

Tossups by Penn A for 1995 Princeton

1. He's dominated the post-Soviet era of his country, and his health problems are a continued concern and source of constant speculation, for a country with major political splits and renewed talk of "coldness" with the United States. FTP, name this world leader who just suffered his second heart attack, while in his capital city of Moscow?

Answer: Boris YELTSIN

2. Recent years have seen the renewed interest in filming Shakespeare's plays as films. While Hamlet, Much Ado About Nothing, and Henry V have stayed very true to Shakespeare's material, another film, based on Henry IV and directed by the avant garde Gus Van Sant, went wildly in its own direction. FTP, name this 1990 film, best remembered for River Phoenix's greatest performance as a street hustler named Mike who is sidekick to Keanu Reeves' modern version of Prince Hal?

Answer: MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO

3. Japan occupies Indochina. The Miracle at Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain. Germany takes the Baltic states. FDR is re-elected to an unprecedented third term in, FTP, what year?

Answer: 1940

4. His latest and rather violent effort "The Crossing" has yielded comparisons to Faulkner, but FTP, name this National Book Award winner most famous for his brilliant novel "All the Pretty Horses" who shares a last name with a famous Communist "witch-hunter"?

Answer: Cormac MCCARTHY

5. The fundamental form of this law is $dq = du + dw$, where dq is the heat added per unit mass; du is the increment of specific internal energy; and dw is the specific work done by the system on the environment. FTP, name this premiere law in energy.

Answer: THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

6. For much of the 1992 Presidential campaign she was notorious for her nationally covered comments of Bill Clinton's "bimbo eruptions," but in her recent book with husband James Carville, she asserts that she was not the originator of the phrase. FTP, name this CNBC talk show hostess, and former deputy campaign manager to George Bush, whose book, "All's Fair," was a 1994 bestseller.

Answer: Mary MATALIN

7. Hotels are inevitably made famous by the nefarious activities that occur at them. The Watergate break-in of 1972, the MGM Grand fire of 1980. so, for a quick 10 points, identify the chain of hotels that recently was ordered to pay Paula Coughlin \$6.7 million for their culpability in her molestation by naval aviators at their 1991 Las Vegas Convention in what is now called the Tailhook scandal.

Answer: HILTON

8. Born in 1874, she is widely considered one of the most influential and unreadable writers of the twentieth century. With works such as "Three Lives," "The Making of America," and "Tender Buttons" she carved a niche with intellectuals, but it was her smash bestseller "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas" that she is best remembered for. So, FTP name this influential writer and American expatriate in Paris who was also Alice Toklas' lover.

Answer: Gertrude STEIN

9. His name may sound like a distorted pasta dish, but this 18th century Swiss mathematician is more noted for advancing the kinetic theory of gases and fluids. FTP, name this man whose last name rhymes with "cruelly."

Answer: Daniel BERNOULLI

10. A Britisher whose birth name would later be made more famous by her daughter, this woman wrote "Vindication of the Rights of Women" and was an early women's right advocate in the late eighteenth century. FTP, name this mother of "Frankenstein" author Mary Shelley.

Answer: Mary WOLLSTONECRAFT

11. By now everyone knows that the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to some guy I have never heard of from Great Britain. But, for a quick 10 points, what diplomatic envoy and former U.S. President was once again passed over, despite continuing his diplomatic mediation in conflicts such as Bosnia?

Answer: Jimmy CARTER

12. Nearly everyone knows that Pretoria and Cape Town are two capitals of South Africa but, FTP, what is the name of the oft-forgotten third capital?

Answer: BLOEMFOENTAIN

Bonuses by Penn A for 1995 Princeton

1. He's a geneticist at the National Cancer Institute, though his recent work has not dealt with cancer-related issues.

1. For 15 points, name this researcher who is the leading geneticist to report on the so-called "gay gene."

Answer: Dean HAMER

2. For 10 points, what is the name of the relevant area on the chromosome that is believed to contain this gay gene?

Answer: XQ28

2. (25) I know you saw Batman Forever, so this should be a snap 25 points on the recent release to video. Given a film or films, name the BF star for 5 points apiece.

a. Blue Sky, Fire Birds

Answer: Tommy Lee JONES

b. Dead Calm

Answer: Nicole KIDMAN

c. Circle of Friends

Answer: Chris O'DONNELL

d. Gun Crazy

Answer: Drew BARRYMORE

3. 30-20-10. Name the author from the works.

30: Alexander's Bridge, Sapphira and the Slave Girl

20: One of Ours, Death Comes For the Archbishop

10: O Pioneers, My Antonia

Answer: Willa CATHER

4. (20) He is a Pro Bowler for a two-time Super Bowl winning team, but he is best remembered for a glaring gaffe in an icy Thanksgiving game that hand delivered the Miami Dolphins their last win of the 1993-94 season. For twenty points, name this Dallas Cowboy recently implicated for drug use.

Answer: Leon LETT

5. (20) The governor of NH recently criticized the AFL/CIO for a newsletter that told its members "if you are going to drink and drive, make sure" this man was on the street. FTP each:

1. Name the man, a Republican Presidential candidate.

Answer: Phil GRAMM

2. Name the governor of New Hampshire, an influential moderate Republican in his second term.

Answer: Stephen MERRILL

6. (30) She is the reigning Crown Princess of the talk show wars, and she is also now a convict. FTP each:

1. Name this hostess who recently pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

Answer: Ricki LAKE

2. Name the couturier whose Fifth Avenue offices Ms. Lake trashed in an anti-fur protest.

Answer: Karl LAGERFELD

3. Name the AIDS-related organization that Ms. Lake must do community service for as part of her conditional discharge.

Answer: GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER

7. (30) I bet you think you know the Declaration of Independence, but what do you really know about its signers? For 5 points each, and a bonus 10 for all correct, tell whether the following were a judge, farmer, New Hampshireite, or none of the above.

a. Benjamin Harrison

Answer: FARMER

b. Matthew Thornton

Answer: NEW HAMPSHIRITE

c. Edward Rutledge

Answer: NONE OF THE ABOVE

d. Robert Morris

Answer: NONE OF THE ABOVE

8. (25) Given the middle name, match it to the First Lady it belongs to for 5 points apiece, and a bonus 5 for all four.

a. Geneva

Answer: Mamie EISENHOWER

b. Means

Answer: Jane PIERCE

c. Payne

Answer: Dolley MADISON

d. Alta

Answer: Claudia "Lady Bird" JOHNSON

9. (30) Oscar time! Given a year, tell me the Best Supporting Actress that year FTP. If you need her film, you get five.

1. 10: 1993

5: The Piano

Answer: Anna PAQUIN

2. 10: 1991

5: The Fisher King

Answer: Mercedes RUEHL

3. 10: 1986

5: Hannah and Her Sisters

Answer: Dianne WIEST

12. You may think that Leonhard Euler was the only notable mathematician to go blind, but this mathematician died in Kazan in 1856 with almost no use of his eyes. At the time of his death, his seminal work in geometry was largely unknown. FTP, name this man who, with Janos Bolyai, is considered the founder of non-Euclidean geometry.

Answer: Nikolai LOBACHEVSKI

13. The name's the same. One is a 1965 film about a futuristic city directed by Jean-Luc Godard and starring Eddie Constantine and Anna Karina. The other is a German group from the 1980s whose lead singer was Marian Gold, and whose hits included "Dance with Me," "Big in Japan," and "Forever Young." FTP, give the shared ten-letter title.

Answer: ALPHAVILLE

14. Medusa shoots poisoned arrows. Perseus fights a giant bird and scorpion, kills Hera's monstrous son, Calibos, and receives a clockwork owl from Athena. These departures from the Greek canon can all be found in, FTP, what amusing epic movie featuring the special effects of Ray Harryhausen?

Answer: CLASH OF THE TITANS

15. Under her rule, Palmyra conquered Egypt in A.D. 269 and overran Asia Minor in the next year. Though she was eventually defeated, her name lived on. FTP, Name this woman, whose name was used for characters in Wharton's Ethan Frome and Hawthorne's The Blithedale Romance.

Answer: ZENOBIA

16. A modern European philosopher, his work influenced artists such as Shaw and Proust. He viewed history as a contest between matter and creative energy, which he termed "elan vital" FTP, name this author of Time and Free Will and Creative Evolution.

Answer: Henri BERGSON

17. By exposing a plate brushed with silver, nitric acid, and iodine for several minutes, you can develop an image fixed on the plate. FTP, what is this technique, named for its French creator?

Answer: DAGUERRETYPE

18. This professor of mathematical physics at Yale University from 1871 to 1903 was the first to show how the laws of thermodynamics apply to chemical processes. FTP, name this scientist, famed for introducing free energy into chemical thermodynamics.

Answer: J. Willard GIBBS

19. Located between 14 and 18 degrees West and 27 and 30 degrees north, these islands were named after the dogs that were found there, not the birds. FTP, name this island group which includes the islands of Valverde and Palma, and which belongs to Spain.

Answer: CANARY Islands or CANARIES

20. Even after the emancipation of the serfs, Russian farming patterns remained unchanged for a half-century. But after the revolution of 1905, changes were made, giving peasants the opportunity to consolidate their holdings into larger landholdings. FTP, give the name applied to these somewhat successful measures, taken from Czar Nicholas II's chief minister.

Answer: STOLYPIN REFORM(s)

21. Financed by "mad" King Ludwig, it included a cave modeled after a scene in one of Wagner's operas. The design for the construction replicated Louis XIV's palace, Trianon. FTP, name this Bavarian castle.

Answer: LINDERHOF

22. In his "The Parliament of Fowls," three eagles compete for the affection of a female eagle. His first long poem was an elegy for Blanche, the Duchess of Lancaster and called "The Book of the Duchess." But this 14th century writer is best known for two much longer works. FTP, name this author of "Troilus and Criseyde" and "The Canterbury Tales."

Answer: Geoffrey CHAUCER

23. Construction took so long that it opened a year later than the anniversary it celebrated. Its buildings, made mostly of wood and plaster of Paris in a neoclassical style, set the standard for public architecture for decades. Millions of visitors could ride the first Ferris wheel and see exhibits of all sorts. FTP, name this event, held on Chicago's lakefront from 1893-94.

Answer: The WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

24. FAQTP, name the Bosnian city, approximately 50 km southeast of Sarajevo, which is being held as a Bosnian enclave, despite the overwhelming presence of Serbs in southeast Bosnia.

Answer: GORAZDE