

## Tossups by Western Michigan A for 1995 Princeton

1. This novel was historic because it wasn't legal in the US until 1933, when Judge John Woolsey rendered his decision redefining obscenity in literature. The story works on two levels, with events of an ordinary day being compared to parallel episodes in *The Odyssey*. FTP, name this work of James Joyce.

Answer: *Ulysses*

2. A new species of this ancient hominid was recently discovered by Meave Leakey in Kenya. The specimens are believed to be 4 million years old, older than any other member of, FTP, what group of hominids, sister species of *Ardipithecus*.

Answer: *Australopithecus*

3. Third in his class at Duke Law School, he was considered not aggressive enough for the FBI, and was turned down by the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell after the interviewer described him as "shifty-eyed." For 10 points, name this late U.S. president whose rejection letter was read aloud to entertain Sullivan and Cromwell partners at an office party during Watergate.

Answer: Richard M. Nixon

4. The Epcot Center at Disney World in Florida may resemble a giant golf ball on a tee, but it is actually a takeoff on the American Pavilion building built in Montreal for Expo '67 by, FTP, what architect known for his dymaxion maps and geodesic domes.

Answer: R. Buckminster \*Fuller\* (prompt if geodesic dome is given on early buzz.)

5. She recently listed some of her favorite movies as *Born Yesterday*, *Tender Mercies* and *Much Ado About Nothing*, and she is on Broadway in the musical *Crazy For You*. FTP, name this actress who is better known as the maid who always had a wisecrack and good advice for Bobby, Marcia and the rest of the Brady family.

Answer: Ann B. Davis

6. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia the twin Petronas Towers are rising to the sky. When the towers are completed next year they will be the world's tallest. That will be a real big bummer, FTP, for what pretty tall building in Chicago, currently the world's tallest.

Answer: Sears Tower

7. A devout Lutheran, he often wrote "INJ," for "In the Name of Jesus" on manuscripts of even his nonreligious music. FTP, name this baroque composer who is famous for "The Well Tempered Clavier" and "The Passion of St. Matthew"

Answer: J.S. Bach

8. When exposed to air, this highly reactive, soft and silvery-white element develops a gray oxidized layer, and in nature must be separated from spodumen or petalite. FTP, name this element that shares its name with an anti-depressive drug, and is #3 on the periodic table.

Answer: Lithium

9. On April 5, 1951, republican minority leader Joseph Martin read a letter he had received from MacArthur. Summarizing the general's views about driving the Communists out of Korea, the letter concluded: "There is no substitute for victory." After hearing this, ~~Truman relieved MacArthur substitute for victory.~~ After hearing this, Truman relieved MacArthur of his command, replacing him with, FTP, whom?

Answer: Matthew Ridgway

10. A mercaptan compound is used to cleave the disulfide bonds linking the cysteine residues of alpha-keratin. An oxidizing agent is then applied to the repositioned substrate, to re-establish the sulfide bonds in the keratin fibers. This is a technical description of, for 10 points, what long-lasting procedure commonly performed in hair salons?

Answer: permanent wave

11. Their language was not Indo-European, and seems unrelated to any language of Europe or the Mediterranean. This civilization prospered from around the 8th to the 1st centuries B.C., before being assimilated by the Roman Empire. FTP, name this civilization that existed on the west coast of Italy between Florence and Rome, and is known for its fine metalwork and art.

Answer: Etruscan

12. He entered NYU in 1936, but quit to learn the importing business. Soon after, he entered Columbia to study writing. He struggled with that occupation until the short story "A Perfect Day for Bananafish" was published. FTP, name this author of *Nine Stories* and *Franny and Zooey*

Answer: J.D. Salinger

## Bonuses by Western Michigan A for 1995 Princeton

1. Identify the explorer for 5 points each.

- a. His men reached and explored Roanoke Island in 1585. Answer: Sir Walter Raleigh
- b. He claimed Brazil for Portugal. Answer: Pedro Cabral
- c. He conquered Peru. Answer: Francisco Pizzaro
- d. He was the first to explore Rio de la Plata. Answer: Juan de Solis

2. Every so often, Webster's Dictionary officially makes new words part of the English language. Identify these recent additions FTP each.

- a. A video recording formatted to display the full frame of a wide screen.  
Answer: letterbox (ed) or (ing)
- b. A person who conveys thoughts or energy from a source outside the person's mind or body.  
Answer: channeler

3. This 1800 mile long river flows through the high elevation of the Himalayas and then enters India, defining the Assam Valley. After flowing through Northern Bangladesh, it empties into the Ganges.

- a. For 15 points, what is this river? Answer: Brahmaputra
- b. For 10 points, spell Brahmaputra Answer: B-R-A-H-M-A-P-U-T-R-A

4. Identify these characters from the novel David Copperfield FTP each.

- a. The servant who raises David and later marries Barkis.  
Answer: Peggotty
- b. David's abusive stepfather.  
Answer: Mr. Murdstone
- c. The evil and self-centered clerk to Mr. Wickfield who shares his name with a 1970's British heavy metal band.  
Answer: Uriah Heep

5. Given the name of a famous building, name its architect, FTP each.

- a. Marshall Field Wholesale Store in Chicago. Answer: Henry Hobson Richardson
- b. Avery Coonley House in Riverside, Illinois. Answer: Frank Lloyd Wright
- c. The Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame Answer: I.M. Pei

6. The acronym's the same. For 10 points each, give the single acronym for each pair of the following:

- a. A trade union founded by Samuel Gompers, and a defunct organization which included the New England Patriots.  
Answer: AFL (American Federation of Labor, American Football League)
- b. An old-fashioned slang expression for British and Irish currency, and a hallucinogenic drug made from a grain fungus.  
Answer: LSD (pounds/shillings/pence had similar symbols, and lysergic acid diethylamide)
- c. The radical student group who wrote the Port Huron Manifesto in 1962, and a detergent used by molecular biologists to make cell components soluble.  
Answer: SDS (Students for a Democratic Society, sodium dodecyl sulfate)

7. Identify the college basketball conference from some schools for a varying number of points.

- a. For five, Connecticut, Syracuse, St. John's. Answer: Big East
- b. For ten, Fullerton State, Utah State, UNLV Answer: Big West
- c. For 15, New Orleans, Louisiana Tech, Western Kentucky Answer: Sunbelt

8. 30-20-10, name the TV show from clues given.

30: One famous cast member goes by the name of Moose in real life

20: Another, whose character's name is Martin, played Winona Ryder's nasty boss in "Reality Bites"

10: The wife of the title character's younger brother can't straddle anything larger than a collie, and has never been seen on the show.

Answer: Frasier

9. Classify these scientific terms for 10 points each.

- a. Of a statistician, a medical technician, and a clinical psychologist, which one is most likely to make use of a Bonferroni test?  
Answer: The Statistician
- b. Of a botanist, an zoologist, and a microbiologist, which is most likely to study bromeliads?  
Answer: The Botanist (they're plants in the pineapple family.)
- c. Of an entomologist, a primatologist, and a geologist, which one, for 10 points, is most likely to work with Pongidae?  
Answer: The Primatologist (it's an ape family)

19. In 1974, 60 years after she died alone and without issue in Cincinnati, a memorial was dedicated to her and placed on the national register of historic sites. For 10 points each, give both the name of this feathered Cincinnati Zoo resident and the common name of her now-extinct species.

Answer: Martha, Passenger Pigeon

20. FTP each, given a work of art from the northern Renaissance, name the artist.

- a. The Knight, Death, and the Devil
- b. Alexander's Victory Over Darius
- c. Hunters in the Snow

Answer: Albrecht DURER  
Answer: Albrecht ALTDORFER  
Answer: Pieter BRUEGEL

21. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, answer these questions about its former secretaries general for the stated number of points.

- a. 5: The war-crimes case against this fourth secretary-general had been documented in the U.N.'s own archives.

Answer: Kurt Waldheim

- b. 10: This second secretary-general was killed in a plane crash en route to peace talks in the Congo on September 18, 1961.

Answer: Dag Hammarskjold (roughly, "Hammer-sholt," but accept anything close)

- c. 15: This first secretary-general, during the red scare of the 1950s, allowed FBI agents to illegally investigate American staffers on the premises of the U.N. building.

Answer: Trygve Lie

22. Alaska has some really high mountains, but for 5 points each, name the highest peaks in these other states?

- a. California
- b. Colorado
- c. Washington
- d. Wyoming
- e. New Mexico

Answer: Whitney  
Answer: Elbert  
Answer: Ranier  
Answer: Gannett  
Answer: Wheeler

23. Name the former political figure, 30-20-10.

30: A Senate colleague once compared him to "a mongrel dog fawning over you one moment and the next moment trying to bite your leg off."

20: Though while he was in power he managed to conceal his alcoholism, he died of cirrhosis of the liver at age 48 in 1957.

10: In a speech on February 9, 1950, he claimed to know of 205 Communist Party members in the State Department.

Answer: Senator Joseph McCarthy

24. I will name a US Governor, and you tell me the state he/she governs.

- a. Fob James
- b. William Weld
- c. Lawton Chiles
- d. Tommy Thompson
- e. Christine Todd Whitman

Answer: Alabama  
Answer: Massachusetts  
Answer: Florida  
Answer: Wisconsin  
Answer: New Jersey

25. 30-20-10, name the political thinker

30: In the 19th century, the political movement named for him advocated birth control for the poor and was led by Robert Owen.

20: This English economist asserted that population, when unchecked by famine or war, would increase too much for people to still live well.

10: He postulated this and many other things (we're sure), in "An Essay on the Principle of Population, as it affects the future improvement of society."

Answer: Thomas Malthus

26. Identify the Pulitzer prize winning play from the author and the year it won the award, for 5 points each, and a five point bonus for all four correct.

- a. 1920, Eugene O'Neill
- b. 1953, William Inge
- c. 1955, Tennessee Williams
- d. 1990, August Wilson

Answer: Beyond the Horizon  
Answer: Picnic  
Answer: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof  
Answer: The Piano Lesson

27. It took years of wrangling, but in 1955, the U.S. government finally granted a patent to two American scientists for the invention of the nuclear reactor. For 10 for one and 25 for both, who were these Italian-born and Hungarian-born physicists?

Answer: Enrico FERMI and Leo SZILARD