

500 Questions Volume II - Set 10

1. He was born in Rocken, Prussia in 1844, was a brilliant student at Leipzig, and had an associate professorship of classical philology at the University of Basel before he received his doctorate. In 1889, however, he collapsed in a street in Turin and spent the remaining eleven years of his life insane. For 10 points, who was this German philosopher who espoused the will to power in such works as Beyond Good and Evil and Thus Spake Zarathustra?

Answer: Friedrich Nietzsche

2. In President Washington's original cabinet this position was held by Edmund Randolph. Later in American history it was held by such men as Roger Taney, A. Mitchell Palmer, Robert Kennedy, and John Mitchell. For 10 points, name this cabinet position currently held by Richard Thornburgh.

Answer: Attorney General

3. It is caused by a Clostridium bacterium and is characterized by convulsive contractions of voluntary muscles. For 10 points, what is this toxic disease whose causative agent may exist anaerobically, which can be contracted from fertilized soil or rusty metal, and which is commonly known as lockjaw?

Answer: tetanus

4. In 1989, the Oakland A's swept the San Francisco Giants in four games to win the World Series. For 10 points, what was this last Major League Baseball team to accomplish that feat, sweeping the New York Yankees in four straight in 1976?

Answer: Cincinnati Reds

5. He at first serves as usher to Mr. Wackford Squeers, schoolmaster at Dotheboys Hall. Next he joins the theatrical company of Mr. Crummles, but finally secures a good post in a counting house owned by the benevolent Cheeryble Brothers. For 10 points, identify this alliteratively named Dickens title character.

Answer: Nicholas Nickleby

6. Its state flower is the sagebrush, its state animal the desert bighorn sheep, and its state mineral silver. For 10 points, what is this western US state whose leading industry is gambling, and whose capital is at Carson City?

Answer: Nevada

7. It was especially written for and first performed during the 1749 London celebration of the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle and the end of the War of the Austrian Succession. For 10 points, identify this Handel suite written for wind band that takes its name from the pyrotechnical display that accompanied it.

Answer: Fireworks Music or Music for the Royal Fireworks

8. It occasions the use of the earliest form of greeting card and historically may be traced to the Roman Lupercalia, when young girls deposited love letters in a large urn. For 10 points, identify this modern holiday celebrated on February 14.

Answer: Valentine's Day

9. According to his Attorney General Harry Daugherty, his best qualification for the Oval Office was that "He looked like a President." Known for having one of the most corrupt administrations in American history, he was selected in a "smoke-filled room" at the 1920 Republican national convention. For 10 points, name this 29th President who died in office in 1923.

Answer: Warren G. Harding

10. The first one in the U.S. was installed at the Lick Observatory in California in 1888. The simplest ones consist of a horizontal bar, pivoted at one end and with a recording pen at the other. For 10 points, identify these devices used to monitor nuclear explosions as well as their usual task of measuring and detecting earthquakes.

Answer: seismograph

11. Flourishing around 1270 B.C., this Egyptian pharaoh built the temples at Karnak and Luxor, and made the captivity of the Hebrews intolerable. For 10 points, who was this pharaoh of the 19th dynasty, nicknamed "the Great", during whose reign Moses supposedly led the Hebrews out of Egypt?

Answer: Ramses II

12. Horror movies were all the rage of the Hollywood B-movie scene of the 1930's and 40's; and they gave the likes of Claude Rains to create the Invisible Man, Bela Lugosi to create Dracula, and Boris Karloff to create Frankenstein. For 10 points, however, what actress was able to leave her mark in the usually male-dominated genre, creating the Bride of Frankenstein in 1935?

Answer: Elsa Lanchester

13. Another Country, Giovanni's Room, If Beale Street Could Talk, Nobody Knows My Name, and The Fire Next Time. All these works were written by an American novelist and essayist who lived from 1924 to 1987. For 10 points, identify this man best known for his first novel, Go Tell It on the Mountain.

Answer: James Baldwin

14. Developed by a Swiss psychologist in 1921, it uses the perception of unstructured forms as a diagnostic tool. For 10 points, what is this well-known psychological test which utilizes ten black and white and colored ink-blotted cards which is useful in the determination of personality types?

Answer: Rorschach Test or Rorschach Inkblot Test

15. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Consider a rectangular parallelepiped whose dimensions are one by two by two. For 10 points, what is the length of the diagonal of this parallelepiped?

Answer: 3

16. Until 1801, the U.S., like European countries, paid them protection money. However, in that year, President Jefferson dispatched warships to the Mediterranean Sea to defeat them. For 10 points, who were these residents of Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli, whose power was broken by Commodore Edward Preble and Lt. Stephen Decatur?

Answer: Barbary Pirates or Barbary States

17. It was filmed in 1950 and was adapted for the stage in 1960. Narrated by Jack Burden, it tells of the rise and fall of a southern demagogue modeled on the Louisiana politician Huey Long. For 10 points, name this 1946 Robert Penn Warren novel.

Answer: All the King's Men

18. It has its highest point at Mount Osso and its largest cities include Launceston and its capital at Hobart. Located roughly between the Indian and Pacific Oceans, it lies across the Bass Strait from mainland Australia. For 10 points, identify this Australian island state.

Answer: Tasmania

19. It lasted from 19 July to 17 August and was the "hot-weather" month in the calendar adopted by the French revolutionaries. For 10 points, identify this month that on its ninth day in 1794 saw the proscription of Robespierre and his followers and the end of the reign of terror.

Answer: Thermidor

20. A bourgeois Norman woman is married to a good-hearted, but stupid country doctor, and to relieve her boredom she commits adultery and piles up enormous debts—all to no avail toward sating her desires. For 10 points, who is this Gustave Flaubert title character who finally commits suicide?

Answer: Madame Bovary (her first name is Emma)