

Tossups by Williams, et. al., 1995 Questions on the Crum

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It burns the skin and can cause severe poisoning or even death if swallowed. Yet it is used to cauterize burn wounds to prevent infection and some states even require that the eyes of newborn infants be treated with a mild solution of it to prevent blindness. FTP, name this compound which is also used in mirrors and photographic film.

A: SILVER NITRATE

2

He had the unfortunate luck to be president during the first great depression in the United States. However, his strong belief in Jeffersonian democracy would not allow him to expand the role of government; instead, he just made sure an independent treasury was created for government funds. This, along with a near war between Maine and New Brunswick, might have explained his inability to win reelection. FTP, name the "Fox of Kinderhook" who was President during the Panic of 1837.

A: Martin VAN BUREN

3

This physical term refers to a substance that makes possible two different values of phase velocity for a given direction of propagation of a light wave. FTP, name this term that describes a medium with two orthogonal axis of polarization, each having a different index of refraction.

A: BIREFRINGENT (Grudgingly accept DOUBLY REFRACTIVE)

4

Noted composers of this form of piece were Josquin (Zhos-kan), Dufay (Doo-Fai-ee), Machaut (Ma-sho), and Perotin. FTP, give the name of this form of musical work whose name comes from the French word for "word."

A: MOTET

5

He was instrumental in establishing playgrounds and parks in New York City, and as a reporter for the *New York Tribune* and the *New York Evening Sun* he exposed graft, vice, and crime in the slums of the city. FTP, name this reformer, sometimes called America's first photojournalist, best known for his 1890 work *How the Other Half Lives*.

A: Jacob RIIS

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The Sarien Encounter, Vohaul's Revenge, The Pirates of Pestulon, Roger Wilco and the Time Rippers, and The Next Mutation are the first five subtitles in a series of computer games by Sierra On-Line. FTP, name this series featuring sophomoric puns and low-brow humour written by the ubiquitous Two Guys From Andromeda.

A: SPACE QUEST

7

FAQTP, what Hungarian social philosopher is considered the founder of the sociology of knowledge?

A: Karl MANNHEIM

8

Albert Einstein was not the only scientific genius to have worked as a clerk before reaching fame. An even more mysterious worked as a clerk before reaching mathematical stardom. His eschewed formal proofs and died very young after leaving his native India for England. FTP, name this man best known for his results in combinatorics and number theory.

A: Srinivasa RAMANUJAN

9

His book, *Uh-Oh*, did not do as well as it could have in the bookstores, probably because it was pretty lame. His book before that, *It Was On Fire When I Lay It Down*, however, did do pretty well, but nothing has topped the sales of his first book: *All I Really Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten*. FTP, name this Unitarian minister-turned-inspirational author.

A: Robert FULGHUM

10

"I Want to Live," "Popsicle," "Warning Sign," "(Nothing But) Flowers," "Stay Up Late," and "Road to Nowhere," are just some of this band's favorite hits. FTP, name this group better known for songs like "Burning Down the House" and "Once in a Lifetime."

A: TALKING HEADS

11

It was published under the title "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male" in 1947, although this is not how it was commonly known. FTP, give the common name for this famous study of sexual behaviour that reflects the name of the Indiana professor who published it.

A: The KINSEY REPORT

12

He lived from 1811-1832 and held the title of Duke of Reichstadt. However, despite this prominence, it was nothing compared to the title which his infamous father gave him of "King of Rome." FTP, name this man who, upon being given the French throne in 1814, was not recognized by the Senate but was instead replaced by Louis XVIII.

A: NAPOLEON II (prompt on Napoleon)

13

Russel Sage, Iona, Elmira, Adelphi, Pace, King's, Skidmore, Rensselaer, and Bard are all colleges or universities, FTP, in what American state that borders Lake Ontario and Lake Erie?

A: NEW YORK

14

During the 13th century, this kingdom controlled the Western Mediterranean, with its possessions stretching from Sicily to Iberia. Although it got its name from an inland Iberian kingdom, Catalonia dominated its economic life. It eventually united with Castille to form Spain. FTP, name this region, home of famous Catherine.

A: ARAGON

15

You think Thomas Pynchon is reclusive? What if you published a novel that created such a stir that people called you the female Marquis de Sade, and they weren't even sure if you were a woman? FTP, name this mysterious author of *The Story of O*, who has never written or published another novel.

A: Pauline REAGE

16

His illustrations for Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha" were among the most precisely drawn works of his career. He later moved towards vivid colors and broad brushstrokes, as in his *Downing the Nigh Leader*. FTP, name this artist and sculptor of *The Bronco Buster* known for his depictions of the Old West.

A: Frederic REMINGTON

17

This false god of the New Testament has an entry in the *Advanced Dungeons and Dragons Montstrous Compendium*, and is also the namesake of Mr. Burns' street on *The Simpsons*. FTP, name this personification of greed and the relentless pursuit of wealth, which man cannot serve while he serves God.

A: MAMMON

18

He was born in Jamaica in 1890, and his first collections of poetry were published there. He moved to the U.S. in 1912 and spent the rest of his life in London, Paris, and New York, publishing novels such as *Home to Harlem* and his autobiography *A Long Way From Home*. FTP, name this black novelist and poet who was also an editor of the socialist newspaper *The Liberator*.

A: Claude MCKAY

19

He developed the ideas of "served" and "servant" spaces in architecture. "Served" space represents space where the occupants live and work, while "servant" space is functional space, like a stairwell. Though his projects include such notable work as the Yale Art Gallery, his most famous work was the master plan for the Bangladeshi capital. FTP, name this American architect.

A: Louis KAHN

20

FAQTP, what English preacher and reformer founded the Salvation Army?

A: William BOOTH

21

The first and last names are the same: an American politician and abolitionist who founded the antislavery newspaper "True American," served in the Kentucky legislature, and was minister to Russia from 1863-1869, or the world-famous boxer who now shares his name with another historical figure. FTP, give the common name of these Kentuckians.

A: CASSIUS CLAY (prompt on Clay)

22

He was selected as an all-star 22 times, and played with his sons at the age of 52. He held records for games, goals, assists, and points, but could not hold onto all of them after Wayne Gretzky had been playing long enough. FTP, name his hockey legend.

A: Gordie HOWE

23

Panay, Samar, Cebu, Mindoro, Leyte and Mindanao and Luzon are all islands

that make up, FTP what Asian nation, whose capital is Manila.

A: The PHILIPPINES

24

Uma Thurman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Nicole Kidman, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemon. FTP, these people, along with a few others, donned lingerie to span the cover of the recent edition of what magazine sharing its name with a William Thackeray novel?

A: VANITY FAIR

25

He was fascinated by color, and made several rather complex theories about it, including ones that speculated that colored lights did not make up white light, but were instead formed from white light and darkness. However, most people know him from his literary achievements, such as his *Roman Elegies* and *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. FTP, name this German literary master, author of *Faust*.

A: Johann Wolfgang Von GOETHE

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This may be caused by a lack of calcium and vitamin D, or possibly by the inability of the body to use those substances properly. FTP, name this bone disease that occurs mostly in children under three years of age, which can result in bowlegs, knock-knees, or funnel chest.

A: RICKETS