

500 Questions Volume II - Set 17

1. The English dramatist Noel Coward took the title of one of his comedies from its first line: "Hail to thee, blithe Spirit!" For 10 points, what is this Percy Bysshe Shelley ode dedicated to a certain bird?  
Answer: "To a Skylark"

2. Born in El Paso, Texas in 1930, she received a law degree from Stanford University in 1952. In 1979, she became a judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals and in 1981 was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. For 10 points, name this first and only woman justice.  
Answer: Sandra Day O'Connor

3. This scientist best known for his work in the physical sciences proposed the "telephone" theory of hearing in 1886, later superseded by the discovery of tiny hairs in the cochlea. For 10 points, identify this winner of the 1908 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and discoverer of the nucleus of the atom.  
Answer: Sir Ernest Rutherford

4. Its capital city was laid out by <sup>Lucio</sup> Costa in 1957 in the shape of an airplane and was opened in 1960. Its vast extent stretches from the equator to the Tropic of Capricorn, making it the fifth largest country in the world. For 10 points, identify this largest nation of South America.  
Answer: Brazil

5. He was undoubtedly addicted to caffeine, since he required as many as fifty cups of chocolate a day. Who was this despotic last ruler of the Aztecs who was taken captive by Cortes and killed during the Aztec uprising of 1520?  
Answer: Montezuma II

6. It differs from "national income" mainly in the fact that it includes allowances for depreciation and for indirect business taxes. For 10 points, identify this broad measure of U.S. output measuring the total market value of U.S. production during a year.  
Answer: Gross National Product or G.N.P.

7. This 1871 American painting was so celebrated that it was bought by the Louvre and its artist was awarded the Legion d'Honneur. For 10 points, what is this two-tone painting whose official title is Arrangement in Grey and Black, No. 1?  
Answer: "Whistler's Mother"

8. They utilize ions of calcium and phosphorus to pass electrical impulses and they consist of a dendrite and several axons. For 10 points, what is this point of continuity between neurons?  
Answer: synapse

9. The movement first arose prior to 1600 as certain individuals wished to rid the Church of England of images and vestments, thus recovering the simplicity of the early Christians. For 10 points, name these reformers, more than 10,000 of whom came to America and settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.  
Answer: Puritans or Puritanism

10. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Consider a right triangle of sides 5, 12, and 13. For 10 points, what is the value of the sine of the angle opposite the side of length 12?  
Answer: 12/13 or 0.923076...

11. It was the first paperback ever published by Pocketbook Press. It describes a party of travelers whose plane crashes high in the Himalayas and who discover a vernal land of bliss inhabited by Buddhist monks. For 10 points, what is the title of this popular 1933 novel by James Hilton which is the origin of the name Shangri-La?  
Answer: Lost Horizon

12. It was used in Alfred Hitchcock's remake of his own 1934 movie, "The Man Who Knew Too Much", as well as the 1960 movie "Please Don't Eat the Daisies", and the 1965 movie "The Glass Bottom Boat"; and was sung in all three films by Doris Day. For 10 points, what was this popular song which Day eventually made the theme of her TV show?  
Answer: "Que Sera Sera" (Whatever Will Be Will)