

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Gaius Stern (6), __/__/95

1. Originally a precinct sacred to an obscure hero, this place was later used as a gymnasium. The general Kimon planted olive groves here, and only a century later did it receive worldwide fame. When Aristotle was denied the presidency of the school, he went to Macedon to tutor the prince. FTP, what was this famous school founded by Plato?

\The ACADEMY\

2. Ellen Barkin, Carl Lumbly, Christopher Lloyd, John Lithgow, Peter Weller, and Jeff Goldblum all starred in this 1980s sci-fi/adventure/romance/superhero movie about a brain surgeon-physicist-race car driving rock star. FTP, what was this film whose hero discovers an entry into an alternate dimension which almost causes world annihilation?

\BUCKAROO BONZAI ACROSS THE EIGHTH DIMENSION\

3. This word appeared in Charles Graves' Thin Blue Line, the author having heard it on an airfield in Yorkshire during WW II. The term was popularized when RAF pilots used it to attribute mysterious faults in the engines of their planes to imaginary elves. FTP, what are these critters who were featured in a movie by Joe Dante of the same name?

\GREMLINS\

4. This modern day city is located on top of the site of an ancient city founded in 814 BC. Vergil moved back the date of the original by over three centuries, but the modern city still occupies one of North Africa's best ports. Today it is the capital of its nation, which bears a similar name. FTP, what is this city, due south of Pisa, Italy by about 650 miles?

\TUNIS\

5. After the heavy casualties at Breed's Hill, the British high command decided to find an alternate source of cannon fodder. King George III turned to his German connections to hire these mercenaries who came from all over Germany, but were given this generic single name since many of them came from a single principality. FTP, what is the name for these German troops, some of whom were captured at Princeton and Trenton?

\HESSIANS\

6. Any intermolecular bond that holds molecules together in the solid are weak when compared to the strength of the intramolecular bonding in the molecules. These weak forces are governed by electron-pair repulsion and the attraction which results when electrons in the occupied orbitals of the interacting atoms synchronize their motion to avoid collision. FTP, what are these forces named for the Dutch scientist who described them?

\VAN DER WAALS forces\

7. Formerly under the jurisdiction of the Navy, this overseas territory of 6 small islands was transferred to the Dept of Interior in 1951 and now elects its own governor. It has a single non-voting delegate to Congress. FTP, what is this most southerly of US owned lands whose capital is Fagatogo?

\AmericanSAMOA\

8. She wrote Winter's Tales, but she is not Shakespeare. Danish by birth, she lived in Kenya where she farmed coffee after making an arranged marriage with her cousin. After her divorce, she returned to Copenhagen and wrote many short stories in Danish and English. FTP, who was the author of Seven Gothic Tales and also Out of Africa?

\Karin BLIXEN or Isaac DINESEN\

9. This hero became an honorary Athenian posthumously because of his association with Salamis, which the Athenians conquered. One of the 10 Athenian tribes bears his name, although Homer tells us he reigned in Athens' arch enemy, Megara. FTP, who was this son of Telemon who bested Hector twice in combat but was unable to kill him either time?
\AJAX the GREATER\

10. This expression may have originated with American Indians or with a Hungarian custom of adorning one's headwear for every kill made in battle. Supposedly, Hungarian troops did this to count the number of Turks each had slain. FTP, what is this expression which appeared in *Tristram Shandy* and is used to mean a minor distinction?
\PUT A FEATHER IN ONE'S CAP\

11. This man was the Lion of Judah to his people, but not to the Italians. They drove him out and he was not restored until Allied counter-invasion during WW II. Later in 1974 he was again driven out, this time by Marxists and he died in exile. FTP, who was this sometime autocratic emperor of Ethiopia, still beloved by Rastafarians?
\HAILE SELASSIE\

12. Doctors are now recommending the return to an earlier used vaccine for this disease - that administered by injection rather than orally. This is because the oral vaccine for this deadly childhood disease can on very rare occasions trigger the disease itself. FTP, what is this disease which was largely eradicated by the work of Salk?
\POLIO\

13. This ex-US president represented Venezuela in the British-Venezuela border dispute in 1899. Himself a civil war vet, he got to the White House by waving the bloody shirt although he received less popular votes than his incumbent opponent. FTP, who was this Hoosier president, himself the grandson of an earlier president?
\BENJAMIN HARRISON\

14. Scientists at Lick Observatory in San Jose have spotted a planet circling this star. The planet is perhaps half the size of Jupiter, and it orbits a sun who bears the name of Jupiter's workhorse who had the task of carrying thunderbolts. FTP, what is this star 42 Light Years from Earth, the first known to have its own satellites?
\PEGASUS 51\

15. Sir William D'Avenant was appointed poet-laureate of England in 1637 perhaps on talent, but more likely because he was the godson of England's most famous poet-playwright. FTP, on account of his relationship to what man did d'Avenant receive his post, although this occurred 21 years after the death of the godfather at Stratford-on-Avon?
\William SHAKESPEARE\

16. While the Germans engaged in The Thirty Years' War, a war which brought in most continental powers as well, this country stayed out of the fray, mostly because it was busy fighting its own civil war -- one which ended with the execution of the monarch. FTP, what nation was this who also was tied up in a war over religion and kingly power for nearly the same 30 years as the Germans?
\ENGLAND or GREAT BRITAIN\

17. This Aeschylus play is still of some use to historians although it is historically inaccurate in abiding by Aristotle's unity of time and place. Atossa the Queen describes the high hopes for her son's attack on Greece, then reacts with horror when she learns of his defeat. FTP, what is this tragedy, which unlike most others describes a real event rather than a myth and names the exact number of ships involved at Salamis?

\The PERSIANS\

18. He wrote the Austrian National anthem at a time when Napoleon was at war with the Austrians, shortly before his death in 1809. Born in or near Rhondau, this man was one of the most successful musicians of his age. Nevertheless, when he went to England to tour, Mozart feared he would die before they saw one another again. It was Mozart who died first. FTP, who was this composer who wrote the Clock and Surprise symphonies while in England?

\Franz Joseph HAYDN\

19. The Norse gods did not have eternal youth. Instead they relied on the fruit grown in a magical garden by the goddess Iduna. Once when Iduna was snatched away by a giant, they all began to age because only Iduna's care could give this fruit its magic. FTP, what fruit also associated with Eris, Atalanta, and the garden of Hesperides in Greek myth was this which seems to have kept away the doctor for the Aesir?

\APPLES\

20. Two answers needed here: Texas may claim to be a state, so big it does not fit in one single time zone, but in reality, only a small piece of Texas lies in the same time zone as New Mexico while the rest is in the same time zone as Arkansas. FTP, what are the two standard names for these time zones which encompass Texas?

\MOUNTAIN and CENTRAL\