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Questions by University of North Carolina

1. Donkeys were sacrificed at the principal shrine to this Greek god, who loved the nymph Lotis. Less commonly depicted as a god of luck and good fortune, his father may have been Hermes, Dionysus, Pan, or even Zeus, but his mother is definitely Aphrodite. FTP name this Greek fertility god, easily recognized by his constantly erect phallus.

Answer: Priapus

2. His writing expressed his innovative ideas about vegetarianism, spiritualism, and teetotaling, but it was his anti-slavery stance in "The Prayer of Twenty Millions" which brought him national attention. Decades after founding the New York Tribune, he founded the Liberal Republican party and was its presidential candidate in 1872. FTP, name this newspaper editor and statesman who developed a model town in Colorado so that others could heed his famous advice, "Go West, young man."

Answer: Horace Greeley

3. The sets are stark and angular, with strange lights and shadows painted on to create the atmosphere of a lunatic's fantasy. The plot is a mental patient's macabre tale of a traveling hypnotist who commits murder by controlling the sleepwalking Cesare. FTP name this 1914 grandfather of the horror genre, a German film directed by Robert Wiene.

Answer: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari

4. At Radcliffe College, one of her professors complimented her "unusual power of abstract thought" but criticized her by saying "your vehemence runs away with your syntax." She studied medicine at Johns Hopkins but dropped out in her final semester to live with her brother Leo in Paris. Her essay collection Four in America features sketches of George Washington, U.S. Grant, Wilbur Wright, and Henry James. FTP, name this expatriate author of The Making of Americans, Three Lives, and Tender Buttons.

Answer: Gertrude Stein

5. He graduated from Harvard in 1939 and studied music with Fritz Ranier at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He first made his name by conducting the New York Philharmonic as a substitute for Bruno Walter. Among his works are the symphonies "Jeremiah" and "Kaddish" as well as the score for "On the Waterfront". FTP name this man, named conductor of the New York Symphony in 1945, who was known for his Young People's concerts.

Answer: Leonard Bernstein

6. It can be treated with the drug acyclovir. The initial infection usually occurs during childhood or infancy and subsequently becomes dormant. Symptoms can then be triggered at a later time by such factors as fever, exposure to sunlight, menstruation, or pregnancy. FTP name this viral disease causing infection of the skin that is characterized by one of more fluid filled blisters which usually appear around the lips or the genitals.

Answer: herpes simplex (prompt on cold sores)

7. Introduced in 1965 by Lofti Zadeh, this system is a superset of Boolean logic. Originally intended to model the uncertainty of spoken language, it uses linguistic variables which can have variable levels of truthfulness. FTP, name this system of logic c which has been employed in such tasks as pattern recognition software and modeling financial markets.

Answer: fuzzy logic

8. Slightly smaller than California and landlocked, it became the target of UN sanctions in 1967 due to the oppressive military regime of white minority Prime Minister Ian Smith. Colonized by Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company in 1890, it was recognized as independent in 1980. FTP name this nation, formerly Southern Rhodesia, which has its capital at Harare.

Answer: Zimbabwe

9. His enemies once framed him for defiling the statues of Hermes in Athens. His return to Athens is incidentally treated in Timon of Athens. He was murdered in 406 BC after an Athenian naval defeat. Earlier, he had given up command of the forces on the Syracusan expedition and fled to Sparta. FTP name this nephew of Pericles and leading Athenian politician of the fifth century BC.

Answer: Alcibiades

10. This novel tells of the rise, fall, and return of Frank Cowperwood, who dabbles in business, politics, world travel, adultery, and white-collar crime. Based on the life of a notorious nineteenth century figure, the tale continues in its sequel "The Titan". For ten points, identify this 1912 novel by Theodore Dreiser about a man who's got a way with money.

Answer: The Financier

11. Designed by the scholars Isidorus of Miletus and Anthemius of Tralles, though it served as a mosque for five centuries, it has more recently been restored to its original state and is notable for its unparalleled giant dome and rich golden mosaics. FTP, identify this Istanbul landmark the name of which means "Holy Wisdom", the most spectacular Byzantine church ever constructed.

Answer: Hagia Sophia or Santa Sophia

12. FTP, give the common year of these events: Peru and Bolivia unite for mutual protection; Samuel Colt invents the revolver; Dutch Boers in South Africa begin the Great Trek; Arkansas becomes the 25th state; Texans win independence from Mexico despite losing at the Alamo; ~~and Martin Van Buren is elected the 8th President of the U.S.~~

Answer: 1836

13. A Hebrew word for "ear of corn", in Judges 12: 4-6 it was used by the Gileadites to maintain control of the fords over the River Jordan. Ephraimites who failed to pronounce the word correctly were beheaded. FTP name this Biblical word which in modern linguistics means any test case for correct usage.

Answer: shibboleth

14. First synthesized in 1940 by Emilio Segre, it was given a Greek name meaning "unstable" due to its tendency to rapidly undergo alpha decay into bismuth. One of the rarest naturally occurring elements, it usually behaves like a radioactive form of iodine. FTP, identify this element with atomic number 85, the heaviest member of the halogen family.

Answer: astatine

15. His wife remarked that "he is always in Paradise". In 1809 he held a one-man exhibition of his tempera paintings called "A Descriptive Catalogue". His art influenced the later movement of Art Nouveau, and he did illustrations for such works as "The Book of Job" and "The Divine Comedy" as well as "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell" and "Songs of Innocence". For 10 points, name the English artist who also wrote those last two titles.

Answer: William Blake

16. This British inventor measured the speed of electricity in a wire and helped develop the first telegraph system in England. In addition to the device most commonly associated with him, he invented the rheostat and suggested the principle behind the stereoscope. For ten points, name this Englishman famous among electrical engineers for his method of determining unknown resistances in his "bridge".

Answer: Sir Charles Wheatstone

17. In his later years he became a gunrunner in Africa and died of complications resulting from the amputation of his leg. Believing that the role of poetry to be one of mystic revelation, he studied occult writings, read Buddhist scriptures, and deliberately debauched himself to achieve transcendence through sin and suffering. FTP identify this French poet, who captured the essence of his life in "The Drunken Boat", the longtime companion of Paul Verlaine.

Answer: Arthur Rimbaud

18. It was approved by the House in 1971 and the Senate in 1972, and was supported by both major presidential candidates in the 1976 election. However, a conservative backlash led by Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly ultimately helped prevent it from getting the approval of enough states. FTP identify this proposed constitutional amendment which is now seen as an artifact of the 1960's style womens' liberation movement.

Answer: ERA or Equal Rights Amendment

19. It was established in 1980 by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and since the name seemed more memorable than "CERCLA" it stuck. The term refers to the availability of public money as temporary assistance until responsibility for hazardous wastes is determined. For ten points, identify this federal toxic waste cleanup program under the administration of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Answer: Superfund

20. His last words were "I desire to go to hell and not to heaven. In the former place I shall enjoy the company of popes, kings, and princes, while in the latter are only beggars, monks, and apostles." His writings include "Life of Castruccio Castracani", the play "La Mandragola", a "History of Florence", and the "Discourses on the First Ten Books of Livy". FTP name this man who got a reputation of amoral cynicism after the publication of his most famous work "The Prince"

Answer: Niccolo Machiavelli

21. It was measured along 39 degrees, 43 minutes, 19.11 seconds north latitude between the years 1763 and 1767. Two British astronomers were hired to survey it in order to settle a long-time colonial dispute. FTP name this boundary which emerged as the metaphorical division between the Northern and Southern states.

Answer: Mason-Dixon Line

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1. FTP each, answer these questions about the labors of Heracles.

1. When Heracles captured this beast as his third labor, he brought it to the court of Eurystheus who hid in a large jar he had made for times of danger.

Answer: Erymanthian Boar

2. Heracles dished out poetic justice to this king by feeding him to his own flesh-eating horses.

Answer: Diomedes

3. Heracles' final labor, a symbolic vanquishing of death, was to kidnap this guardian of Hades.

Answer: Cerberus

2. Identify these people associated with the first year of the French Revolution, 1789, 10 pts. each.

a. This reform-minded minister, long a favorite of Parisians, was fired by Louis XVI, thus helping to spur the violence that erupted at the Bastille on July 14.

Answer: Jacques Necker

b. The governor of the Bastille, he ordered his men to fire into the crowd, killing 98. He surrendered after the mob blasted down the main gate, was murdered, and had his head paraded around the city on a pike.

Answer: de Launay

c. This clergyman helped lead to the formation of the National Assembly by helping to articulate goals in his pamphlet What is the Third Estate.

Answer: Abbe Sieyes

3. For the stated number of points, identify the authors of these lunar literary works.

1. 10 pt: The Moon of the Caribees

Answer: Eugene O'Neill

2. 5 pt: The Moonstone

Answer: Wilkie Collins

3. 10 pt: The Moon is Down

Answer: John Steinbeck

4. 5 pt: The Moon and Sixpence

Answer: W. Somerset Maugham

4. The recent trend of retirement in the U.S. Senate continues in this election year, so for 5 points each name the Senator retiring from each of the following states.

1. Georgia

Answer: Sam Nunn

2. Maine

Answer: William Cohen

3. Alabama

Answer: Howell Heflin

4. New Jersey

Answer: Bill Bradley

5. Wyoming

Answer: Alan Simpson

6. Rhode Island

Answer: Clalborne Pell

5. For 10 points each, answer these questions about scientific advances in the year 1800.

1. This scientist used zinc and copper plates to produce the first electric battery.

Answer: Alessandro Volta

2. Infrared solar radiation was discovered by this German-English astronomer.

Answer: William Herschel

3. This British inventor and railway pioneer built the first steam engine to use high pressure steam.

Answer: Richard Trevithick

6. 30-20-10, identify the musical note.

1. Among the few modern instruments pitched in its key are the alto flute and bass trombone.

2. It designates the lowest string of a standard violin as well as an alternate name for the treble clef.

3. This note is tonally equivalent to A-double-flat.

Answer: G

7. Ian McKellan's recent portrayal of Richard III as a 20th century fascist dictator is not the first time Shakespeare has been transplanted. Identify the following films based on Shakespeare for 10 each.

1. This Paul Mazursky film starred John Cassavetes as an exiled playwright, living on an island with his daughter Miranda (Molly Ringwald in her screen debut) and lover Aretha played by Susan Sarandon.

Answer: Tempest

2. Also based on "The Tempest", this 1957 science fiction classic substitutes Robby the Robot for Ariel and Walter Pidgeon for Prospero, while Leslie Nielsen saves the day.

Answer: Forbidden Planet

3. This 1991 Gus Van Sant film about a pair of male prostitutes, which starred Keanu Reeves and River Phoenix, featured "additional dialogue" by William Shakespeare.

Answer: My Own Private Idaho

8. Identify these potentially confusable "Isms" for 10 points each.

1. Developed by Charles Lyell, this doctrine stating that current processes are sufficient to account for all geologic change replaced the old notion of catastrophism.

Answer: Uniformitarianism

2. This religious movement stresses the free use of reason and holds that God exists in only one person, denying the doctrine of the Trinity and the divinity of Christ.

Answer: Unitarianism

3. This philosophical school of thought, advanced by Peter Singer and John Stuart Mill, is based on the idea of creating the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Answer: Utilitarianism

9. For 10 points each, answer these questions about astrophysicists' search for the mysterious dark matter.

1. Some scientists believe the missing mass of the universe is in clouds of unusual bits of matter given a whimsical acronym name.

Answer: WIMPs or Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

2. Others contend that the missing matter is in intermediate-sized bodies too small to support nuclear fusion, which were given an appropriate acronym name to oppose the theory of the WIMPs.

Answer: MACHOs or Massive Compact Halo Objects

3. If they exist, MACHOs would most likely be this type of burned-out star that slowly radiates its stored energy into space.

Answer: White Dwarf or Brown Dwarf (accept either)

10. For the stated number of points, answer the following questions about the 1671 verse drama "Samson Agonistes".

1. For 5 points, what English poet wrote "Samson Agonistes"?

Answer: John Milton

2. For 10 points, name the giant representing brute physical force whom Samson defeats.

Answer: Harapha

3. For 15 points, what Aldous Huxley novel takes its title from the poem?

Answer: Eyeless in Gaza

11. Identify these notable Supreme Court cases from descriptions for 10 points each.

1. This 1961 case set forth the exclusionary rule against evidence obtained through illegal searches.

Answer: Mapp v Ohio

2. In this 1918 case, a federal anti-child labor law was overturned on the grounds that it exceeded the commerce power of Congress.

Answer: Hammer v Dagenhart

3. This 1964 case determined that public figures could recover in libel suits against the media only in cases of "actual malice".

Answer: New York Times v Sullivan

12. Identify these art movements given titles of representative paintings for 10 points, or for 5 points if an additional clue about the style is needed.

1. 10) "Dynamism of a Cyclist" and "The City Rises".

5) These Boccioni paintings are typical of the Italian art movement which glorified speed and industry.

Answer: Futurism

2. 10) "Ophelia" and "The Golden Stairs"

5) This group of 19th century English friends formed a secret society in deference to the sincerities of the early Renaissance.

Answer: Pre-Raphaelite

3. 10) "Red on Maroon" and ~~"Target with Four Faces"~~ "Blue Poles"

5) This nonrepresentational American school is based on spontaneity and randomness.

Answer: Abstract expressionism

13. For 5 points each, given a Roman Emperor, name any year in which he ruled the Empire.

1. Claudius

Answer: 41 to 54 AD

2. Diocletian

Answer: 285 to 305 AD

3. Nerva

Answer: 96 to 98 AD

4. Marcus Aurelius

Answer: 161 to 180 AD

5. Julian the Apostate

Answer: 361 to 363 AD

6. Trajan

Answer: 98 to 117 AD

14. For the stated number of points, identify these chemical compounds.

1. For 5: Also known as dextrose or grape sugar, this simple carbohydrate has a pyranose ring.

Answer: glucose

2. For 10: Composed of linked glucose units, this polysaccharide is the primary carbohydrate store in animals.

Answer: glycogen

3. This liquid, also called propane-1,2,3-triol, is a product of the reaction of animal fats with sodium hydroxide.

Answer: glycerol or glycerine

15. For 10 points each identify these writers who lived in France.

1. From 1826 to 1833, this early American author of *The Spy* lived abroad in France as well as spending time in Italy and Spain.

Answer: James Fenimore Cooper

2. He lived in Paris while covering the Spanish Civil War for the Baltimore Afro-American. Among his works are the autobiographical "The Big Sea" and "I Wonder as I Wander".

Answer: Langston Hughes

3. Her works include "D.H. Lawrence: an Unprofessional Study", "The Winter of Artifice", and "The House of Incest".

Answer: Anais Nin

16. Answer the following related questions for the stated number of points.

1. 5 pts: Also known as Kong Fu Zi, he lived from 551-479 BC. Give the better known name of this man.

Answer: Confucius

2. 10 pts: The names of the two most important virtues in Confucian thought may be translated as "benevolent concern for one's fellow man" and "having a combination of manners, etiquette, and propriety." Give the Chinese word for either of these virtues.

Answer: jen or li (be generous on pronunciation)

3. 15 pts: Born about 370 BC and referred to as the "Second Sage," this successor to Confucius wrote an eponymous text that is one of the classics of Confucian thought.

Answer: Mencius (the book is the Book of Mencius)

17. For 10 points each, name these literary movements given clues.

1. This group of British novelists and playwrights, active at the same time as the Beat Generation in the US, included Kingsley Amis and Keith Waterhouse.

Answer: Angry Young Men

2. This group of German writers revitalized the language and literature after World War II, trying to strengthen the ethical foundations of the new West Germany. The name comes from the year of its founding.

Answer: Gruppe 47

3. Members of this diverse group of writers, which did not have a common literary purpose, included Jean Toomer and Carl Van Vechten.

Answer: Harlem Renaissance

18. Answer the following questions about incidents between the U.S. government and the Plains Indians, 10 pts. each.

a. Cheyenne and Arapaho were attacked and clubbed to death in what 1864 massacre?

Answer: Sand Creek

b. What colonel, in charge at Sand Creek, justified the brutal slayings by shouting "nits make lice?"

Answer: John Chivington

c. Two years after Sand Creek, Teton Sioux, defending land along the Powder River lured this captain and his 79 soldiers out of their stockade, killed them, and mutilated their bodies.

Answer: William J. Fetterman

19. Identify these disorders of the liver for ten points each.

1. Researchers have identified at least four forms of this contagious inflammation of the liver lobules.

Answer: hepatitis

2. This buildup of excess scar tissue in the liver can be precipitated by infections or prolonged drug use.

Answer: cirrhosis

3. Caused by a secretion of bilirubin into the bloodstream, it results in a yellowing of the skin and may be a symptom of serious liver damage.

Answer: jaundice

20. For 5 points each, identify the authors of these short stories.

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| 1. "The Last Leaf" | Answer: O. <u>Henry</u> |
| 2. "Only the Dead Know Brooklyn" | Answer: Thomas <u>Wolfe</u> |
| 3. "The Gilded Six-Bits" | Answer: Zora Neale <u>Hurston</u> |
| 4. "Flowering Judas" | Answer: Katherine Anne <u>Porter</u> |
| 5. "Everyday Use" | Answer: Alice <u>Walker</u> |
| 6. "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber" | Answer: Ernest <u>Hemingway</u> |

21. Identify the capitals of these countries for 5 points each.

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| a. Ivory Coast | Answer: <u>Abidjan</u> or <u>Yamoussoukro</u> |
| b. Ghana | Answer: <u>Accra</u> |
| c. Ethiopia | Answer: <u>Addis Ababa</u> |
| d. Kazakhstan | Answer: <u>Alma-Ata</u> |
| e. Jordan | Answer: <u>Amman</u> |
| f. Turkey | Answer: <u>Ankara</u> |

22 Display your knowledge of Presidential lore by answering these questions for 10 points each.

- a. Who was the first president to be born an American citizen?
Martin Van Buren
- b. Who was the last Civil War veteran to become president?
William McKinley
- c. Who was the only president to admit that he had an illegitimate child?
Grover Cleveland

23. 30-20-10 Identify the architect from works.

- 30) The East Wing of the National Gallery of Art, Washington
20) The Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland
10) The Pyramids of the Louvre, Paris
I. M. Pei

24. There are 31 flavors of Baskin-Robbins ice cream but for 5 points each, plus a bonus 5 for all in correct order, name the 5 geologic epochs comprising the Tertiary Period.

Paleocene, Eocene, Oligocene, Miocene, Pliocene

25. For 5 points each, given an NFL team name its home stadium.

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| a. Arizona Cardinals | <u>Sun Devil Stadium</u> |
| b. New England Patriots | <u>Sullivan Stadium</u> |
| c. Detroit Lions | <u>Pontiac Silverdome</u> |
| d. Buffalo Bills | <u>Rich Stadium</u> |
| e. Cincinnati Bengals | <u>Riverfront Stadium</u> |
| f. Pittsburgh Steelers | <u>Three Rivers Stadium</u> |

26. Identify these electrifying terms from chemistry for the stated number of points.

- a. For 5 points, this property of an atom is its relative ability to attract electrons; the highest value belongs to fluorine.
electronegativity
- b. For 10 points, examples of these conductive liquids include molten ionic compounds and solutions of acids or salts.
electrolytes
- c. For 15 points, these positively charged ions precipitate organic reactions by being attracted to pi-bonds of complex molecules.
electrophiles

27. 30-20-10, name this American president.

1. During World War I, he served in the 129th Field Artillery in France.
2. He joined to Pendergast political machine while working as a haberdasher.
3. This husband of Bess Wallace oversaw the beginning of the Korean War.

Answer: Harry S Truman

28. Given an English monarch, identify the royal house they belonged to for 5 points each.

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| a. Henry V | <u>Lancaster</u> |
| b. George V | <u>Windsor</u> |
| c. Anne | <u>Stuart</u> |
| d. Richard II | <u>Plantagenet</u> |
| e. Victoria | <u>Hanover</u> |
| f. Henry I | <u>Normandy</u> |