

500 Questions Volume II - Set 20

1. Mr. Spock stated the central tenet of this philosophy quite succinctly in "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan": "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one." For 10 points, what is this philosophical system developed by Jeremy Bentham and championed by John Stuart Mill?

Answer: utilitarianism

2. The main objective of this Ohio Republican was to become President, but he never achieved that goal. He served in the Senate from 1861 to 1877 and from 1881 to 1897, where he lent his name to both a Silver Purchase and Anti-Trust Act. For 10 points, identify this brother of a famous Union general.

Answer: John Sherman

3. The vertebra of humans is divided into five named regions. One of these regions is composed of three bones, but they appear to be one, since they are vestigial and fused together. For 10 points, what is the name of this region which, in most other vertebrates, comprises the tail?

Answer: coccyx, or coccygeal

4. On Bastille Day, 1951, he became the first horse to win \$1,000,000. For 10 points, who was this great thoroughbred who was ridden to horseracing's triple crown by Eddie Arcaro in 1948?

Answer: Citation

5. He is a gentleman, and his life and opinions are explored, or begun to be explored, in a 1767 English novel. For 10 points, who is this John Locke-inspired title character created by Laurence Sterne?

Answer: Tristram Shandy

6. Its northern branch originates near Caspar, Wyoming and its southern branch originates in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. The two branches converge in central Nebraska. For 10 points, what is this major US river on whose southern branch is Denver, and which flows into the Missouri River just south of Omaha?

Answer: Platte River

7. "Beautiful Dreamer," "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair," "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground," "Camptown Races," "Oh, Susanna," and "Old Folks at Home." For 10 points, what American composer wrote the words and music to these as well as over 200 other songs?

Answer: Stephen Collins Foster

8. A blend of Tolkienesque fantasy and swords and sorcery, it was so successful that Marvel Comics took over production in 1986. For 10 points, what is this formerly-independent comic created by Wendy and Richard Pini?

Answer: Elfquest

9. Its name comes from an Indian word for "allies" or "friends" and though originally claimed by both France and Spain, it was controlled by the Spanish until it became part of Mexico. However, by 1835, the majority of the settlers were U.S. immigrants who declared their independence from Mexico in 1836. For 10 points, identify this state that was an independent republic from 1836 to 1845.

Answer: Texas

10. Though not many Bedouins know it, geologists have several classifications for them. These include parabolic, longitudinal or self, transverse, and barchan. For 10 points, identify these common desert mounds or ridges of sand.

Answer: dunes

11. Listen. As the frogs feasted on the flies, and the birds soared through the clouds, the knights sued for peace. This sentence contains the titles of six ancient plays. For 10 points, what master of Greek comedy wrote all of them?

Answer: Aristophanes

was also played by Cesar Romero and Gilbert Roland. The character who rides a horse named Diablo, has a sidekick named Pancho, and whose best-known portrayer was Duncan Renaldo?

Answer: the Cisco Kid

13. Helen Hunt Jackson's 1876 novel, *Mercy Philbrick's Choice*, is said to have been modelled on her life. Born in 1830, her poems are considered to have an affinity with the works of the Imagists. For 10 points, name this 19th century American poet who spent most of her life in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Answer: Emily Dickinson

14. Their effect and composition are similar to such pain-relieving opiates as morphine. For 10 points, what are these drugs produced in the brain which block the feeling of pain?

Answer: endorphins

15. Pencil and paper may be necessary. You have four books that you want to place on a book shelf. For 10 points, how many different ways may these four books may be arranged?

Answer: 24

16. Marching south from Canada with 8000 men in the late summer and fall of 1777, British General Burgoyne suffered four successive defeats, the last of which has been called the turning point of the American Revolution. For 10 points, name that last battle, fought near the banks of the Hudson River where General Horatio Gates defeated Burgoyne on October 17.

Answer: Saratoga

17. She spent her early life in China where her parents were missionaries. After attending Cornell University, she returned to China to be a missionary and teacher. For 10 points, identify this author best known for her The House of Earth trilogy which includes Sons, A House Divided, and her most famous novel, The Good Earth.

Answer: Pearl S. Buck

18. Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia. For 10 points, what European nation is comprised of these six republics?

Answer: Yugoslavia

19. It occurred in October, 1956 when Israel, Britain, and France, without the knowledge or consent of the United States, joined forces to retake a portion of Egypt. For 10 points, identify this quickly resolved "crisis" which takes its name from the canal that the allies were attempting to seize from Egypt.

Answer: Suez Crisis

20. Hans Castorp is a tuberculosis patient in an Alpine sanitarium, the inmates of which are thinly veiled models of the various pre- World War I nations. For 10 points, what is this monumental 1924 novel by Thomas Mann?

Answer: The Magic Mountain