

## WMU Bonuses

1. Answer the following questions about the American Civil War for ten points each.

a. Early in the war the Union ironclad vessel Merrimack was captured by Confederate troops. Under what name was the Merrimack known to Southerners?

Ans: C.S.S. Virginia

b. This Confederate raider took a heavy toll of Union shipping before being sunk by the U.S.S. Kearsarge off the coast of England.

Ans: C.S.S. Alabama

c. When Admiral Farragut's fleet steamed into Mobile Bay it was opposed by a squadron of Confederate ships led by this massive ram.

Ans: C.S.S. Tennessee

2. It's time now for the obligatory Canterbury Tales bonus question. For ten points each, answer the following questions about Geoffrey Chaucer's most famous work.

a. Which pilgrim precedes her tale with a prologue in which she describes her life with her five late husbands?

Ans: The Wife of Bath

b. Which is the only pilgrim to tell two tales, the Tale of Sir Thopas and the Tale of Melibeus?

Ans: Chaucer

c. What is the name of the innkeeper who proposes telling the tales and acts as master of ceremonies?

Ans: Harry Bailey

3. Children are the subjects of many works of art. For five points each, name the painter of each of these paintings featuring children.

a. Snap the Whip                      Ans: Winslow Homer

b. After the Bath                      Ans: Mary Cassatt

c. Girl With a Watering Can      Ans: Pierre Auguste Renoir

d. Las Meninas                      Ans: Diego Velasquez

4. Name this substance, 30-20-10.

For 30: It is a coloring material obtained from lichens.

For 20: In politics, its name may describe a candidate's stand on an issue, based on ideology.

For 10: Paper saturated with this material turns red when exposed to acids, blue when exposed to bases.

Ans: Litmus (Accept Litmus Test)

5. This Iowa farm boy's research helped develop vigorous strains of grain to withstand hard growing conditions and provide more bountiful yields. A trailblazer in the green revolution, he spread his findings around the world. In 1970, he received the Nobel Peace Prize. For twenty-five points, name him.

Ans: Norman Borlaug

6. Have you watched the NBC's Seinfeld lately? If so, you might do well at this bonus. For ten points each, answer these questions.

a. What is the name of the perfume that Kramer wanted to market?

Ans: The Beach

b. What was the stage name George would have picked if he were a porn star?

Ans: Buck Naked

c. Name the secluded author whom Kramer swore he saw in the sauna at his health club.

Ans: Salmon Rushdie

7. In general, rivers in North America do not flow north, but there are exceptions. For five points each, tell in which cardinal direction each of the following North American rivers primarily flows.

a. Yukon                      Ans: West

b. Connecticut              Ans: South

c. Niagara                    Ans: North

d. Platte                      Ans: East

e. Colorado                 Ans: South

8. For ten points each, identify these novels by Nobel laureate author Toni Morrison.

a. Set in Michigan, it is the story of the family of Macon Dead, also known as Milkman.

Ans: *Song of Solomon*

b. The novel for which Morrison won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, it tells the story of Sethe, a former slave after the Civil War.

Ans: *Beloved*

c. It traces the lives of two black women through their childhood in a small Ohio town, their separation, and ultimate confrontation and reconciliation.

Ans: *Sula*

9. Let's test your knowledge of geology. For ten points each, identify these intrusive igneous rock formations from their

descriptions.

a. A formation formed by magma that has cut its way across rock layers and that has solidified in the fissures produced this way.

Ans: Dike

b. A huge intrusive mass of igneous rock enlarging and extending downward to unknown depths, these form the cores of many mountain ranges such as the Sierra Nevadas.

Ans: Batholith

10. Nothing is certain except death and taxes. For five points each, and a five point bonus for all three, identify these recently deceased U.S. government figures.

a. The mother of Bill Clinton.

Ans: Virginia \_Kelley\_

b. The deputy White House counsel and longtime personal friend of Bill Clinton who was found dead in northern Virginia of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Ans: Vincent \_Foster\_

c. The former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from Massachusetts.

Ans: Thomas P. "Tip" \_O'Neill\_

11. For five point each, identify the following people found in the Bible.

a. After Cain and Abel, he was the third son of Adam and Eve.

Ans: Seth

b. With friends like Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zaphar to comfort him, he didn't need enemies.

Ans: Job

c. He lost his birthright to his younger brother Jacob.

Ans: Esau

d. This son of Jesse was the second King of Israel.

Ans: David

12. Because of the 1990 Census figures, the state of New York was a big loser in congressional representation, losing three seats in the House of Representatives. However, four other states lost two seats each. For five points each, and a five point bonus for all four, name those four states.

Ans: Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

13. We all remember the winners of the first three Superbowls. But history forgets a loser. Let's hope you haven't because you'll get five points for each loser you can name and a five point bonus if you can name all three.

Ans: K.C. \_Chiefs\_, Oakland \_Raiders\_, and Baltimore \_Colts\_  
(Any order)

14. (30) Mountain gorillas, whose plight was given widespread exposure by the work of Dian Fossey, live in the wild in one region only, the Virunga volcano chain in eastern Africa. For ten points each, name the three countries in which the Virungas are located.

ANSWER: Zaire, Rwanda, Uganda

15. 30-20-10, identify this device.

For 30: Inventor Chester F. Carlson produced his product in 1938, but his technology moved at a snail's pace over the next twenty years.

For 20: In 1959, a company introduced its 914 model, and the business started moving. Then, in 1964, IBM introduced its revolutionary Model 360, an intricately wired computer that made effective use of semiconductor chips.

For 10: It quickly became an essential tool and standard equipment for all sorts of offices, making carbon paper obsolete.

Ans: Office \_Copier\_ or \_Photocopy Machine\_ or \_Xerox\_ Machine

16. (20)

The plot synopsis of this Shakespearean play reads like a slasher picture; the title character gets his hand chopped off, his daughter Lavinia is raped and mutilated, and Tamora's sons are killed and served to her in a pie. For 20 points, name this play, Shakespeare's first tragedy.

ANSWER: *Titus Andronicus*

17. Conflict with Native Americans was often a feature of frontier life in the United States. For fifteen points each, identify these leaders of Native American resistance to white settlement.

a. He is the only Indian credited with winning a war against the U.S. government, for causing the government to abandon forts Kearny, Reno, and Smith in Wyoming and Montana in 1868.

Ans: \_Red Cloud\_

b. This Ottawa chief became a great intertribal leader when he organized a combined resistance to British power in the Great Lakes area in 1763-64.

Ans: Pontiac

18. Here's a test on American religion. Answer these three questions for fifteen points each.

a. This religious group is unique for the fact that it has 9,141 local congregations, but no registered clergy whatsoever. Name this religion which calls its churches "Kingdom Halls".

Ans: Jehovah's Witness

b. This off-shoot of Christianity seems to always have been fixed on prophecies of the end of the world. David Koresh's group was a radical splinter group of this church, which holds worship services on Saturday.

Ans: Seventh Day Adventist Church

19. Name the British actor, 30-20-10.

For 30: He once said, "I find it rather easy to portray a businessman. Being bland, rather cruel, and incompetent comes naturally to me."

For 20: In addition to writing and performing in comedy films and sketches, he has also produced humorous but pointed business training films.

For 10: This veteran of Monty Python has also appeared in commercials for electronics and soft drinks.

Ans: John Cleese

20. For ten points each, identify the computer languages.

a. It was the first high-level language, introduced in 1956 for use by scientists and engineers. It has since acquired new capabilities and become a general-purpose language.

Ans: Fortran

b. It was developed at Dartmouth College in the 1960's for training students of any major to program.

Ans: BASIC

c. It has been in use since 1960, and was designed to be self-documenting, for use by non-computer-scientists.

Ans: COBOL

21. For fifteen points each, identify each of these Henry James works.

a. This novella features two ghosts, Peter Quint and Miss Jessel.

Ans: The Turn of the Screw

b. This novelette deals with an unsophisticated, "strikingly, admirably pretty" girl traveling in Europe who runs against the conventions of a group of Europeanized Americans.

Ans: Daisy Miller

22. For ten points each, identify the composer of the following operas.

- a Twilight of the Gods    Ans: Richard Wagner
- b Fidelio                    Ans: Ludwig von Beethoven
- c Peter and the Wolf    Ans: Sergi Prokofiev

23. 30-20-10, name this guy.

For 30: He wrote his doctoral dissertation on he contrasting theisms of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman.

For 20: In 1955, he was the young pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

For 10: He was a key organizer of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Ans: The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior

24. For ten points apiece, identify the Cabinet department in the U.S. government that is responsible for each of the following programs.

- a. The Census                    Ans: Dept. of Commerce
- b. Social Security            Ans: Dept. of Health & Human Services
- c. Food Stamps                Ans: Dept. of Agriculture

25. This past summer was great for the movie business. In the summer movie season, which traditionally lasts from Memorial Day through Labor Day, four movies grossed over 100 million dollars. For five points each, and a five point bonus for all four, name them.

- Ans: Jurassic Park            (\$317 Million)
- The Firm                    (\$150 Million)
- The Fugitive                (\$134 Million, plus fall season)
- Sleepless in Seattle        (\$113 Million)

\*\*Note: "In the Line of Fire" did not reach the \$100 million mark until after the Labor Day weekend, and therefore is not a correct answer.

26. Answer these questions about vice-presidents for ten points each.

- a. Who was the man with the shortest term as vice-president?

Ans: John Tyler

b. Who was the vice-president who had the longest term as president?

Ans: Thomas Jefferson

c. Name Franklin Pierce's vice-president. He was the only vice-president to be sworn in on foreign soil. He died of tuberculosis six weeks later.

Ans: William King

27. Here's a twenty-five point all-or-nothing question in science. What element, named after a town in Scotland, was discovered by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1808 and has an atomic number of 38? One of its isotopes is extremely radioactive and is found in nuclear fallout.

Ans: Strontium

28. Identify the following author from a list of his works, 30-20-10.

For 30 - The Cricket on the Hearth and The Battle of Life

For 20 - American Notes and Our Mutual Friend

For 10 - Great Expectations and Oliver Twist

Ans: Charles Dickens

29. If you like to cook, or even if you'd rather watch someone do it, you should have no problem giving me these culinary terms after I give you their definitions. Each is worth ten points.

a. To cover foods with a seasoned, acidic liquid, which tenderizes and flavors them.

Ans: Marinate

b. To cut food into thin, matchstick-like strips. This name is often given to vegetables prepared in this way.

Ans: Julienne

30. Let's check your space-age literacy. For five points each, tell me what each of the following extraterrestrial acronyms stands for.

a. LDEF      Ans: Long Duration Exposure Facility

b. EVA      Ans: Extra Vehicular Activity

c. MMU      Ans: Manned Maneuvering Unit

d. SRB      Ans: Solid Rocket Booster