

META (Monstrosity of Ethnographic and Theological Academia)

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Round 7

1. A philosopher from this non-India country derided the *Bhagavad Gita* for “lacking recognition of freedom and inward morality” in referring to Hinduism as a “religion of imagination.” Another philosopher from this country described the idea of communing with an “Infinite being” in his lecture series “India: What We Can Learn From It.” That philosopher from this country was also influenced by India to coin the term “science of religion.” A philosopher from this country was criticized for referring to the *Bhagavad Gita* as “rigidly traditionalistic in character” as reason why the title country did not undergo his namesake (*) thesis in *The Religion of India*. The phrase “Tat tvam asi,” or “Thou art that,” influenced a philosopher from this country to conclude that “the world is the self-knowledge of the will” in his magnum opus. The *Upanishads* influenced a philosopher from, for 10 points, what country, which is the home of Arthur Schopenhauer?

ANSWER: Germany <Religion> <HP>

2. The phrase “I am monarch” is divided into pulsations in a section on analyzing poetic meter in an essay by this author written due lack of treatises on English poetry. That essay by him focuses on “versification” and was written for the “rationale of rhythm in general”. In another essay by this critic, the speaker imagines excluding the first book of *Paradise Lost* to have to a completely different impression of it after having called a “long poem” a “flat contradiction in terms”. That essay by this author criticizes the notion that “Poetry is Truth” (*) and espouses that the goal of a poem is to elevate the soul. This author of “Notes Upon English Verse” notes how a poem may bear “mathematical relation to its merit” if limited to a certain length in an essay discussing a “radical error” in the “usual mode of constructing a story.” “The Poetic Principle” is by, for 10 points, what author, whose essay “The Philosophy of Composition” outlines his process of writing “The Raven”?

ANSWER: Edgar Allan Poe [accept “Notes Upon English Verse” before “this author”] <Literary Criticism/Theory> <NH>

3. In one story, this character has not eaten for so long that “his body rattled like a piece of dry stick.” A girl points out “there is no song in the story” after her mother tells her a story about this character. That story about this character is told during an “impenetrably dark” night that was as “black as charcoal.” This character, who is said to be “full of cunning,” convinces his companions to take new names so that he can take the name *All of you*. Because a message was relayed inaccurately, the wife of this character takes out all of his hard things as this character is about to fall from a great height. This character becomes “king of the (*) birds” after he convinces each of the birds to give him a feather so that he can attend a great feast in the sky. For 10 points, name this animal who is described in a story within *Things Fall Apart* that explains why his shell is not smooth.

ANSWER: Tortoise <Extra/Other Literature> <JF>

4. *Description acceptable.* **Bruce Clark discussed one initiative in the aftermath of this general process in his work *Twice a Stranger*. The Karakol Organization was formed during one conflict to stop this process which was ended by the Armistice of Mudanya. One piece of land acquired through this process was returned as the Hatay Province. At the San Remo Conference, two participants agreed to split (*) oil profits from taking this action. An agreement for performing this process was attacked for not adhering to promises made in the McMahon-Hussein Correspondences. Prior to this process, Fridtjof Nansen developed a 1922 plan for facilitating a population exchange that would exempt populations in borders drawn up by the 1913 Treaty of Bucharest. For 10 points, name this action which was undertaken by the Treaty of Sevres and the Sykes-Picot Treaty and involved carving up a Middle Eastern power following World War I.**

ANSWER: **partitioning the Ottoman Empire** [accept obvious equivalents; accept **Greco-Turkish population exchange** before “Karakol”; prompt on **partitioning the Middle East** or the **creation of Turkey**] <European History> <HP>

5. **For the Walker Memorial at this location, Edwin Blashfield depicted personifications of learning hovering above a river. One building at this location is topped with an aluminum bell tower by Theodore Roszak. Eduardo Catalano employed brutalism while designing the Hermann and Stratton Buildings in this location. Alvar Aalto described one building he designed at this location as a cross between “a ski lodge and a ship.” When designing the building that houses this university’s visual arts center, Kenneth Noland envisioned an exterior that resembles (*) graph paper. A leaf-shaped venue in this university that is topped with a roof of reinforced concrete premiered Aaron Copland *Canticle of Freedom* upon its construction. That building is the Kresge Auditorium. Eero Saarinen constructed a namesake cylindrical chapel in, for 10 points, what university in Cambridge, Massachusetts?**

ANSWER: **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** <World Art> <HP>

6. **The Ahiram sarcophagus was one of this city’s namesake “royal inscriptions” found in the 20th century. The Abraham River passing through this city was said to be run red every year because of Adonis’ death here. Yantín-Ammu ruled from this city, which the Genoese Embriaco family ruled a modern form of as a Crusader state. Excavations by Maurice Dunand led to the discovery of an as-of-yet undeciphered hieroglyphic writing system originating in this city called its namesake (*) “syllabary”. An author from this city who wrote *On Synonyms* translated the work of Sanchuniathon and was named Philo. Before writing *Life of Jesus*, Ernest Renan excavated this city in 1860. A king of this city, Malcandre, made a pillar out of a tamarisk tree with the coffin of Osiris inside until Isis recovered his body. The Greek word for book was derived from the name of, for 10 points, what Phoenician city known for exporting papyrus?**

ANSWER: **Byblos** [accept **Jbeil** before mentioned; accept **Gebal**, **Giblet**, or **Gibla**] <Historiography> <NH>

7. **In an account of this event, a crowd predicts that a new arrival’s ship, which they call a “prow-falcon,” will be completely destroyed, but it lands without much harm. A gothi meditated for a night under a blanket before deciding to support this event. Legendarily, the waterfall Goðafoss is named for the objects that a chieftain threw down it after this event. So that this event would occur peacefully, concessions were made to allow infanticide and the eating of horse meat. (*) Stefnir Thorgilsson was declared an outlaw for his radical support for this event. The berserker Otrygg is killed for his opposition to this event in an account in *Njáls Saga*. Olaf Tryggvason sent the saxon Thangbrand to bring about this event, which occurred after the law-speaker Thorgeil Thorkelsson decided in favor of it at the Althing in the year 1000. For 10 points, name this event in which an island decided to stop worshipping gods like Odin and Thor in favor of a new religion.**

ANSWER: **conversion of Iceland** to Christianity [or **baptism of Iceland**, or **kristnitaka**; prompt on **baptism** or **conversion** by asking “where?"] <European History> <JF>

8. John Updike called the theme of ice skating in one work by this author his “Wordsworthian hike”. In that same work by this author, the pollution of Beasley’s Pond leads Lemuel Sears to begin a relationship with Renée. This creator of Eliot and Tony Nailles and author of *Oh What a Paradise It Seems!* wrote about a prisoner’s affair with Jody in *Falconer*. Before the climax of one of this man’s short stories, the main character remarks to his brother, “You’re a gloomy son of a bitch”. In that work, the main character beats (*) Lawrence with a root and asks “Oh, what can you do with a man like that?” This man wrote about Irene Westcott listening in to her neighbors’ conversations using the titular device. In another of this man’s stories, a journey up the “Lucinda River” is undertaken by Neddy Merrill. For 10 points, name this American author of the *Wapshot* novels, “The Swimmer”, and “Goodbye, My Brother”.

ANSWER: John Cheever <Short Fiction> <AC>

9. An art dealer from this country described his partnership with a French artist as “A madman painted it and a madman bought it.” In the autobiography *l’Apparente Facile*, a person from this country describes her time modeling for Henri Matisse. That model from this country also helped Matisse with his cutout series *Jazz*. Two women in white cloths hold hands and walk across the bare ground in a blue background in a drop curtain commissioned by a person from this country. The artist of the aforementioned work was also commissioned by a man from this country to create a costume of a cubist rendition of a horse for the ballet (*) *Parade*. An art dealer from this country commissioned Matisse to create two versions of *The Dance*, which are housed in an art museum in this country. The model for Picasso’s *Harlequin* was a ballerina from this country. For 10 points, name this country from which Sergei Diaghilev commissioned costumes for its namesake ballet company.

ANSWER: Russia <European Art> <HP>

10. F.W. Walbank disputed Rudolf Hirzel’s connection of this man’s use of the word *tyche* with the Stoic concept of *pronoia*. This thinker criticizes historians who confuse *aitai*, or causes, with *archai*, or events in the beginning of a work he prefaced with a “preparatory introduction”. The word for mob rule, ochlocracy, was coined in a section of this man’s magnum opus in which he criticizes three types of simple constitutions and their respective “congenital vices”, which he claimed will transition from noble to debased forms; he goes on to praise Lycurgus’ development of a (*) mixed constitution for nicely incorporating democracy, aristocracy, and monarchy and before outlining his theory of anacyclosis. This author of a lost treatise entitled *Tactics* and member of the Scipionic circle argued that Romans dominated the Mediterranean because of their virtue in a 40 volume work whose narrative begins at the outset of the Second Punic War. Philip II of Macedon was the ideal ruler according to, for 10 points, what 2nd century BC Greek historian known for his extreme fact-checking?

ANSWER: Polybius <Political/Geographic Thought> <NH>

11. In Indian art, *tribhanga* is a version of this technique. Bruce Nauman walked along the perimeter of a square in a 1968 video series where he attempted to emulate this artistic technique in reality titled *Walk with [this technique]*. In *Personal Styles in Greek Sculpture*, Adolph H. Borbein associates this technique with a combination of *standbein* and *spielbein*. The use of this technique saw a shift away from creating *kouroi*. The serpentine shape of the (*) “S-curve” derives from a more extreme version of this technique. Polykleitos utilized what he referred to as his “Canon of Proportions” to create one of the earliest examples of this technique in his *Doryphoros*. The central figure turns his head to the right in Michelangelo’s *David*, creating a line that accentuates an example of this technique. For 10 points, name this artistic technique whereby a figure enters a natural pose by placing all their weight placed on one leg with their arms behind them.

ANSWER: contrapposto <Art Criticism/Theory/Misc.> <HP>

12. The architectural firm *Solidere* was tasked with rebuilding a capital city following this conflict. The Kahan Commission was created to investigate one atrocity during this conflict. Opposing sides were forced to exchange fire in various Holiday Inns during this conflict's Battle of the Hotels. Members of the non-Spanish Phalange massacred refugees of this conflict in the Sabra and Shatila Massacre. The (*) Amal militia instigated a phase within this larger conflict known as the War of the Camps. CIA officer William Francis Buckley was kidnapped and tortured to death during this conflict. The principle of "common coexistence" was central to the 1990 treaty that ended this conflict, the Taif Agreement. Plants that grew in the rubble of bombed buildings during this conflict gave the "Green Line" its nickname. For 10 points, name this conflict which was fought between Christians and Muslims in cities such as Beirut.

ANSWER: Lebanese Civil War <World History> <HP>

13. In 1977, Jules Siegel interviewed an author in this city about his love of the Beach Boys for *Playboy*. A character in this city recruits for the revolutionary Peter Pinguid Society. In one novel, the loan shark Adrian Prussia hires assassins for this city's police force. That novel set in this city sees "Doc" Sportello and "Bigfoot" Bjornsen investigate the disappearance of real-estate mogul Michael Wolfmann. Before becoming the 37th president of the United States in *Gravity's Rainbow*, Richard M. Zhlubb manages a theatre in this city. A character goes from her hometown of (*) Kinneret-Among-the-Pines to San Narciso, a town near this city, to execute Pierce Inverarity's will, but ends up in a conspiracy spearheaded by Trystero. For 10 points, name this Southern California city which is the setting of Thomas Pynchon's *Inherent Vice* and *The Crying of Lot 49*.

ANSWER: Los Angeles <Extra/Other Literature> <HP>

14. *Original language term required.* A prayer addressed to holders of this title concludes "you are his wild beast, you are his eater-of-people, you are his judge." This title was accompanied by a counterpart called the "woman snake" who presided over "female" activities. That holder of this title names a dike that divides the brackish and freshwater sections of a sacred lake. A former counsellor was given this title after being baptized with the name (*) Juan Velázquez. This title may be prefixed with the word "huey." The name of this title translates to "one who speaks." According to Bernardino de Sahagún, the holder of this title was responsible for collecting child sacrifices for the rain god during times of extreme drought. People with this title controlled states called *altepetl*. For 10 points, name this title given to rulers of Nahua city-states like Tlacopan and Texcoco.

ANSWER: tlatoani [or tlatoque; accept Tlatoani of Texcoco or Tlatoani of Tenochtitlan or Tlatoani of Tlacopan; prompt on ruler, king, or emperor or other rough synonyms by asking "what is the term in the original language?"] <World History> <JF>

15. According to Jeffrey Toobin, an "Al Sharpton" footnote was forcibly removed in an opinion regarding a Supreme Court case from this state. While running for one of this state's house seats in 2006, Clint Curtis attempted to mar his opponent Tom Feeney by accusing him of collaborating with Yang Enterprises. A Supreme Court case involving this state cited the Equal Protection Clause in preventing the state government from instituting "later arbitrary and disparate treatment" when it came to (*) counties. Thousands of Jewish people accidentally voted for Pat Buchanan in this state due to confusing "butterfly ballots." In that same year, Katharine Harris was ordered to perform a recount in this state because voting machines failed to properly read ballots that were not fully punched through, known as "hanging chads." For 10 points, name this state whose electoral college votes were disputed in *Bush v. Gore*.

ANSWER: Florida <American History> <HP>

16. Locals believe that Profile Rock either represents Joshua Tisdale or a chief of this tribe. Experience Mayhew wrote about his time amongst this tribe in his 1727 memoir *Indian Converts*. A stone marker in Miery Swamp marks where Benjamin Church killed a leader of this tribe. John Marr and John Cathey published a 2010 paper stating that leptospirosis may have been responsible for wiping out a substantial portion of this tribe during a 1616-1619 epidemic. Three members of this tribe were tried and executed for the murder of John (*) Sassamon, a “praying Indian.” When the *Fortune* docked into harbor, Squanto was ironically saved from execution by a chief of this tribe, as the colonists were unsure whether or not it was a French pirate ship. Squanto and that chief of this tribe were also instrumental in the First Thanksgiving at Plymouth. For 10 points, name this tribe whose chiefs included Massasoit and his son Metacom, who was the namesake of King Philip's War.

ANSWER: Wampanoag [or Wôpanâak] <American History> <HP>

17. A story set in one of these locations includes three different scenes all beginning with nearly the same dialogue and ends with a gentleman and Mr. Harris discussing the idea of the Lawrence of Arabia joining the National Geographic Society. After leaving one of these locations, a character says “it's probably only insomnia. Many must have it” after his coworker suggests that he go to a bodega. In that story, two men contemplate on why a deaf elderly man tried to (*) hang himself. The story “Homage to Switzerland” is set in one of these locations, as is another in which men repeatedly ask “What’s it all about?” while Sam is brought out by Al, who, with Max, intends to kill the boxer Ole Anderson. Numerous Hemingway stories including, “A Clean, Well Lighted Place” and “The Killers” are set in, for 10 points, what kind of place, where their discussions are held over a meal?

ANSWER: cafe [accept synonyms like lunch-room, diner, or restaurant] <Short Fiction> <NH>

18. This author states that “We're human beings, my son, almost birds / Public heroes and secrets” in the poem “Godzilla in Mexico”. In another of this author’s works, Father Urrutia recounts the time he spent educating Pinochet and his generals about Marxism. Another work by this author of *Distant Star* is an allegory for a series of femicides in La Ciudad Juárez. This creator of Óscar and Rosa Amalfitano wrote a novel in which the Ulises Lima pursues Cesárea Tinajero, and (*) 43 of this author’s best-known poems are compiled in the collection *The Romantic Dogs*. In this author’s most famous novel, Archimboldi’s nephew Klaus Haas is suspected of murdering hundreds of women in the city of Santa Teresa. For 10 points, name this Chilean author of *The Savage Detectives* and *2666*.

ANSWER: Roberto Bolaño <Long Fiction> <AC>

19. One character keeps a chair next to a wall separating his apartment from this character’s after overhearing a conversation. The protagonist of a novel says “I did not bow down to you, I bowed down to all the suffering of humanity.” before he kisses this character’s feet shortly after she invites the protagonist to her father’s funeral, during which her step-mother coughs up blood. This character is wearing a “garish fourth-hand silk dress” when her father dies (*) in her arms, after which the protagonist of the novel she appears in gives her mother money. This sister of Polenka gives the protagonist a copper cross and is overcome with a “feeling of immense triumph” before reading “the greatest miracle”, the story of Lazarus, to him. Lebezyatnikov ruins a plot to implicate this character of stealing a 100 ruble note. For 10 points, identify this virtuous prostitute who convinces Raskolnikov to confess the murder in *Crime and Punishment*.

ANSWER: Sonya Semyonova Marmeladov [prompt on Marmeladov] <Long Fiction> <NH>

20. Simias of Rhodes legendarily wrote a poem about this object that was inscribed on a copy of a tool used in its creation. In 2017, Francesco Tiboni put forth a theory suggesting that this object was a boat, rejecting the notion that it never existed, or that it may have symbolized an earthquake as hypothesized by Fritz Schachermayer. An early depiction of this object was found on a vase on the island of Mykonos. Prior to the creation of this object, a prophet has a vision of a falcon chasing a dove according to (*) Quintus Smyrnaeus. In Book IV of the *Odyssey*, Menelaus tells Telemachus a story about Helen's interaction with this object, in which she mimics the voices of soldiers' wives. A priest warns "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes" before throwing his spear at this object, for which he is killed by two serpents. Epeius fashioned, for 10 points, what object which Laocoon suspected was a trap and would lead to the fall of its namesake city?

ANSWER: Trojan horse <Mythography> <NH>