

Tossups by Cornell, 1995 Questions on the Crum

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Ruling from 976 to 1014, he died after defeating the Norse at Clontarf. Celebrated in chronicles, his death ended effective Irish control over the Scots. FTP, name this Irish king who was the first to rule over a united Ireland, whose unusual title translates as "Brian of the Tribute."

A: BRIAN BORU

2

One day real estate agents Shelley Levine, Dave Moss, George Aaronow, and Ricky Roma learned there would be a contest at the office. First prize was a Cadillac, second prize was a set of steak knives, third prize was getting fired. FTP, name the David Mamet play and movie which depicted an attempt to sell at all costs.

A: GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS

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Talc, Gypsum, Calcite, Fluorite, Apatite, Orthoclase, Quartz, Topaz, Corundum, Diamond. FAQTP, these are the defining values to what scale, developed by a German-Austrian mineralogist?

A: MOHS Hardness Scale

4

This city has two football teams, the Blues and the Reds. Home to the Northern Stock Exchange, it, along with Liverpool, formed the first rail system in Britain in 1830. Connected by canals to the Mersey River, it was the seat of the Industrial Revolution in Northern England. FTP, name this second largest city in England.

A: MANCHESTER

5

He began in 1951 painting cowboys and indians in modern style. In 1968, he became the first American artist to have an exhibition at London's Tate Gallery. His distinctive style came from his use of a metal stencil to simulate a benday screen. FTP, name this artist known for his style which resembles comic strips.

A: Roy LICHTENSTEIN

6

He used shoe polish, a razor and a block of wood to fashion a pistol, with which he bluffed his way out of a jail in Crown Point, Indiana in 1934. Some say this Most Wanted bankrobber's death that same year was faked. FTP, name this man, gunned down by Melvin Purvis outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

A: John DILLINGER

7

He gets the ideas for his videos from a multitude of sources. He got the idea for "You Wreck Me" from the 1960's movie "The Thomas Crown Affair." Alice in Wonderland inspired his "Don't Come Around Here No More." We can only suspect the source of his dancing with the dead body of Kim Basinger for "Mary Jane's Last Dance." FTP, name this prolific frontman for the Heartbreakers.

A: Tom PETTY

8

Due to it, there are few paved roads in the Yukon. Laying Asphalt on top of this land would cause it to absorb heat, which would cause it to melt into runny black mud. FTP, name this phenomenon where land stays below freezing all year long.

A: PERMAFROST

9

Born in Venice in 1678, he became the music director for the Ospedale della Pieta in 1703. He was the first composer to use ritornello, consistently using it for his many concertos. FTP, name this Italian Composer of "Juditha Triumphas," and "The Four Seasons."

A: Antonio VIVALDI

10

Given a series of observations from a random variable X, with mean μ and variance σ^2 , if observations of X of size n are collected, the mean of the sample \bar{X} , as n approaches infinity, will become a randomly variable approaching a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ/\sqrt{n} . FTP, this is a description of what theorem, useful in statistics and probability.

A: CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

11

It was only a spoken language until the mid 19th century. Based on the South Holland dialect of 17th century Dutch settlers, it underwent phonetic changes and gained words from other languages. FTP, name this language, which in 1925, replaced Dutch as the official language of South Africa.

A: AFRIKAANS

12

While the Richter Scale is able to measure the magnitude of an earthquake, assessing the damage caused by one does not correlate to the Richter Scale. To remedy this, an Italian seismologist invented a scale of twelve degrees. Roman numeral 1 corresponds to minor damage, while Roman Numeral Twelve represents complete collapse of structures. FTP, name this scale, for which the Kobe earthquake last January was one of the highest scores ever.

A: MERCALLI Scale

13

Originally known as the Society of the Friends of the Constitution, their meetings were held in a former Dominican convent. By 1791, moderate members moved to the Feuillants. By 1793, 5000 of these clubs could be found in France. FTP, name this radical group of the French Revolution generally associated with Robespierre.

A: JACOBINS

14

Born on Cyprus, he believed that there were only two types of people, ones who were good in every way, and those who were totally without virtue. He also believed that the human soul was really only reason, and that fear, ambition, and the like were to be eliminated. FTP, name this founder of Stoicism.

A: ZENO

15

Their names are Neal, Mike, Rik, and Vyvyan ["Vivian"]. They all are students at Scumbag University, but never attend class. In one episode they played the British University Challenge, and almost won, had Rik not answered the question "Who's been messing with my packet?" correctly. FTP, name this British comedy series of the early eighties, previously seen on MTV and PBS, but now on Comedy Central.

A: The YOUNG ONES

16

One of the most used to end a piece is the V-I ("five, one"), which works from a chord built on a fifth to a chord built on the key note. The IV-I ("four, one"), is also used often in hymns to signal 'Amen.' FTP, name this music device used to lead listeners to expect a stopping point, also used to describe the rhythm of a march.

A: CADENCE

17

Originally designed by Anthemius of Tralles and Isidore of Miletus, minarets were added in 1453. A miracle of architecture when built, its central dome collapsed in 563, demanding serious repairs. FTP, name this major landmark of Byzantium, constructed under Justinian I from 532 to 537 AD.

A: HAGIA SOPHIA

18

In this state, observances include Covered Bridge Week, Lithuanian Independence Day, and Rachel Carson Day. It's highest point is Mount Davis, a rather unimpressive peak in the Appalachian chain. Some other major attractions include the Frick Art Museum, the Rodin Museum, and Dutch Wonderland. FTP, identify this state, where you are currently sitting.

A: PENNSYLVANIA

19

Because these events are beyond human control, people ordinarily are not held accountable for losses due to them. Common types in law include flooding, earthquakes, and falling trees. FTP, give the three word legal term, which is often found in insurance policies.

A: ACT OF GOD

20

Closely related to the feng-huang of China, India's garuda, and the rukh of Arabian legend, only one exists at a time. Known as the bird of incense, this red and gold bird represents rebirth. FTP, name this bird which dies every 500 years, only be born from its own ashes.

A: PHOENIX

21

The sea is a "Whale-road", a battle is a "Storm of Swords." It's usually done by substituting a common noun with a descriptive figure. Found in AngloSaxon and Norse poetry, some of the best examples are found in "Beowulf." FTP, name this literary device.

A: KENNING

22

The first pair in this series were named for what they looked like, Gumdrop and Spider. They were followed by Odyssey and Aquarius, America and Challenger, Casper and Orion, Charlie Brown and Snoopy, and the most famous Columbia and Eagle. FTP, these were the names for the Command and Lunar modules of what US Space

Exploration Series?

A: APOLLO (Prompt on: COMMAND AND LUNAR MODULES)

23

He was born in Germany and later emigrated to Switzerland and eventually became a U.S. citizen before his 1970 death. Among his works is the 1946 *Arch of Triumph*, but he is by far best known for his 1929 classic about life in the trenches in World War I. FTP, name this author of *All Quiet on the Western Front*.

A: Erich Maria REMARQUE

24

In botany, this word is used instead of phylum. In the Navy, it is the basic unit of administration. FAQTP, name this eight letter term usually taught first in the long form.

A: DIVISION

25

Probably under the influence of pre-Christian tradition, his feast day falls at Midsummer's Day. He was born to St. Elizabeth, at a time when she thought she was too old. FTP, name this saint, beheaded by order of Herod, and at the request of Salome.

A: Saint JOHN the BAPTIST (Prompt on John)