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Tossups

1. A poem from E. E. Cummings's *Etcetera* addressed to this figure begins "Only thou livest" and notes her leering "immanent face strange." This figure claims "beery worshippers" "gaze at me and see / a chain-saw murder just before it happens" in a poem in which she recalls being told "Get some self-respect / And a day job." One poet wrote that a certain country would love this figure "only if she were laid, / white ash amid funereal cypresses," since the country "hates / the still eyes in the white face." That poet used (*) Stesichorus's *Pallidore* as the basis for a book reinterpreting this figure's mythology, which includes the section *Eidolon*. A poem titled for this figure ends "You think I'm not a goddess? / Try me. / This is a torch song. / Touch me and you'll burn." For 10 points, name this figure who "Does Countertop Dancing" in a Margaret Atwood poem, and who is "in Egypt" in an H.D. collection.

ANSWER: **Helen** of Troy [or **Helen** of Sparta]

<VS, World/Other Literature>

2. A poem from this country ends with the speaker declaring: "the body will abandon, not its woes; / will soon be ash, but ash that is aware; / dust will be, but dust whose love still grows." La Rochefoucauld's *Maxims* were likely influenced by a poet from this nation who included three hundred aphorisms in a "pocket oracle," titled *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*. A poet from this country wrote "Love Constant Beyond Death," and a poem that likens a certain body part to "a nearly living web of tubes" and a (*) "swordfish with an awful beard." That poem, likely written to attack its addressee's Jewish heritage, is titled "To a Man with a Big Nose." A poet from this nation, who wrote the picaresque novel *The Swindler*, wrote a sonnet mocking the flowery style of his rival's poem *Solitudes*. For 10 points, name this nation home to the rival Baroque styles of *culteranismo* and *conceptismo* championed by Francisco de Quevedo and Luis de Góngora.

ANSWER: **Spain** [or **España**] (The other author is Baltasar Gracián.)

<CK, European Literature>

3. After a breakup, a man in this film consoles his bar of soap, his dish towel, and his giant stuffed animal. A character in this film, whose voicemail password is "love you for 10,000 years," frequently says he jogs after breakups because "the body loses water, so you have none left for tears." Two different freeze-frames in this film are accompanied with the voiceover "At the high point of our intimacy, we were just 0.01 centimeters from each other." This film ends with a woman writing a new boarding pass for a man whose apartment she has been surreptitiously (*) visiting to clean and redecorate. A man in this film buys 30 cans of pineapple with the expiration date May 1st because his ex-girlfriend May liked pineapple. That man spends his birthday with a woman dressed in sunglasses, a raincoat, and a blonde wig who has spent the night searching for a group of Indians drug mules. For 10 points, name this Wong Kar-wai film about two lovesick policemen.

ANSWER: **Chungking Express** [or **Chung Hing Sam Lam**; or **Chóngqìng sēnlín**]

<CK, Other Arts: Film>

4. A famous 1977 paper determines the socially optimal product diversity in this market structure using CES utility functions. Steven Salop adapted Hotelling's linear city model to this market structure with his circular city model. In this market structure, since the long-run demand and average cost curves are tangent and downward sloping, a firm's long-run profit is zero. International trade driven by increasing returns to scale

leads to this market structure according to 1979 paper by Paul (*) Krugman. New Trade Theory explained intra-industry international trade as arising due to this market structure, which is described by the Dixit–Stiglitz model. Edward Chamberlin pioneered the study of these markets that have few barriers to entry and many firms. Advertising and product branding arise in this market structure because firms sell differentiated products. For 10 points, name this type of imperfect competition that, in the short-run, resembles a monopoly.

ANSWER: **monopolistic competition** [or **MC**; prompt on imperfect competition; do not accept or prompt on “monopoly”]

<CK, Social Science: Economics>

5. In a play titled for this place, after handing her daughter a walking stick, a character declares that “in this place it is the young men do be leaving things behind for them that do be old,” unlike in the “big world.” In a novel titled for this place, the protagonist believes the husband of a woman he’s obsessed with is trying to push him into a blowhole from which he’s later rescued by his Buddhist cousin. In a play titled for this place, after counting the stitches in a stocking, a character realizes a corpse (*) found at Donegal is her brother. The writer Charles Arrowby kidnaps his first love Mary Fitch in an Iris Murdoch novel titled for this place. This place titles a play in which sisters Cathleen and Nora encourage their brother to sell their horses at Connemara despite the objections of their mother Maurya. For 10 points, John Synge (“sing”) wrote a one-act play titled “riders” to what place?

ANSWER: **sea** [or *Riders to the Sea*; or *The Sea, the Sea*]

<CK, British Literature>

6. At the title location of a novel by this author, the phrase “see the sea” is repeatedly babbled by the protagonist’s echolalic sister. One of this author’s characters describes seeing orphans in Naples who would never return to their own lives, but asserts “we’re the survivors” to a friend who attempts suicide, surviving only to later drown in the East river. The life of the gangster Dexter Styles intertwines with that of the first female Navy Diver, Anna, in this author’s novel *Manhattan Beach*. In a book by this author, a musician who dances like a “mad scarecrow” embarks on a (*) “Suicide Tour” documented by a disgraced reporter who had sexually assaulted the starlet Kitty Jackson. This author, who used 606 tweets to tell the story “Black Box,” wrote a chapter in which Sasha Blake’s daughter Ally writes her thoughts out in the form of a slide deck. For 10 points, name this author of *A Visit From the Goon Squad*.

ANSWER: Jennifer **Egan**

<VS, American Literature>

7. In a work by this choreographer, dancers dressed in white leotards and black gloves imitate seagulls to the song “Four3.” This choreographer’s work *Variations V* incorporates distorted video images created by Nam June Paik. Each dancer wears a unitard in a different primary color in a ballet by this choreographer set to a reworking of Erik Satie’s *Socrate* (“so-KRAHT”), entitled *Second Hand*. In another work, dancers wearing metallic bodysuits perform before a screen onto which this choreographer projected animations that he made using the (*) IBM computer program DanceForms. The choreographer of *BIPED* flipped a coin to determine the order of dance sequences in his *Suite by Chance*. He created hundreds of site-specific choreographic works called “Events,” whose elements were often determined using the *I Ching*. For 10 points, name this choreographer, the life partner of minimalist composer John Cage.

ANSWER: Merce **Cunningham** (The first sentence is about *Beach Birds*.)

<CK, Other Arts: Dance>

8. In a 2017 paper, Azar et al. found evidence that markets resembling this situation were correlated with lower wages using data from CareerBuilder.com. In simple static examples of this situation, firms will set wages equal to the reciprocal of the elasticity of labor supply, which Arthur Pigou dubbed the “rate of

exploitation.” A dynamic model of this situation, which predicts that “search frictions” will cause an upward-sloping supply curve, was proposed in a book about it “in motion” by Alan (*) Manning. Alan Krueger and David Card used this market structure to explain why a raise in the minimum wage in New Jersey increased employment in the fast food industry. This type of market structure is often illustrated using the example of a remote mining town with no other employment options. For 10 points, name this market structure of one buyer and many sellers, which is often used to model labor markets.

ANSWER: **monopsony**

<AE, Social Science: Economics>

Bonuses

1. The Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem guarantees that bounded sequences of real numbers have subsequences with this property.

[10] Name this property possessed by all Cauchy (“ko-SHEE”) sequences in complete metric spaces.

ANSWER: **convergence** [or sequential **convergence**; accept word forms]

[10] One common proof to the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem constructs a subsequence with this property, which must converge according to a namesake convergence theorem. Sequences with this property are strictly increasing or decreasing.

ANSWER: **monotonic** [accept **monotone** convergence theorem]

[10] A related version of the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem states that bounded sets of real numbers have one of these points, which is a point that can be approximated by other points in the set in the sense of neighborhoods.

ANSWER: **limit** point [or **accumulation** point]

<GR, Other Science: Mathematics>

2. Abolitionist John G. Fee founded this school, the first University in the United States to be coeducational and non-segregated. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this school, the subject of a Supreme Court Case in which the Court ruled that the state could force a private institution to segregate. The Lincoln Institute split from this school when it was forced to segregate.

ANSWER: **Berea** (“buh-REE-uh”) College [accept **Berea College v. Kentucky**]

[10] Berea was founded on land granted by an abolitionist politician with this name. A Kentucky senator with this last name, a member of the Great Triumvirate, became Secretary of State in 1824 as part of the Corrupt Bargain.

ANSWER: **Clay** [accept Cassius Marcellus **Clay** or Henry **Clay**]

[10] This Justice dissented in *Berea College*, arguing that discrimination in education violated the Due Process Clause. He was the only dissenting Justice on *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

ANSWER: John Marshall **Harlan**

<JL, American History>

3. This figure wrote an 1839 letter to Queen Victoria accusing her of sending “poison” to his country in a plea to stop the opium trade. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this servant of the Daoguang (“dao-gwong”) Emperor who became a national hero after he dumped thousands of pounds of opium into the banks of the Pearl River outside Humen (“hoo-mun”) Town.

ANSWER: **Lin** Zexu (“dzuh-shyoo”)

[10] Lin Zexu was especially concerned with the importing and eventual smuggling of opium into this city, whose Thirteen Factories were burnt down during the First Opium War. This city, located on the Pearl River, and namesake of the non-Mandarin language with the most speakers in southern China, was the sole point of legal trade between the West and China until 1842.

ANSWER: **Canton** [or **Guangzhou**]

[10] Lin Zexu got his start by joining this national institution whose duties included court secretarial writing and establishing the official interpretation of the Confucian Classics. This institution was burned down in 1900 by the Kansu Braves as part of the Boxer Rebellion.

ANSWER: **Hanlin Academy** [or **Hànlin Yuàn**]

<JL, World History>

4. The P1 bacteriophage contains the PhD-Doc form of this system, ensuring its transmission to *E. coli* daughter cells. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this usually two-component module found in bacterial chromosomes or plasmids. Its *ccdA/ccdB* type induces post-segregational killing of daughter cells that do not inherit the F plasmid.

ANSWER: **toxin-antitoxin** [or **TA**; or **addiction** module]

[10] The *ccdB* toxin poisons gyrase, a type-2 member of these proteins that is poisoned by fluoroquinolones. Their type-1 members reduce the DNA linking number by one.

ANSWER: **topoisomerases**

[10] Doc toxin inhibits this process by phosphorylating the elongation factor EF-Tu (“E-F-T-U”), which facilitates binding between the ribosome and aminoacyl-tRNA. This process synthesizes proteins using an mRNA template.

ANSWER: **translation**

<JS, Biology>

5. The speaker of a poem claims that, could he play with this figure, “That mind might win from misery free!” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this pet, whose death is the subject of a poem declaring that it was “my girl’s darling, whom she loved more than her eyes.”

ANSWER: Lesbia’s **sparrow** [accept **Passer**; prompt on Lesbia’s **bird**]

[10] Martial wrote a poem about a lapdog named Issa who is “naughtier than Catullus’s sparrow,” which was included in this collection titled for a genre of short, humorous sayings.

ANSWER: **Epigrams**

[10] Catullus’s poems about Lesbia’s sparrow likely inspired a poem about the death of Corinna’s parrot in this collection, which claims that “every lover is a soldier.”

ANSWER: **Amores** (by Ovid)

<CK, World/Other Literature>

6. A banquet celebrating the storming of the Bastille sparked 1791 anti-Dissenter riots in Birmingham, which are sometimes named for this intellectual whose house was destroyed during them. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this English chemist who discovered a chemical element that he dubbed “dephlogisticated air.”

ANSWER: Joseph **Priestley**

[10] Erasmus Darwin co-founded this Enlightenment intellectual club in Birmingham whose members included Joseph Priestly and Josiah Wedgewood. Its members were punningly called “lunaticks.”

ANSWER: **Lunar Society** of Birmingham

[10] Josiah Wedgewood created abolitionist medallions depicting a kneeling, chained slave who asks, “Am I not [these two kinds of people]?” Name both.

ANSWER: a **man** and a **brother** [accept in either order; accept “Am I not a **man** and a **brother**?”]

<CK, British/Commonwealth History>

7. This man draped the statue *Pasquino* in a robe and decorated it with epigrams, inaugurating the Roman custom of “talking statues,” in which citizens criticized the government or Pope with satirical messages posted to statues. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this cardinal who supported Giuliano Della Rovere in his feud with Pope Alexander VI; he served as Dean of the Sacred College upon Alexander’s election to the Papacy.

ANSWER: Cardinal Oliviero **Carafa**

[10] Carafa’s nephew Gian Petro, who forced Rome’s Jews to live in a ghetto, was the fourth Pope of this name. The Tridentine Catechism was established at a Council inaugurated by the third Pope of this name.

ANSWER: **Paul** [accept **Paul III** or **Paul IV**]

[10] Paul III was mocked as this family’s brother-in-law because his sister Giulia was Alexander VI’s mistress. Alexander VI was from this family, whose other members included Lucrezia and Cesare.

ANSWER: **Borgia** [accept Rodrigo **Borgia** or Cesare **Borgia** or Lucrezia **Borgia**]

<EL, European History>

8. Proponents of this theory have advocated controlling inflation by replacing NAIRU (“NYE-roo”) with a concept defined in terms of a buffer employment ratio. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this heterodox macroeconomic theory which holds that inflation is the only constraint on government spending. Its leading exponent, Stephanie Kelton, served as an economic advisor to Bernie Sanders.

ANSWER: **Modern Monetary** Theory [or **modern money** theory; or **MMT**; or **neo-Chartalism**]

[10] Modern Monetary Theorists support this type of policy where the government serves as the employer of last resort. The Green New Deal would implement this type of policy, ensuring full employment.

ANSWER: federal **job guarantee**

[10] The Senate version of the Green New Deal was sponsored by this liberal senator from Massachusetts, who is facing a 2020 primary challenge from Joe Kennedy III.

ANSWER: Edward “Ed” **Markey**

<CK, Modern World>

9. Several of these works generated by MIT’s SciGen program through a context-free grammar were attributed to “Herbert Schlangemann.” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this type of work. In 2018, a trio of authors submitted twenty of these works, whose topics included a reinterpretation of *Mein Kampf*, to several journals in an attempt to expose fields they called “grievance studies.”

ANSWER: academic **papers** [or research **papers**; or scientific **articles**; or journal **articles**; or scholarly **articles**; or conference **papers**; or hoax **articles**; prompt on academic **hoaxes** by asking “what type of text was the hoax?”]

[10] The three authors involved in the grievance studies affair were influenced by this physicist’s hoax article “Transgressing the Boundaries,” which he and Jean Bricmont discussed in their book *Fashionable Nonsense*.

ANSWER: Alan **Sokal**

[10] Jeffrey Beall used this adjective to describe publishing models that often accept hoax articles, have little quality control, and charge exorbitant publishing fees. The slogan “Think. Check. Submit.” warns authors about journals described by this adjective.

ANSWER: **predatory** journals [or **predatory** conferences; or **predatory** meetings]

<AP, Other Academic>

10. Ezra Pound’s *The Spirit of Romance* praises a canto by this poet where he declares that he “gathers up the wind, / And chases the hare with the ox, / And swims against the torrent.” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this poet who, in a poem he described as a “song of nail and uncle,” declared that the “firm will that my heart enters / can’t be scraped by beak nor by nail.”

ANSWER: Arnaut **Daniel** (“ar-NO don-YEL”)

[10] Daniel was one of these traveling medieval poets who sang poems about courtly love in Southern France.

ANSWER: **troubadours**

[10] The troubadours popularized this type of poem that consists of 6 six-line stanzas followed by a three-line envoi. Bertran de Born calls his jongleur Papiols a “whoreson dog” in an Ezra Pound poem in this form.

ANSWER: **sestina** [accept “**Sestina**: Altaforte”]

<AP, European Literature>

11. This journalist quoted Leo Tolstoy’s remark that “government is a collection of men who do violence to the rest of us” in the introduction to a collection of her reporting, *The Face of War*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this war correspondent who covered the Spanish Civil War for *The New Yorker*. An award for “view from the ground” reporting is named in her honor.

ANSWER: Martha **Gellhorn**

[10] Gellhorn was briefly married to this author, whose nonfiction works include one about Spanish bullfighting, *Death in the Afternoon*, and the memoir *A Moveable Feast*.

ANSWER: Ernest **Hemingway**

[10] In *A Moveable Feast*, Hemingway describes how this woman would lend him money. This American ran the bookstore Shakespeare and Company, which first published James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*.

ANSWER: Sylvia **Beach**

<EL, American Literature>

12. In a poem, one of these creatures appears to the protagonist in a dream, warning her not to attend a tea party at Hampton Court. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these creatures, fifty of whom are instructed to guard the protagonist's petticoat while one named Ariel guards the protagonist's spaniel Shock.

ANSWER: **sylphs** [prompt on fairies or sprites]

[10] The sylph Ariel awakens the sleeping Belinda to warn her of the approach of the scissor-wielding Baron in this mock-epic by Alexander Pope.

ANSWER: *The **Rape of the Lock***

[10] In Canto IV, the "dusky melancholy" gnome Umbriel sneaks off to this place, whose queen gives him a vial of "fainting fears, soft sorrows, melting griefs, and flowing tears."

ANSWER: **Cave of Spleen**

<CK, British Literature>