

Tossups by Unknown Team 6 for 1995 Princeton

1. He's pictured on the new ten dollar bill--the new, high-tech, Australian ten dollar bill, that is. FTP, name this "bush" poet whose best-known work, "The Man from Snowy River" inspired two feature films.

Answer: Banjo Patterson

2. His father is a biblical scholar, and his mother teaches nursery school. He apparently got the hollow point bullets from his brother, and claimed he acted to keep the Prime Minister from giving all the land away to Arabs. FTP, name this man who joined the ranks of political assassins when he shot and killed Israeli Prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Answer: Yigal Amir

3. In this Fateful Hour, All of Heaven with its power, The Sun with its brightness, the snow with its whiteness ... All these I place between myself and the Powers of Darkness." These lines of a poem are also chapter titles for a classic children's sci-fi novel. FTP, name the third book in the "Wrinkle in Time" series by Madeline L'Engle.

Answer: A Swiftly Tilting Planet

4. IDG books has helped people with math, the Internet, DOS, windows, parenting and wine tasting. Their new book, by Ruth Westheimer, makes us wonder if there aren't things even the very stupid couldn't have figured out. FTP, name the book which comes complete with a safe-sex kit and a question-and-answer section.

Sex for Dummies

5. Dr. Wizbang is feeling lucky. He decides (just for fun) to throw a chunk of cesium into a pail of methanol. The following explosion makes him laugh all the way to the hospital. FTP, name the reaction product that almost sent our intrepid experimenter to his grave.

Answer: hydrogen gas

6. Castle, Chair, Knot, Ontario, Tie, and, or course, all the members of the ever-annoying British royal family can all be, FTP, identified or modified by what name?

Answer: Windsor

7. A particularly unkind review of this novel went something like this: Boy meets girl, boy rapes girl, boy blows up building, boy marries girl. Of course, a little more than that had to have happened, since the book is over 800 pages long. FTP, name this epic novel by Ayn Rand, about an architect named Howard Roark.

Answer: The Fountainhead

8. Reports that she hired a research firm to track press coverage of her and the federal department she heads may cost her her job. FTP, name this former power company head, the current secretary of energy.

Answer: Hazel O'Leary

9. Elements 42, 91, 57, 101, 27, and 49 all have one thing in common--aside from being on the periodic table and being elements. FTP, identify the geographic coincidence people from Denver to Baton Rouge could tell you about.

Answer: All are state abbreviations (Mo, In, La, Pa, Co etc.)

10. It is the most widely mispronounced city in the United States. After all, it is a state capital, and everybody learns those in grade school. People are always trying to add an extra syllable to the end of this city on the Missouri River. So FTP, scrap the French accent, name, and correctly pronounce this city.

Answer: Pierre (pr. Peer)

11. It is a group of British authors and playwrights including Kingsley Amis, John Osborne, and Allan Stillitoe. They practiced left-wing politics, and used themes of alienation in their works. A Billy Joel song from his Russian album might describe any one of them. FTP, name the group.

Answer: Angry Young Men

12. One of this band's earliest videos features band members taking turns shaving and wearing a bear suit, while the singer keeps explaining that his "heart is a flower." Since then, this group has written songs about Martin Scorsese and a detachable male body part. FTP, name this phallic American band, whose albums include "The Way To Salvation" and "Happy Hour."

Answer: King Missile

13. Prudhoe Land, King Christian X Land, Ammassalik, Peary Land and the Frederick Coast can all be found, FTP, on which territory owned by Denmark?

Answer: Greenland

19. Anemia is the lack of red blood cells or hemoglobin in such cells. There are several types of anemia. For 10 points each, name the type of anemia described.

a. This type of anemia is marked by the incomplete maturation of red blood cells, which leads to a reduced level of cells in the blood. It is caused by improper absorption of vitamin B12.

Answer: Pernicious

b. This anemia is caused when an organism, such as a malarial parasite, enters red blood cells and replicates until the cells explode. It can also be an hereditary condition.

Answer: Hemolytic

c. Damage to the bone marrow, by such things as lead, benzene, or radiation, which hampers its ability to produce red blood cells is the cause of this type of anemia

Answer: Aplastic

20. Over the last five years twenty different teams have appeared in the NCAA men's basketball final four. However, only five teams have appeared more than once since 1991. For 5 points each, name the five teams.

Answer: North Carolina, Duke, Michigan, Arkansas, and Kansas

21. Ohio and Virginia are both nicknamed 'the father of presidents', both having produced eight presidents of the United States. How much do you know about president from Ohio?

1. For 15 points, who was the first US president to be born in Ohio? He was born in 1822.

Answer: Ulysses S. Grant

2. For 10 points, who was the most recent US president born in Ohio? The year was 1865.

Answer: Warren G. Harding

22. Certain words have several different meanings, some of which are nouns and some of which are verbs. Identify the following common English words given two of their definitions for 10 points each.

1. noun -- A formal agreement

verb -- To reduce in size

Answer: Contract

2. noun -- The stem of a plant

verb -- To approach stealthfully

Answer: Stalk

3. noun -- A medieval steel war club

verb -- to spray with a certain chemical

Answer: Mace

23 Identify the following musical instruments from the brief description, for 10 points each.

a. This concert key instrument has only seven positions.

Answer: trombone

b. This low pitched instrument has four strings, tuned to A G D and A.

Answer: cello

c. This is the general name for a group of stringed instruments with a resonator but no neck or arms.

Answer: zither

24. Identify this nation, 30-20-10.

30: The two major ethnic groups in this former French colony are the Merina (also called the Hova) and the Betsileo.

20: This is the primary home of lemurs, and other unusual animals due this nation's isolation

10: It is the 4th largest island in the world. It even has its own area on the board in the game Risk.

Answer: Madagascar

25. Recently, highly detailed maps of the ocean floor have become declassified. Scientists and fishermen worldwide are celebrating. The maps were generated using satellite images gathered from two different groups. One group is a branch of the US armed forces, and the other is a non-domestic agency. For 10 points each, name the two groups.

Answer: The Navy and the European Space Agency

26. Linguistic geographers have identified five major dialects of American speech. For 5 points each, and a 5 point bonus for all five, name them.

Answer: Northern, Midland, Highland Southern, Coastal Southern, New York City