

ANFORTAS Round 4

1. One person who comes to this location asks “For whom are the benches bright with rings and the platforms gay bedecked with gold” before he gives himself away by asking “Who are those maidens wildly weeping, casting their veil against the sky?” Another figure who comes to this location passes by a bridge whose roof is inlaid with gold that is guarded by Modgud. That voyage to this place culminates with a man being told his (*) brother can return with him if all living things weep for him, which the giant Thrym fails to do. For 10 points, identify this subsection of Niflheim, governed by a namesake giantess.

ANSWER: Helheim

2. This work is followed up with a poem that also praises its subject “ambrosial garments.” As it ends, a figure is reassured that his child will be raised by nymphs whose births usher in majestic, golden, trees. A seduction in this text ensues when a man sees a robe “more brilliant than fire” on a woman who claims to be a son of Otreus. That woman then explains why Troilus received a pair of immortal horses after her bedmate realizes (*) she is a goddess. Describing the seduction of Anchises and how a certain triad of goddesses are immune to this poem’s title figure, it praises the virtues of a Cytheran deity. For 10 points, name this work about the Greek love goddess, attributed to Homer.

ANSWER: Homeric Hymn to Aphrodite [I guess, be nice and prompt on Homeric Hymns]

3. For his role in slaying the large centipede that dwelt nearby Lake Biwa, the hero Hidesato was given a roll of silk, a pair of bells and a pouch containing this. Chinese legend states that the Buddha was appeased when he was offered four containers of this substance by the kings of the four directions. A god whose domain was this substance transformed into a spider to torment the wicked and was (*) bisexual. When that god of this domain died, cattle, silkworms and plants sprung from his body. For 10 points, identify this delicious stuff that was the domain of Inari, which can be used to make the alcoholic beverage sake.

ANSWER: rice [prompt on food]

4. The text in which his story is told is likely inspired by “The Wasting Sickness of Cu Chulaind.” This man meets a man in the forest whose first words are “Chieftain, I know who you are, but I will not greet you.” That occurs after he encounters a pack of dogs with white bodies and red ears. He forces his wife to sit at a drawbridge for seven years to tell her story to anyone who doesn’t know it. In one year during his life, he refused to sleep with his friend’s wife and kills (*) Hafgan. He has to use his fastest horse in the country to meet up with his wife - their child was raised by Teirnon after his wife’s ladies-in-waiting smeared puppy blood onto her mouth to make her look like a cannibal. For 10 points, name this hero of the first branch of *The Mabinogion*, the husband of Rhiannon.

ANSWER: **Pwyll**, Lord of Dyved

5. Hesiod’s description of this deity was likely inspired by the annals of Sanchuniathon, In *The Metamorphoses*, Orpheus says that this deity is the largest within the Underworld, as her realm is “vast and silent.” At the opening of *The Metamorphoses*, Ovid records that this god existed alongside “warring seed of ill-joined elements” next together. Although not Gaea, some sources record that this goddess fulfilled the same role as Aether did for the Heavens, and Erebus did for (*) Hades. More traditionally, Hesiod claims the parthenogenesis of this goddess produced Erebus and Nyx. For 10 points, identify this primordial goddess whose name means “chasm.”

ANSWER: **Chaos**

6. This hero tells a story about three springs: consumption of one will cause sudden death, another will cause death by hunger, and the third will give eternal youth. In another story, this man saves his life by correctly stating there is a red dragon and a white dragon below a pond, upon which a building was going to be built. Before telling that story, he was going to be (*) sacrificed to ensure good luck for that building. He is said to reside in a rock tower or in a tree due to his wife Viviane. More traditionally, he participates in the seduction of Gorlois’s wife Ygraine, by giving Uther Pendragon a disguise. For 10 points, name this wizard from Arthurian legend.

ANSWER: **Merlin**

7. In *The Gesta Danorum*, Thorkill is chosen to propitiate the cave-dwelling figure of this name, but he nearly kills all of his men after Thorkill plucks one of his spiky hairs. In his more notable appearance, this figure points out that his rival actually struck at “three square valleys” and explains the formation of a sandy beach and the origin of tides. In his namesake realm, one of his guests eats all the meat, while his subordinate eats all the meat and bones. This being also induces another figure to take (*) three gulps from a seemingly never empty horn. Before coming to his namesake realm, Thialfi, Thor, and Loki slept in the giant glove of Skrymir. For 10 points, name this giant whose name invokes that of a trickster god.

ANSWER: Utgard-Loki [accept Utgarda-Loki, accept Skrymir before mention, DONT ACCEPT OR PROMPT ON Loki]

8. When he fled the earth and went to the moon, his shadow was left behind and it became a red bird. He brags about dwelling above the people who have been framed and shaped by the gods. He delights in eating from a tree of yellow fruit, which is why he is injured with a blowgun. He is killed when all of his emerald (*) teeth were replaced with vegetables and his eyes made of silver were plucked by a figure who had just lost his arm to him. He claims to be the sun and the moon for all the people, which is why Hurakan sends Hunahpu and Xbalanque to defeat him. For 10 points, name this giant from the *Popul Vuh*.

ANSWER: Seven-Macaw [or Vukub-Cakix]

9. In one story, this god angered the rishi Gautam when he morphed into a cow and ate his grain. *The Puranas* describe his cleverness in having his parents sit nearby and his subsequent seven-fold circumambulation of them. In art, one of the objects he carried was a whip, which symbolized his dominion over fate. The posture of this god’s face symbolizes the (*) *om*. He has a namesake festival celebrated during the *Bhadrapada* month, which ends with the submersion of statues of this god. This man was able to defeat his brother who voyaged around the world during a race. *The Mahabharata* was dictated to this god, who is useful in removing obstacles. For 10 points, name this elephant headed god.

ANSWER: Ganesh [or Ganesha]

10. One former resident of this location was clumsy enough to not place Opheltes on a parsley stalk as the Seven against Thebes passed through Nemea. At this location, a group of men offered a purple robe that contained depictions of the cyclops to the nurse Polyxo and her queen. A faithful daughter from here had her father escape in a boat - that man Thoas, went to Tauris. This place's inhabitants were given foul (*) body odors for not honoring Aphrodite. Visited by the Argonauts, this place is also where a certain deity hit the ground and became lame. For 10 points, identify this island on which Hephaestus landed.

ANSWER: Lemnos

11. Everyone's favorite mythographer Antoninus Liberalis claims that a creature of this name lived at Mount Parnassus and was thrown off a rock by a beautiful youth named Alcyoneus. Her child Achelios was transformed into a shark by Aphrodite according to Ptolemy Hephaestion. Pausanias says that Delphic tradition regards this woman's daughter Sibylla as the first person to chant oracles. She gave her name to a group of creatures similar to the (*) Empusae. More notably, this daughter of Poseidon and subject of a John Keats poem was a queen of Libya that lost all of her children to Hera after Zeus slept with her. For 10 points, name this woman child devourer.

ANSWER: Lamia [accept Sybaris until "Sybilla."]

12. In *The Prose Edda*, one of these figures accompanies Gunn and Rota on their tasks. That work also points out that the throne of Jesus is just south of an object owned by one of them. That feature owned by one of them is said to be where two birds turned into the first swans. High points out that good ones are of noble parentage, but evil ones are responsible for tragedies. The (*) well belonging to one of them sits right below Yggdrasil, which is sprinkled with water by these figures. Counting Skuld, Verdandi, and Weird among their ranks, they rule over destiny. For 10 points, name these Norse analogues of the Fates.

ANSWER: norns

13. In one novel, this real life figure creates his most astounding achievement to exorcise the demons of having to watch his dad get mauled to death by dogs. The first section of his most notable book is prefaced with a chronological table from the creation of the world to the fall of the Roman Empire. The composition of that book was told in a novel by Lawrence Norfolk. John Keats was said to have memorized the dictionary of, for 15 points, what English classical scholar whose reputation rests on his *Biblioteca Classica*?

ANSWER: John Lempriere

14. In some sources, this god was depicted as a twin-headed snake which would be tugged by eight people from both ends. According to *The Book of the Dead*, the chanting of this god's name is useful in avoiding decay in the afterlife. Some legends claim that this god was killed every night and his corpse is dismembered, but at dawn he triumphantly returns. At Heliopolis, this god was conflated with (*) Atum-Ra, and amulets were popularly made in honor of this figure. He was said to push the sun across the sky like a ball of dung. For 10 points, name this scarab-headed god.

ANSWER: Khepri

15. In the *Theogony of Dunnu*, Sakkani marries this woman and begets a line of children that always murder their parents. This figure is told by her husband "I want to annihilate all the gods...I want to let silence reign!" She dies after she howls out evil air and a hero lets loose an arrow into her mouth, then her belly, then her heart. To her eldest born son, she attaches a set of cylinder seals as he leads monstrous brethren in battle. This figure was the mother of (*) Kingu by Apsu. After her death her lower body is used to make the earth and her upper body is used to make the heavens. For 10 points, name this primeval Babylonian goddess of the ocean, slain by Marduk.

ANSWER: Tiamat

16. Apollodorus describes how one figure of this name fathered King Deiphobus, who purified Heracles after he killed Neleus. *The Aeneid* describes how the misfortune that befell this figure is the reason why the shrine of Trivia does not tolerate horses. This half-brother of Acamas and Demophon was resurrected with Asculapius's power and Diana's love and came to be known as (*) Virbius. This figure was accused of rape by his stepmother, which led Theseus to use a boon from Poseidon to have him killed. For 10 points, name this stepson of Phaedra, with whom she fell madly in love.

ANSWER: Hippolytus

17. In one story, this man ran away from an enemy so fast that he killed the woman in his hands, Luath's Lurgann. He is freed from his chair in a glamorous illusion when the blood of the three kings of the Island of the Torrent were sprinkled on the floor. That happened because after he repelled Colga of the Hard Weapons, which led him to spare and then raise the treacherous youth Midac. This figure operated out of the dun (*) Allen, and the most enduring of his loves a woman who was previously a deer - her name was Sadbh. In his youth, this man gained the ability of prescience whenever he sucked on his thumb. For 10 points, name this hero that consumed the salmon of knowledge, the namesake of the Fenian Cycle.

ANSWER: Finn macCool [or Fionn mac Cumhail]

18. In Syria, the cult of this goddess was centered at a temple in which she is depicted as stepping on the Orontes River. One source notes that this deity was the patron of Alexander the Great, and some honored her by praying to her after being fumigated with smoke. In one fable by Aesop, she appears to a traveller sleeping next to a well, moralizing "everyone can control his own fate." At her cult centers, she was sometimes referred to as *Automatia*, as well as the goddess in control of the (*) *agathe daimon*. She was often depicted with a pair of cornucopiae, as well as a ball and next to Nemesis. For 10 points, name this figure who spun a wheel, the personification of luck.

ANSWER: Tyche or Fortuna

19. This man's sister Gorge slept with her own father to produce one of the seven against Thebes. According to one alternate myth, this man died when his country and the Couretes waged war, leading him to be killed at the hands of the sons of (*) Thestios. According to another source, he was constantly pursued by the only female Argonaut, but an oracle told him to ignore her. This man fathered Polydora with his wife Cleopatra, a daughter of Marpessa. He killed his uncles Toxeus and Plexippus which lead his mother Althaia to burn a log which killed him. For 10 points, name this Calydonian boar slayer.

ANSWER: Meleager

20. When this god was born, his counterpart felt his strength increase and appendages enlarge, but when this god flew away, that counterpart lost all of his strength. He was often depicted as tugging on a palm tree along with that other god. Pausanias records that this god's cult was worshipped by barbarians living outside Athens, since he is the avenging spirit of Timagoras, who was spurned by Meles. More traditionally, he was the progeny of Ares and Aphrodite whose sole purpose to give his namesake god a playmate. In later Roman times, he was one of the two (*) Cupides. For 10 points, identify this god of requited love, whose name tells you he is contrasted with the passionate love god.

ANSWER: Anteros [Obviously, do not prompt or accept "Eros"]

21. Legend has it that Eratosthenes named Saturn after this figure. One location he visits is a palace sculpted by Vulcan inside of which is Phoebus sitting on a throne of emeralds. His tale unnaturally spans the end of Book 1 to the beginning of Book 2 of *The Metamorphoses*. At his death, his sisters Merope, Phoebe, Aetheria and Dioxippe became poplar trees and weeped amber into the Eridanos, where he died. This son of (*) Clymene visited his father when Epaphus, a schoolmate, insulted him constantly. That visit results in Ethiopians getting their skin blackened and this man's own death after he commands his father's chariot. For 10 points, identify this youth who was unable to control the horses that pulled the sun.

ANSWER: Phaethon

22. This god's namesake festival commemorates the death of a resident of Sosipolis and features a sacrifice by Basilai on a namesake hill. Hesiod calls him "the crafty counselor," but Apollonius Rhodius claims this man's most notable possession was buried under the island of Drepane, which is why it is hooked shaped. Diodorus Siculus wrote that this immortal was the leader of five males and six females who lived on (*) Knossos. After injuring his father, this father of Chiron imprisoned the Hundred-Handed ones and the Cyclopes. Earlier, his wife fed him a rock dressed in swaddling clothes. For 10 points, identify this father of Zeus.

ANSWER: Cronos

23. In Aeschylus's play *Psychostasia*, this fighter for the Trojans has his soul weighed against the one who killed him. Hyginus claims that the Pharos of Alexandria is not one the seven wonders of the world, but this man's construction of the House of Cyrus is. Once a year, a river flows blood in honor of this man. The stench from his grave is cleansed by the Aisepus stream, as well as the dust his companions kick up after they are turned into (*) birds. His mother weeps for him every morning, which is why there is morning dew. The death of Aithops prompts this man to kill Antilochus, but he himself is killed by Achilles. For 10 points, identify this Ethiopian king.

ANSWER: Memnon

24. One story records how Sisumara, a porpoise, is the pole that guides these things. One of these objects is represented by a deity dressed in all black, uses an evil eye and is called Sani. This group of objects also includes the severed remains of an *asura* that stole *amrita* and was split into a dragon lower half and a dragon upper half. Those two beings that are said to be a pair of these objects are Rahu and Ketu. Chandra fathered a figure that represents one of these entities named (*) Budha, another one of these entities that is colored red is represented by Kartikeya. For 10 points, name these entities within the solar system that are studied by Hindu astrologers.

ANSWER: Hindu planets [accept Navagraha until mention, accept stars on the first sentence]

25. According to Saxo-Grammaticus, the king of this name employed a powerful mace and had a penchant for terrorizing his enemies by visiting them while dressed in goat skins. That king of this name carries on a conversation with Groa and Bess. An object of this name was owned by a man who refused to trade it way for three times its weight in gold. That object's strength was tested by means of throwing wool into a river and seeing if it cleaved the wool, after it was reforged by (*) Regin on his third try. Earlier, it had been placed into Barnstokk by Odin. For 10 points, give this name for the sword of Sigurd.

ANSWER: Gram