

BERKELEY QUESTIONS by Gaius Stern (1), ___/___/95

1. This battle fought in Virginia saw the Union make pretty much the same dumb mistake as last time. Under General John Pope, the Northern forces were again outmaneuvered and defeated, this time by Lee. FTP, name this unlucky site for the Union called ~~Manassas~~ by the Confederates.

\2ND BULL RUN\

accept Manassas on early buzz

2. The 13 month forced stay on an island near South America was the real life inspiration for this literary character. In real life, Alexander Selkirk demanded to be put ashore -- he was not shipwrecked - as was his fictitious counterpart. FTP, who was this title character in a famous book by Daniel Defoe?

\ROBINSON CRUSOE\

3. For a quick ten points, what is the prime factorization of 126?

\7 x 3 x 3 x 2\

4. A cousin of sorts to Alexander the Great, he became king as a child, was deposed, and reinstated by Ptolemy I of Egypt. As king of Epirus, he became something of a knight-errant, rushing off on various campaigns, the most famous of which was an invasion of Italy in 280 BC. Although he bested the Romans in battle twice, his losses were so heavy, his name has become synonymous with a victory at extreme cost. FTP name this Hellenistic King.

\PYRRHUS\

5. Some scientists have argued that this dinosaur evolved plates which it used as primitive solar energy cells. Others have more sensibly argued the plates running down its back to its tail were for protection. The spikes at the end of its tail certainly were for that purpose. FTP, name this Jurassic Age dinosaur.

\STEGOSAURUS\

6. The Romans called this river the Ister and it formed one of the principal boundaries of the Empire. Today it still forms the boundary between Bulgaria and Roumania. FTP, name this river which also runs through Budapest.

\DANUBE\

7. During the American Revolution, this general was so enraged at the massacre of his troops at Wilkes Barre that he did not consider himself avenged on the Indians and British until his victory at Fallen Timbers in 1787. FTP, who was this American general and war hero?

\Mad Anthony WAYNE\

8. George Washington sent General Benjamin Lincoln in his place to accept the surrender of the British second-in-command at because this British general would not appear in person. Although he later had a distinguished career in politics and as governor of India, what British general never lived down the shame of his surrender at Yorktown?

\Lord CORNWALLIS\

9. She played only a minor role in the Trojan War, but her obstruction of the Greek fleet as it prepared to sail had dire consequences for Agamemnon. FTP, what Greek goddess was so offended at the death of a hind Agamemnon had killed while hunting that she held up the winds and demanded the sacrifice of Iphigenaea in revenge?

\ARTEMIS\

10. This short story is set in a quiet New England town where everyone is preparing for an annual event. Housewives chat amiably in the store, men discuss it as they do work around the yard, and so on. Finally at the event itself, the antagonist draws the fatal straw and is instantly stoned to death by the whole town. FTP, what is this horrific short story by Shirley Jackson?

THE LOTTERY

11. Despite this country's reputation for freedom of speech, a prominent Neo-Nazi insert name is about to be extradited to Germany for illegal exportation of Nazi propaganda. FTP, what country which has in the past allowed the industries of child pornography and extreme nationalist propaganda is now beginning to reconsider the limits of free speech in relation to the danger it may pose to others?

\DENMARK\

12. This prolific composer not only produced an enormous amount of music -- choir music, operas, symphonies, and so on, he also fathered 20 children by his two wives. This on top of his local duties as Kapellmeister. Who FTP, is famous for such works as "The Well Tempered Klavier" and "A little Night Music?"

\Johann Sebastian BACH\

13. The name of this bone is similar to a Greek word suggestive of a military formation of hoplites armed for mass warfare. A human has some 8 of them whose appearance when held straight out may resemble spears. FTP, what is the proper name of this bone of the hand?

\PHALANGES (from Phalanx - plural phalanges)\

14. This term has gained widespread use in the media in the last ten years to refer to an optimistic political aide who always tried to explain the latest developments in a way advantageous to his candidate. FTP, name this term for a zealous aide, who although he is not necessarily a physics PhD, is well versed in the skills of gobblety-gook, statistics, or double-speak?

\SPIN DOCTOR\

15. Name is the same: The sultan of Egypt during the Greek Revolution whose fleet was destroyed by the British and French when he tried to assist the Turks in 1830 ... and the American boxer forced to surrender his heavyweight title when he refused to honor the draft during the Vietnam War?

\MOHAMMAD ALI\

16. According to Adam of Bremen, this city was the sight of terrible, bloody sacrifices to Frey and Odin in ancient times. Later, a University town, it was the capital of Sweden until the building of Stockholm. FTP, name this Swedish city, still the home of a world class University.

\UPSALLA\

17. For a time, this island was united by force by forces from the French speaking half under Henri I, who was originally a slave called Christophe. Later, however, the Spanish half successfully broke away and resisted several attempts at reconquest, including one in the 1860s by Spain. FTP, name this island, today again divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

\HISPANIOLA\

18. Two answers needed here: the concept of a geo-centric universe suffered four devastating blows when Galileo made public his observation of the satellites he observed orbiting Jupiter. FTP, name any two of those 4 Jovian satellites.

\GANYMEDEIOCALLISTOEUROPA\

19. Aside from Scrooge, another of Dicken's characters has become so famous that his name has virtually entered the English language as a synonym for an optimistic, good-for-nothing who does little or no work but is confident that the future will turn out well for his family. FTP, what character from David Copperfield was the prototype of this term in 19th and early 20 centuries?

\Mr. MICKAWBER\

20. This concept for this painting was lifted from a early 18th century serial featuring a story about women pirates. The original depicted a topless woman brandishing a cutlass in front of a Jolly Rogers. The updated version depicts a bare-breasted woman admonishing the citizens as she wields a tricolor toward the audience. FTP, what is this famous Delacroix painting?

\LIBERTY LEADING THE PEOPLE\