

ANFORTAS Round 1

1. This man's cook Andreas revives a fish while cooking in the water of life, but this man fails to acquire immortality by drinking it. During one adventure, he encounters two birds with human heads that warn him to turn around; that occurs after he passed through the Land of the Blessed and the Land of Darkness. This man is the son of Nectanebo, a man who disguises himself as Ammon to impregnate his mother. In a work written by (*) Pseudo-Callisthenes, he wins at the Olympic Games before going to Egypt. According to Arrian, a man who composed a life of this figure, he legendarily foretold his success by cutting the Gordian Knot. For 10 points, name this Macedonian conqueror.

ANSWER: **Alexander** the Great

2. This man sent a man he raised, Pleisthenes, to be murdered by his own father. This man was dethroned after Zeus made the sun go from west to east. Earlier, he was given a golden ram, which he used to ascend to kingdom. His brother succeeded Eurystheus as king of Mycenae after they collaborated to kill their half-brother Chrysippus. He slept with his own daughter Pelopia to father the killer of (*) Agamemnon. Because of his treachery, his sons were chopped up and served to him, thereby cursing the entirety of his brother's descendants. For 10 points, name this brother of Atreus.

ANSWER: **Thyestes**

3. In one story, he created an evil monster that was "fifty double hours long" that met its end after an intense confrontation with Tispaq. In addition to creating Labbu, he sometimes is said to have been created when a mountain underwent parthenogenesis. In ancient Sumerian, his name could be written using the symbol for the number fifty, to indicate his importance in guarding objects that his servant Anzu took away. Served by the vizier (*) Nusku, he was worshipped at his cult center in Ekur, a temple in Nippur. This god "uttered the angry word" in an attempt to decimate mankind. Traditionally, this consort of Ninlil fathered Sin and Ninurta. For 10 points, name this Sumerian wind god.

ANSWER: **Enlil** or **Ellil**

4. In the pseudo-journal *Dictys Cretensis*, this man, not Achilles is the one who kills Memnon. In an ancient Greek drama, a seer predicts that if he leaves his tent within a day, he will perish. Book XIII of *The Metamorphoses* opens with this man bragging that he is third in line from Jove, to which his opponent and eventual winner brags he is second in line. He had earlier taken his wife as a prize after he conquered the Phrygian king Teuthras. After a whole day of single combat, this Greek hero gave his opponent a purple (*) sash, while he got a sword. After losing the armor of Achilles to Odysseus, he uses that sword to senselessly kills a bunch of sheep. For 10 points, name this Greek warrior who is distinguished from the son of Oileus, called the Lesser.

ANSWER: Ajax the Greater or Telamonian Ajax [prompt on Ajax, DO NOT ACCEPT Locrian Ajax, Ajax son of Oileus, Ajax the Lesser]

5. The *Hyndlujoth* records that this man's strength comes from the earth, the ice-cold sea, and the blood of swine. In fact, the names of his parents are merely adjectives for the sea. One of his possessions is currently hidden underneath the Yggdrasil tree. A kenning for mankind is the "doom of" this god, while a kenning for (*) head is the "sword of" this god, which is named Hofund. Sometimes called Hallinskidi or Gullintanni, this resident of Himinbiorg can hear the grass grow and has golden teeth. He will be killed by Loki at Ragnarok, which starts when he blows the Gjallarhorn. For 10 points, name this son of nine-billow maidens, who guards over Bifrost.

ANSWER: Heimdall

6. Scotsman Kyles of Butes was the first one to claim this creature was stranded at Alstradhang. According to one source, whenever this creature takes a shit, amber was ejected that eventually settled on the shores. This monster was very similar to the ancient asp turtle, which people often mistook for an island. The name of this creature was given retroactively by Carrolus Linnaeus, but it was first described in the context of a universal history by Bishop Erik Pontoppidan, in his *Natural History of (*) Norway*. "In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die" ends Tennyson's poem about this creature. For 10 points, name this enormous Scandinavian sea monster.

ANSWER: kraken

7. Late in life, this man tried to exile Odysseus from his kingdom, as part of a political maneuver to obtain Cephallenia. Earlier, he had buried Phoenix while making a voyage from Tenedos. One source claims that he was killed by Machaireus because of his impiety, another source claims he was killed at Delphi for trying to kidnap Hermione, the wife of Orestes. The bones of (*) Pelops were useful in recruiting this man to fight. He gave his mother in marriage to Helenos after they conquered the Molossians. Earlier he took Andromache as his wife after he killed King Priam at his altar. For 10 points, identify this son of Achilles.

ANSWER: Neoptolemus or Pyrrhus

8. This event is described at length by Nestor in *The Metamorphoses*, before he gives a diatribe against Heracles. This event saw the death of Crantor, who was killed when Demoleon clipped his left shoulder with a trunk. One of its participants was swallowed into the earth and had his soul fly away from him after he was buried alive under a tree - that participant was a man who gained (*) invulnerability after getting a sex change from Poseidon. Nearly all of its participants were descendants of Ixion. Breaking out after Eurytus makes a drunken pass against Hippodamia at Pirithuous's wedding, for 10 points, name this conflict between a race of half-horsemen and another race.

ANSWER: lapith-centaur war [accept centauiromachy, on the first sentence, accept Caeneus or Caenis is transformed into a man and equivalents.]

9. The death of this man's son at the hands of Caswallawn fab Beli leads to him being one of the "three who broke their hearts with grief." He is the first to have spoken the proverb "Let him who is a chief be a bridge." One of this man's half-brothers squeezes the brains of one hundred men who are hiding in sacks of flour. That was done after his sister passed a message to him via a starling. This father of Caradawg was closely advised by (*) by the roguish Ebnisien. He travelled to defeat a man that possessed a cauldron which could mutely revive the dead, Matholwich. For 10 points, name this giant whose head is buried under the white hill underneath the tower of London.

ANSWER: Bran the Blessed

10. In one story, the Pharaoh Siamun defeats an evil Nubian sorcerer when one of his scribes has a dream in which this god tells him about a magic book hidden in a chest far below the temple library. After Djoser sacrificed to this god, he supposedly inundated the land using a pair of submerged caverns at his island cult center. He accompanies Isis, Nephthys, Meskhenet and Haqet - his future consort to help Rudjedt give birth. He controlled an entity alongside his wife Satet and his daughter Anuket from the island (*) Elephantine. For 10 points, name this ram-headed god was held to be the source of the Nile, who also fashioned humans using his potter's wheel.

ANSWER: **Khnum**

11. *The Fasti* describes how this figure was born after three gods pissed onto the ox-hide owned by the farmer Hylaeus. Apollodorus claims that this man was first married to a woman named Side, whom Hera tossed into the house of Hades. This man, commonly held to be an *autochthon*, was given the gift of walking on water by Poseidon. He pursued a king who hid inside an underground palace built by Hephaestus. This man was attempted to get the hand of Merope. After that he was blinded, but his sight was restored when he looked at the sunrise. He died on Delos after being blinded by Oenipion, possibly due to Artemis's discus. For 10 points, name this Greek hunter.

ANSWER: **Orion**

12. This work's 101 stanzas are broken into four "fits." The first stanza describes the treachery of Antenor at the Trojan War, while its last stanza recapitulates its theme to Felix Brutus and asserts "shamed be he who thinks evil of it." The main character refuses a gift of a ring of red gold with a jewel inlaid in it from a lady. That character gives two kisses for a boar and one kiss for a deer as part of a deal to swap things over the course of (*) three days. Almost a year earlier, he was at King Arthur's court, where beheaded the second title figure, who promptly reattached his head. For 10 points, name this work in which the title character is nearly behead by Sir Bertilak, a colorful warrior.

ANSWER: ***Sir Gawain and the Green Knight***

13. George Dumézil argued that this entity was illustrative of Odin's domain over magic. When one figure views this entity, he thinks its destruction will cause him to gain no fame. It was intended to replace Leyding and Gromi and can be seen nearby the river Vil and Von on an island at a lake of red and black water called Amsvartnir. Retrieved after (*) Freyr's messenger Skirnir visits Svartalheim, at the end of it is Gelgia, which is used to connect it to the rock Gioll. The sinews of a bear, the sound of a cat's fall, and the beard of a woman are used in its construction. For 10 points, name this chain that binds Fenrir.

ANSWER: Gleipnir

14. This man killed Comaitho after she plucked the golden hair that kept her father Pterelaos invincible during his war against Taphios. Sthenelos banished this man from Mycenae after he killed Electryon with a ricocheting club; for that act he was purified by Creon. This grandfather of Iolaus had a son who slept with Automedusa and died during his conquest of the sons of Hippocoon. While this father of (*) Iphicles was away, Zeus made one night last for three to sleep with his wife. For 10 points, name this stepfather of Heracles.

ANSWER: Amphitryon

15. In one Homeric Hymn to this figure, a childbirth is described that results in the mother shrieking when a child is born with a beard. In another Homeric Hymn to this figure, he is told he should visit the Thriae on Parnassus, who consume only honeycombs and practice divination with pebbles. That work begins with him and his rival visiting an old man on Onchestus. At the beginning of that Homeric Hymn, he dismembers a (*) tortoise and scoops out the marrow, which he outfits and eventually gives to Apollo for a golden wand. For 10 points, name this son of Maia, a Greek messenger god.

ANSWER: Hermes

16. During the Nemean Games, this man was ensnared by the beauty of Pelops's illegitimate son, so he kidnapped that man and taught him the art of chariot racing. This man's father Labdacus was killed by maenads - after his death Lycus the regent ruled until he came to power. After kidnapping Chrysippus, he married Menoeceus's daughter; the child they had was raised by Polydorus and Periboea after being (*) abandoned on Mount Kithaeron. This man met his end when he went to the oracle at Delphi, and his son killed him. For 10 points, identify this father of Oedipus.

ANSWER: Laius

17. In one variant of *The Ramayana*, Sita was never really abducted, but she was told to invoke the name of this deity to go along with a plan to foil Ravana. He was sometimes called Abhimani, or the eldest son of Brahma. A notable hymn in the *Rig Veda* attributed to Vasishtha describes how he sharpens two ivory tusks to kill the *rakshas*. As an alternative explanation for Holi, he betrays Puloma, the wife of Bhingru, to an asura. The general word for sacrifice is (*) Svaha, which happens to be the name of his consort. More Vedic hymns are addressed to this god more than any other. For 10 points, name this Vedic god of the sacrifice and personification of fire.

ANSWER: Agni

18. These figures are the subject of a painting by Adam Elsheimer, in which they are depicted in their own home. The only source on the lives of these figures vividly describes the following items: a bed made of sedge plants, a meal of creamy cheese, eggs, nuts, figs, fine honeycombs, and wrinkled dates. These figures nearly kill a goose to cook and eat when they realize that wine will not stop reappearing. They are the only ones who do not (*) drown in a flooded Phrygian valley and are eventually turned into a linden and oak tree. For 10 points, identify this hospital elderly couple.

ANSWER: Baucis and Philemon [either order is fine]

19. One story says that the first race of humans were giants who lived only by moonlight at this location. That race was destroyed and recreated smaller by a deity who arose from this place. Another legend states that the two survivors of a flood were ordered to go to this location, wherein they rose to the heavens and became the sun and the moon. This place was the beginning of a journey in which a god took the middle route, while his alter egos (*) Imaymana went to the jungle of Antisuyu, while Tocado went to Cuntisuyu giving textiles their names. For 10 points, name this body of water from which Viracocha arose during the Incan cosmogony, a lake in South America.

ANSWER: Lake **Titicaca** [prompt on “island of the sun”]

20. The last person to die in pursuit of this king was Osla, whose knife fell out while he was in the water. Immediately after this king disappears, the people who were pursuing him obtain blood from the black hag. We first meet this king, who lost his human form, when our heroes visit Ysgeir Oerfel. This figure’s son Grugyn Silver Bristles speaks with Gwrhyr as part of a negotiation. In between the ears of this creature are a pair of scissors, a comb, and a razor, which a hero recovers along with King Arthur for the giant Ysbaddaden. For 10 points, name this boar hunted by Culwch.

ANSWER: **Twrch Trwyth** [as long as they get the consonants right, it should be fine, be lenient on the vowels. Expect a pronunciation of “Tweerch Tra-with,” but obviously take more than just that]

21. After this action was performed, one of its participants took a large jewel and placed it on its chest. This activity resulted in a giant bow being found, as well as the planting of a giant tree that reached up to the heavens. Although there was initial bickering about who would hold a tail and who would hold a head, it was a group effort between the gods and the demons, both of whom held onto a large (*) serpent. It was performed to extract some delicious nectar after a garland was stomped on by an elephant. It culminated with the consumption of a poison that turned a god’s throat blue. For 10 points, name this event from Hindu mythology involving water and a gyre like motion.

ANSWER: **Churning of the Ocean** or **Samudra manthan**

22. The mythical Pteras used this substance and goose feathers to build the second temple at Delphi. In Theocritus's *Idylls*, Menalkas makes a nine-stop pipe musical instrument entirely out of this material. The most notable user of this substance is given a jar of it by Circe, but he chooses to tie himself to the (*) mast of the ship and save it for his servants. Subsequently, Odysseus's men used it to plug their ears during their encounter with the sirens. For 10 points, identify this smooth material produced by some buzzing creatures.

ANSWER: beeswax

23. A god who sought after this prized possession realized he was being cheated when he blew on a hole and realized bits were coming outwards, not going inwards. That man got this prize after evading death by turning into a snake and going into the side of the mountain, where he had sex for three straight days. This entity was used as a bribe to appease the son of (*) Gilling, who died accidentally. It was stored in three separate containers called Son, Bodn, and Odrerir, and was made by Fialar and Galar. Odin disguised himself as Bolverk and approached Baugi, the brother of Suttung, for this substance. For 10 points, identify this drink made from the remains of Kvasir.

ANSWER: mead of poetry [or the remains of Kvasir, before mention]

24. This man's mother became pregnant with him after she drank a glass of wine containing two supernatural worms. This man loses thirty of his finest warriors to a hero that jumps too high and bangs his head against the lintel of a door. One bizarre story records that this man perished when a ball of calcified brain matter impaled him. The warrior Laoghaire Buadhach dies after he protects the poet Aodh and this man's unfaithful wife (*) Mugain. He was also married to Eithne and Clithora. Some source claim he was married to Queen Medb, who more traditionally opposed him with her husband Fergus mac Roich. For 10 points, name this king of Ulster, the son of Nessa.

ANSWER: King Conchobar mac Nessa

25. Lucian records that this figure was excited to learn one can have a body consisting of fire and water. In *The Cypria*, he is attending the funeral of Catreus before receiving a cordial visit by Iris. His son by Pieris, Megapenthes, marries Alector and exiles his step-mother. In a Euripides play, we learn that he is sent to the Elysian fields to be reunited with his wife. This man is told by Eidothea that he should **wrestle (*)** “the old man of the Sea” to find a way home from Pharos. Before that, he was the one who retrieved the body of Patroclus and the one who defeated Paris in single combat before he was whisked away by Aphrodite. For 10 points, name this Spartan husband of Helen.

ANSWER: **Menelaus**