

Tossups by Princeton Valiant, 1995 Questions on the Crum

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President Clinton promised in his campaign for President that his Cabinet would "look like America" and sought to assure that a fair number of women and minorities occupied top level spots. One such woman was given a lesser-known Cabinet post that was not even such a post until Clinton elevated it after his inauguration. FTP, who is Clinton's Ambassador to the United Nations?

A: Madeline K. ALBRIGHT

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Warning: Two answers required. This year, the Mars corporation has decided to add a new color to the traditional colors of M & M's. In order to determine the new color, Mars is holding a national vote. FTP, name any two of the three candidates.

A: PINK; PURPLE; BLUE

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This is one of very few known molecules which possesses a structure which is icosadodecahedral. It is obtained by mass spectroscopy from samples of certain types of soot. FTP, name this third-known isomer of carbon, named after a famous architect.

A: BUCKMINSTERFULLERENE or BUCKY BALLS or C-60

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The name's the same: Debbie won a gold medal for the US in the 1984 Winter Olympics; Edwin invented FM radio; Henry is the only professional boxer to hold three world titles in three different weight classes simultaneously, Louis was the lead performer of the Hot Five, and Neil took the most famous step in history in 1969. FTP, what's the shared last name?

A: ARMSTRONG

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FAQTP, what eight-letter Italian word is the specific opposite of the art technique known as relief?

A: INTAGLIO

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Canal, Forks, Rapids, Central, Piano, Unification, Jury, Canyon, and Coulee. FTP, what word can logically precede any of these words?

A: GRAND

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Surprisingly, this author's first books, such as *The Flight of a Moth*, were works of fiction. It was not until 1922 that she began writing on her better-known subject, with such works as *Children are People*, *The Personality of a House*, and her most famous *Etiquette: the Blue Book of Social Usage*. FTP, name this crusader for better manners.

A: Emily POST

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Robert Greenlease, Lee Crary, Polly Klaas, Frank Sinatra Jr., Katie Beers, Charles Lindbergh Jr., and Patty Hearst. FTP, all of these people were the victims of what crime?

A: KIDNAPPING

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Among this composer's lesser-known works are "The Pearl Fishers," "The Fair Maid of Perth," and "Djamileh." He is more famous for "Jeux d'enfants" (Zhoo Dahn-FAHNTZ) and the music used throughout *The Bad News Bears*. FTP, name this composer, best known for an opera featuring Don José and the title gypsy.

A: Georges BIZET

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This novel is subtitled *The Children's Crusade*, and is described as a "telegraphic schizophrenic manner of tales of the planet Tralfamadore, where the flying saucers come from" on its title page. FTP, name this book by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

A: SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE

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No, it's not a way to get from the Bronx to Queens, but it is a way of determining an unknown resistance. It uses three variable resistors, which are adjusted until an attached galvanometer reads zero. The unknown resistance hooked into the circuit can then be determined. FTP, name this device, the earliest known type of ohmmeter.

A: WHEATSTONE BRIDGE (do not accept Whitestone Bridge)

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This musical term refers to a system of notation which uses letters, numbers, and other symbols to indicate which strings to hold, keys to press, or holes to cover, rather than the usual system of pitch and duration. FTP, identify

this term, which today usually refers to the 6-line numbered notation which is of invaluable use to guitarists.

A: TABLATURE (prompt on "Tab")

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The word's the same: a device used in carpentry allowing the worker to saw at a specific angle, and the pointy "fence-post digger" hat worn by certain clerical officials of the Catholic Church. FTP, what's the common word?

A: MITER (accept MITER BOX on an early buzz)

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This president's numerical ranking in the list of presidents of the United States is the same as the last two digits of the year in which he was elected. While he was in office, the "War of the Worlds" radio scare took place, Richard Wright published *Native Son*, the 21st amendment was ratified, and Huey Long was assassinated. FTP, identify this president, our country's 32nd.

A: FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT (prompt on Roosevelt)

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The name's the same: the system agreed to by the EEC to keep fluctuations in exchange rates within certain limits, and the nickname of professional wrestler Jake Roberts. FTP, what's the common name?

A: the SNAKE

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Pencils and Paper Ready? This week, Colin Ferguson was sentenced to six consecutive life sentences followed by 19 8-and-one-third to 25-year sentences, to run consecutively. If we let each life sentence be, oh, 60 years, and he serves the maximum of the remaining 19 sentences, FTP, how many total years does Colin stand to serve?

A: 835 (60 x 6 + 25 x 19)

17

This band's first album had no catchy title, but was immediately successful when it was released in the '70s. Since then, the band has produced just three albums: *Don't Look Back*, *Third Stage*, and last year's *Walk On*. FTP, name this band, known for the song "More Than a Feeling," that shares its name with the New England city from which it originates.

A: BOSTON

18

This week, Norio Ohga announced that he would step down as head of this corporation, making room for successor Nobuyuki Idei. FTP, what corporation?

A: SONY

19

He was born Petrus Sabbatius around 482. With the help of Belisarius, he regained North Africa from the Vandals, and Italy from the Ostrogoths. After 532, he rebuilt the Hagia Sophia to its former glory. FTP, name this emperor, most famous for the codification of Roman law.

A: JUSTINIAN the Great, or JUSTINIAN the First

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FAQTP, the symbols for chemical elements 50, 18, and 19, taken in this order, spell the name of what Lewis Carroll creature?

A: SNARK (Sn + Ar + K)

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One of Maxwell's four equations, it is named after a German mathematician and physicist who originally derived it for the gravitational force. The equivalent of Coulomb's Law, it relates the electric field through any closed surface to the total charge enclosed by that surface, but is useful only in describing quantitatively fields that exhibit symmetry. FTP, what is this law of electrostatics?

A: GAUSS's Law

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Negro, Marañon, Pilcomayo, Paraná, Magdalena, and Orinoco. FAQTP, these rivers can all be found on what continent?

A: SOUTH AMERICA

23

Dying in 1893 at the age of 43, this French author was a part of the naturalistic school of literature that centered on Zola. He wrote several novels, but is most famous for his short stories, which focus on the lives of rural dwellers and civil servants. FTP, name this author of the frequently anthologized story "The Necklace."

A: Guy DE MAUPASSANT

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Sports Illustrated started awarding its Sportsman of the year distinction in 1954, but it took nearly twenty years until it gave the honor to its first Sportswoman of the year. Name this tennis star who won the award in 1972.

A: Billie Jean KING

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Many said it couldn't be done, but in 1989 a major international agreement promised the world major reduction in the emissions of ozone-depleting CFCs. FTP, name either the agreement or the city in which it was negotiated.

A: The MONTREAL Protocol