

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Andrew Schechter (8), \_\_\\_\_\95

1. This artist painted scenes from Arab and Jewish life, animal subjects, and innumerable illustrations of Byron. He is best known, however, for his pictures of battles, hunts, animals in combat, and portraits of friends. FTP, name this Romantic giant, an associate of Chopin and George Sand.

\Eugene DELACROIX\

2. After the Chorus, the play opens with verbal sparring between the boastful Sampson and the witty Gregory. The Bard thus gets a good head-start on the comic-relief in this tragedy, and it's a good thing too, since it ends with "a gloomy peace" being declared by the Prince of Verona, in FTP, what play?

\ROMEO AND JULIET\

3. 'Take Me to the Fair,' 'The Simple Joys of Maidenhood,' 'How to Handle a Woman,' 'C'est Moi,' and 'I Wonder What the King is Doing Tonight' are songs from, FTP, what musical by Lerner and Loewe?

\CAMELOT\

4. The Magician, the Mystic, the Bringer of Jollity, the Bringer of Old Age, the Winged Messenger, the Bringer of Peace, and the Bringer of War are the sub-titles to the movements in, FTP, what famous work by Holst?

\The PLANETS\

5. Armstrong, Brent, Blore, Claythorne, Lombard, MacArthur, Marston, Thomas and Ethel Rogers, and Wargrave were the ten strangers gathered together on an isolated island by a mysterious host in, FTP, what masterpiece of mystery novels by Agatha Christie?

\AND THEN THERE WERE NONE or TEN LITTLE INDIANS\

6. From Land of the Lost to Calvin and Hobbes to Jurassic Park, people have always been in awe of Tyrannosaurus Rex - after all, it was the biggest meat-eater. However, paleontologists now think they've found a new candidate for biggest carnivore, weighing in at 6-8 tons and 41-43 feet long. FTP, name the dinosaur uncovered recently in Argentina.

\GIGANTOSAURUS Carolinii\

7. Nearly one million people voted on this measure, with a landslide 79% voting in favor. Who says the American people are apathetic? You just have to give them a sufficiently puerile reason to dial a 1-900 number and register their true desires, in this case to see, FTP, what annual TV spectacle?

\The (1995) MISS AMERICA SWIMSUIT CONTEST\

8. Suggested by Dr. Julius Muller of Brugg, Switzerland, and first used for a chess tournament at Zurich in 1895, this method of organizing the pairings allows many more players to take part than in a round-robin tournament of the same length. Players are paired for each round against opponents who have the same score at that time. FTP, name this system which allows everyone to rise to the level of their own incompetence.

\SWISS pairing system\

9. This chessplayer and author introduced the word 'gambit' for an opening move which sacrifices material to gain a, hopefully, favorable position. His book first described the King's Gambit and the (now-called) Steinitz Defence to the Spanish Opening. In addition, it suggests that you place the board so that the sunlight reflects off it into your opponent's eyes. FTP, name this Spanish priest, for whom one of the strongest King's Pawn openings is named.

\Ruy LOPEZ\

10. A man walks down the street and is knocked out cold by a flour barrel falling from a window above. He argues in court in 1863, in the case *Byrne vs Boadle*, that the shopkeeper was negligent, even though the defendant didn't know exactly why the barrel defenestrated. Judge Pollock of the Court of the Exchequer agreed with him, coining FTP, what Latin phrase which means, 'the thing speaks for itself'?

\RES IPSA LOQUITUR\

11. The name for this place comes from the name of a fortified hill town overlooking the plain of Esdraelon in Galilee, where many battles were fought in the early history of the Israelites. Used in the Book of Revelation, it designates the battlefield where the forces of good and evil will meet on Judgement Day. FTP, what is it?

\ARMAGEDDON\

12. Construction of this 2800 ft span began on Nov. 23, 1938 and was completed on July 1, 1940. Local journalists nicknamed it 'Galloping Girdy,' because it would ripple in high winds, and driving across it became a sport akin to riding a roller-coaster. The fun ended on Nov 7, 1940, when FTP, what bridge fell into Puget Sound between Seattle and Tacoma?

\TACOMA NARROWS Bridge\

13. On the night of June 20, 1756, 146 British captives were incarcerated here. Prisoners of the Nawab of Bengal, who opposed the monopoly of the East India Company, all but 23 were suffocated. FTP, give the infamous name of this prison cell.

\The BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA\

14. In 1805, this man became governor of New South Wales, but his tenure was not a happy one - his overbearing manner led to a revolt. An ill-starred man, he was Master of the HMS Resolution on Cook's final voyage to the Pacific, and of course, he had to sail 3600 miles in a long-boat with 18 men after that famous mutiny. FTP, name the Captain of the HMS Bounty.

\William BLIGH\

15. During the Jewish High Holy Days, Kohanim, descendants of the Israelite priest class, are called on to recite a blessing while forming the letter 'shin' with their fingers. This gesture is more commonly associated with another group, however. FTP, what sci-fi species makes this sign while reciting the blessing 'live long and prosper'?

\VULCANS or SPOCK-impersonators\

16. On the surface a simple fairy tale, it has been suggested that Mozart's Magic Flute is in fact a tribute to Masonic ideals. If this is the case, perhaps some of the credit should go to the librettist, a well-known impresario and theatrical artist fo the day. FTP, name the man who has been criticized for his sharp dealings with the soon-to-die Mozart.

\Emmanuel SCHIKANEDER\

17. Fermat's Last Theorem gives an example of this type of problem, which the Greeks liked a lot, since they had religious qualms about irrational and even fractional numbers. FTP, give the name for an equation to which integer solutions are sought.  
\DIOPHANTINE equation\

18. 'Eddie,' 'Super Heroes,' 'I Can Make You a Man,' 'Over at the Frankenstein Place,' and 'Sweet Transvestite,' are songs from, FTP, what cult movie classic?  
\ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW\

19. This pianist, actor, and raconteur was a long-time friend of George Gershwin, and figured prominently in 'An American in Paris.' In a dream sequence, he performs the Concerto in F, both as the soloist and playing all the instruments in the orchestra. FTP, name this man who plays the friend of Gene Kelly, all while maintaining his famous sour disposition.  
\Oscar LEVANT\

20. It starts with an Overture and the Fairy's March, and later has the Intermezzo, Notturmo, Dance of the Clowns, and Scherzo. But inevitably, this work has come to be associated with its instantly recognizable third section. FTP, name the work which features Mendelssohn's Wedding March.  
\A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM\