including Varahadeva and Upendragupta; that one of these locations contains hundreds of murals of the Jataka tales. Another of these locations is known for its statues of Dancing Dwarves and is named Vishvakarma. The Sinologists Aurel Stein and Paul Pelliot looted thousands of documents from one of these locations before the Chinese Civil War destroyed the remainder of that library. That one of these locations is named for the thousand (\*) Buddha statues that it contains. The oasis city of Dunhuang is the location of a complex of these locations that functioned as a center of Medieval Buddhist art. For ten points, name this type of location, examples of which at Mogao, Ajanta, and Ellora contain well-preserved rock-cut reliefs. ANSWER: caves (accept grottoes, prompt on monasteries) <JM>

12. One war involving this people began after a merchant accidentally loosed a dog that was irritated by their leaders staff, thus killing him. That war resulted in the deposition of their leader Cotubanama. The medieval Ostionoid phase of these people’s culture was characterized by the use of raised mounds called *canucos* for agriculture. These people used *zemi* figurines as connections to the spirit world, and polities established by these people probably included (\*) Higuey and Cayabo. One leader of these people gave a speech referring to gold as their attackers’ “god”, then advocating throwing it into a river. One rebellion that united several groups of this people was led by Enriquillo, who protested against policies that required bells full of gold dust to be returned to Spanish colonial authorities on pain of amputation. For ten points, name this people that inhabited much of the Caribbean, including Hispaniola. ANSWER: Taino (accept Arawak) <JM>

13. The protagonist cups this object “as if reverentially offering flowers or incense before the Buddha” the morning before he wakes up to a scene of shed leaves and frost on the roof of the pagoda where this object has reverted to its original form. A young boy mocks the change in this object by chasing a dog around with a slat saying he “can’t hit” this thing. To alter this object which everyone in Ike-no-O knows about the protagonist drinks snake gourd and rubs it with snake urine. A disciple had earlier sat opposite the protagonist with a “long, narrow wooden slat” to allow the priest to eat his rice gruel because of this thing. A disciple who has studied in Kyoto boils this object and stamps on it removing (\*) fat with tweezers so that it reduces in size but Zenchi Naigu is mocked even more because of his vanity. For 10 points, which object which titles a Ryonosuke Akutagwa story is described as “uniform in thickness from base to tip, it hung a full six inches from above his upper lip to below his chin”? ANSWER: Zenchi Naigu’s nose <DJ>

14. In one opera, a character symbolized by this animal shouts “empty your cup”, to which another replies “motherfucking nerve!” in a pun that does not translate well. Another opera named for these animals includes songs such as “The Senior Administrator Returns to his Office” and “The execution of Chen Shimei” and involves five of Shan Xiongxin’s friends visiting him before his execution. That opera is named for five of

these animals “subdued”. Another opera in which one of these animals is the first title noun is based on Chapters 54 and 55 of the (\*) *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. In an opera titled for a “wandering” one of these animals, Emperor Zhengde visits Meilong Garrison, for which the opera is sometimes titled. A For ten points, name this animal frequently paired in opera titles and Chinese art with the fenghuang, or phoenix.

ANSWER: Dragon (accept long) <JM>

15. A neo-confucian refutation of Buddhism, the *Bulssi Japbyeon* was written by a prime minister to one ruler of this name, Jeong Dojeon. Another ruler of this name promulgated the Ten Injunctions which underlined his opposition to the Khitan as “barbarians” and his distinctness from Chinese civilization. One ruler of this name turned his forces away from a planned attack on the Ming at Wihwa Island to return to Kaesong where he defeated his long term rival general Choe and established his capital at Hanyang where he built the Gyeongbok Palace. After defeating Singeom of Baekje, one ruler of this name occupied Hubaekje formalizing the unification of the the later (\*) three kingdoms in 936. This was the name given to the first rulers from the Wang and Yi dynasties. For 10 points, give this temple name meaning “great ancestor” which was given to the founders of both the Goryeo and Joseon dynasties.

ANSWER: Taejo (accept Yi Seong-gye or Wang Geon) <DJ>

16. It’s not a photographer or a pilot but Alberto Ruiz-Tagle uses his flying skills to partake in this occupation in the novel *Distant Star* whose narrator uses his skills in this profession to aid a detective in finding Ruiz-Tagle who now uses the name Wieder. Auxilio Lacouture, a Uruguayan with this profession, who says she could be the mother of all people with this profession in Mexico finds herself stuck in a bathroom at the UNAM during a siege in 1968 because of another person with this profession Pedro Garfias in the novel (\*) *Amulet*. Ernesto San Epifanio categorizes a large number of these people into queers and faggots in the first section of *The Savage Detectives* but describes another person with this occupation Cesarea Tinarejo as “horror itself.” For 10 points, Tinarejo is searched for by Arturo Belano and Ulises Lima, two people with what profession, who form the visceral realists?

ANSWER: Poets (prompt on writers) <DJ>

17. It’s not London or Orlando, but a massive ferris wheel called the “eye” located across from its Monastery of Deep Compassion is one of this city’s greatest tourist attractions. Belgian colonists were responsible for building this city’s electric grid and trolley system. This city’s Five Great Avenues form its main tourist district and are home to its Italian Style Town, located on the former site of this city’s Italian (\*) concession. Poorly-stored nitro-cotton caused a massive chemical plant explosion in this city in 2015; that explosion was visible from space. This city is under a joint development plan with neighboring Hebei Province and Beijing. For ten points, name this smallest in population of China’s four directly controlled cities, located just Southeast of Beijing.

ANSWER: Tianjin (accept Tientsin) <JM>

18. Central scriptures in this religion include the New Canonical Code and the Compilation of Divine Messages. In this religion, the Supreme Being lives in an octagonal palace, Bat Quai Dai. This religion, whose sole pope was Pham Cong Tac, teaches that God will unite the world religions in the current Third Amnesty; in the Second Amnesty, God gave (\*) Buddha Siddhartha and Jesus to the world. In 1919, this religion was first revealed to its founder, Ngo Van Chieu, in a séance in which a table moved without being touched. This religion represents the Supreme Being in its primary symbol, a left eye. Established in Tay Ninh, Vietnam, for 10 points, name this syncretic religion whose three Venerable Saints include Sun Yat-Sen and Victor Hugo.

ANSWER: Dao Cao Dai [accept Caodaism or Dai Dao Tam Ky Pho Do] <AD>

19. **This mountain range is home to a province whose “back of the mountain” region is known for its bronze animal figures. In February 2018, a flight crashed into this mountain range’s highest peak, Dena, on its way to this mountain range’s city of Yasuj. Ethnic groups native to this mountain range include the Qashqa’i and the Lurs, the namesake of one of its provinces, (\*) Luristan. Cuneiform was deciphered in part due to an inscription found on one of this mountain range’s cliffs at Behistun. The cities of Khorramabad and Shiraz are located in this mountain range’s foothills. For ten points, name this mountain range in Southwestern Iran, located South of the Elburz Mountains.**

ANSWER: Zagros Mountains (accept Koh-e-Zagros) <JM>

20. **This man’s best known work advocates using spies to make opponents argue about “science, arts, gambling, or sports” in its section “The conduct of Corporations”. In another section of that work, the elements of sovereignty are listed as “the king, the minister, the country, the fort, the treasury, and the friend” and government is described as “the science of punishment”. In a lecture, Max Weber described *The* (\*)*Prince* as “harmless next to” this author’s main work. This author studied at Taxila University and is said to have been inspired by a boy eating a chapati to devise a strategy for his protege’s invasion of Kalinga. The title of this author’s major treatise translates as “the science of politics”. For ten points, name this Brahmin author of the strategy manual *Arthashastra*, an advisor of Chandragupta Maurya.**

ANSWER: Kautilya (accept Chanakya, Vishnugupta) <JM>

21. ***Description acceptable* In 1971 it was revealed that this object has secretly been transferred to Milan for 16 years having been taken from the offices of the CGT, and many rumors of this object’s circumstances in that period can be traced to a 1995 novel by Tomas Eloy Martinez. Domingo Tellechea restored this object which Dr. Pedro Ara had originally prepared this object for the public. Pedro Aramburu’s corpse was recaptured and held hostage by (\*) Montoneros until this object was repatriated. Plans to store this object at the bottom of a giant statue representing a descamisado were scrapped after the Revolucion Libertadora. For 10 points, which Argentine Spiritual Leader of the Nation’s corpse disappeared for almost 20 years before being returned to her husband Juan’s house in Madrid?**

ANSWER: Evita Peron’s body (Accept equivalents) <DJ>

22. **A drum group called the Red Shadow Singers released a 2006 album titled for this type of dance. Songs that accompany this style of dance, called naraya, are in an A-A-B-B paired phrase structure. Music for this style of dance is usually set syllabically and sung without instrumental accompaniment. Influenced by the seasonal Round Dance repertory, in this dance participants hold hands and step with their left foot while dragging their right foot. This style of dance was first developed around (\*) 1889. This style of dance influenced songs whose strophe ends with the phrase “he ne yo we,” peyote songs. Many songs to accompany this dance were composed by Wovoka, who had a vision during a solar eclipse. For 10 points, name this style of dance practiced by Plains and Great Basin Native Americans, which they believed would bring dead spirits back to life to make white people leave their lands.**

ANSWER: ghost dance [accept the ghost dance of the (Northern) Paiute, Shoshoni, or Wind River tribes, or of Plains or Great Basin Native Americans in general] <AD>

23. **According to an epic centering on this character, he was gestated by one mother during the day and one at night, then delivered himself after shouting “give birth to me!” from inside the womb. That epic was translated from the Bamana by Stephen Bulman and Valentin Vydrine. In the most famous work in which he appears, this character’s wife learns the secret to his martial prowess by refusing to sleep with him until he tells her. In that work, this character is worshipped by the inhabitants of (\*) Kula-Koro after “drying up” on a battlefield and rises to prominence after capturing the city of Kumbi Saleh. After defeating this leader, the**

protagonist of that work promulgates the Koroukan Fouga and establishes the Gbara. For ten points, name this sorcerer from the Sosso Kingdom, the antagonist of the *Epic of Sundiata*.

ANSWER: Sumanguru Kante (accept Soumaoro) <JM>

24. A scene in *The Revenant* in which a bird flies out of a dead woman's chest is an allusion to a shot by this director. Gene Siskel criticized a film by this director as being "enough to make one yawn" if the viewer was not "under the influence. One film by this director features a flashback in which a boy with a phoenix on his chest recalls his time as a "child magician." This director claimed that he wanted one of his films to be a "holy book, comparing it to "the Bhagavad Gita, or the Tao Te Ching." That film opens with a shot of a thief's face covered in flies. This director of (\*) *Santa Sangre* planned to collaborate with Pink Floyd, H.R. Giger, Salvador Dali, and Orson Welles on a failed literary adaptation. A 1970 film by this director featured the title character traveling through the Mexican desert with his naked son. For ten points, name this surrealist director of *The Holy Mountain* and *El Topo*.

ANSWER: Alejandro Jodorowsky <ES>