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TOSS-UPS

1) Set the first 10 letters of the alphabet equal to the numbers one through ten, and the next 16 equal to the multiples of ten up to 160, and then plug in the letters of Napoleon's name and title in French. Or: set A= 101, B=102, and so on, and plug in the letters for either "Hitler" or Bill Clinton's original last name. Or: set the letters of the alphabet equal to their ASCII values, plug in the name of Microsoft's CEO, and add three (since he is, after all, William Gates III). FTP, in all these cases, what three-digit "number of the beast" will you get?

A: _666_

2) Wagner despised him for his political conservatism, while Liszt liked to call him the most boring man in music--a reputation that he never quite escaped, not even after he went insane and started throwing himself into rivers. FTP, name this German romantic composer of four symphonies and husband of Clara Wieck.

A: Robert _SCHUMANN_

3) Unearthed in 1859, it was vastly different from any early humanoid fossil discovered before or since: It was four feet taller than modern man; it was perfectly preserved, even down to the soft tissue; it was made of mica, a mineral that organic remains do not usually petrify into; and finally, unlike many fossils, it was created in a Chicago warehouse. FTP, name this clumsy but celebrated work of scientific fraud from upstate New York.

A: The _CARDIFF GIANT_

4) Approximately half of the Pulitzer judges thought it was the greatest American novel of the century, while the other half thought it was unreadable trash. As a result, after a well-publicized fight, the committee opted to give

no prize at all for fiction for 1974. FTP, name this sprawling novel set in World War II, considered the masterpiece of Thomas Pynchon.

A: _"GRAVITY"S RAINBOW" _

5) It was part of Burgundy from 1420 to 1477, Spanish from 1500 until 1713, Austrian from 1713 to 1794, French from 1794 to 1815, Dutch from 1815 to 1831, and has been an independent nation ever since. FTP, name this small country of Northwestern Europe.

A: _BELGIUM_

[ACC: _NETHERLANDS_ up to "1713"]

6) They were the result of a marathon sexual encounter between Zeus and a titaness that lasted exactly 216 hours, which works out to exactly nine days and nine nights. FTP, give the collective name for these daughters of Mnemosyne, the Greek goddesses of the arts.

A: The _MUSES_

7) In 1990, he had the first rap single ever to climb to number one on the Billboard charts. That same year, he also won the American Music Awards' best new artist prize, which guaranteed that he would never be heard of again. FTP, name this rapper of "Ice Ice Baby."

A: _VANILLA ICE_

8) One example of it is found among the Lancaster County Amish, who have the world's highest frequency of Ellis-van Creveld syndrome, an extremely rare genetic trait that entered the local gene pool through a single eighteenth-century colonist. FTP, name this phenomenon of population genetics, by which a small, newly-isolated community may develop a genetic pattern that is vastly different from that of the outside world.

A: The _FOUNDER EFFECT_

9) The first was known as "Kalita," or "The Purse," on account of his ruthlessness in collecting taxes for the Mongols. The fifth was the feebleminded brother of Peter the Great, and the sixth was dethroned as an infant in 1741. The third was known as "the Great" for his conquest of Novgorod, while the fourth, for fairly obvious reasons, was known as "the Terrible." FTP, give this most common name of six Russian tsars.

A: _IVAN_

10) During its first two years of existence, it did not take up a single piece of work, and its prestige sunk to such a low level that one original member, John Rutledge, resigned in order to accept a state judgeship. FTP, name this tribunal, whose importance only began to increase after the 1803 case of _Marbury vs. Madison_.

A: The U.S. _SUPREME COURT_

11) D.H. Hill had three horses shot out from under him. John B. Gordon survived a bullet through the face. John Wesley Powell lost an arm, the pacifist Dunkers

lost their peace and quiet, Robert E. Lee lost a quarter of his army, George McClellan lost his job, and 20,000 men lost their lives, all at, FTP, what 1862 battle, the bloodiest single day of the U.S. Civil War?

A: ANTIETAM or SHARPSBURG

12) In 1954, the New York Yankees produced their best regular-season mark of the decade, but failed to win the pennant. That is because that same year, another club set an all-time record with 108 wins in just 154 games. FTP, name this team that lost the 1954 World Series to the Giants, their last postseason appearance until 1995.

A: The CLEVELAND INDIANS [prompt on city or team alone]

13) First used in 1850, it made its public debut in 1852, when it spent a time suspended from the domed ceiling of the Paris Pantheon. FTP, name this device for proving the rotation of the earth, which figures prominently in a novel by Umberto Eco.

A: FOUCAULT'S PENDULUM

14) Number eleven is a dinner invitation, number three is a description of Rome, number ten warns against ambition, number seven celebrates the coronation of Hadrian, and number six, which deals with women, contains the observation, "Why marry, as long as there is still rope to hang yourself with?" FTP, name this series of sixteen essays by Juvenal.

A: The SATIRES

15) He started out as a staff physician at a Swiss mental hospital, where he gained fame for his use of a word-association test to diagnose schizophrenia. This led him to his theory of repressed complexes, which in turn led to his stormy break with Freud in 1913. FTP, name this author of The Psychology of the Unconscious.

A: Carl JUNG

16) Rod Steiger, Karl Malden, and Lee J. Cobb all received Best Supporting Actor nominations for their work in this movie, and although all three lost, the movie swept almost every other major Academy Award of 1954. FTP, name this film which won oscars for director Elia Kazan, supporting actress Eva Marie Saint, and Marlon Brando in the role of washed-up boxer Terry Molloy.

A: "ON THE WATERFRONT"

17) Storm. Ascent. East. Union. Travelling-Companion. Peace. In English, these words may not seem to have any connection to each other, but they probably would if they were translated into Russian. FTP, what are "Buran," "Voskhod," "Vostok," "Soyuz", "Sputnik," and "Mir"?

A: Russian/Soviet SPACE missions [accept equivalents]

18) He was only a second-year medical student in 1917, when a wartime shortage

of doctors landed him a job as solo practitioner in a backwoods clinic near Smolensk. This formed the basis for his "Notes of a Young Doctor," which tells of how he once accidentally decapitated a fetus during a caesarean operation and how he ripped out a plum-sized chunk of a patient's jaw while trying to pull a tooth. FTP, name this Russian who wisely abandoned medicine for literature, and who eventually wrote "Master and Margarita."

A: Mikhail BULGAKOV

19) Many of the islands where nobody lives have more or less interesting names, such as Poor Knight, Pegasus, Breaksea, the Aldermen, and Three Kings. On the other hand, the islands where almost the entire population lives are simply named North and South. FTP, name this archipelago nation whose capital is Wellington.

A: NEW ZEALAND

20) In 527 B.C., while trying to decide whether to invade Persia, he consulted the oracle at Delphi, which told him that if he attacked, a mighty empire would be destroyed. Hearing this, he eagerly went to war, not for a minute guessing that the empire the oracle referred to was his own. FTP, name this king of Lydia, who lost both his country and his fabled wealth to Cyrus the Great.

A: CROESUS

BONI

1) [30] For the stated number of points, identify the composers of these fire-related musical works.

5: "Music for the Royal Fireworks."

10: "Magic Fire Music."

15: "Ritual Fire Dance."

A: G.F. HANDEL; Richard WAGNER; Manuel De FALLA

2) [30] Chances are that many of you learned how to read using the "Beginner Books" series by Dr. Seuss. In all, this series contained sixteen titles by Dr. Seuss, the most popular of which were "The Cat in the Hat," and "Green Eggs and Ham." For five points each, name any six of the other fourteen.

A:

The CAT IN THE HAT COMES BACK,

ONE FISH TWO FISH RED FISH BLUE FISH

HOP ON POP

DR. SEUSS' ABC

FOX IN SOCKS

The FOOT BOOK

MR. BROWN CAN MOO! CAN YOU?

MARVIN K. MOONEY WOULD YOU PLEASE GO NOW!

The SHAPE OF ME AND OTHER STUFF

THERE'S A WOCKET IN MY POCKET

OH, THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK!

The CAT'S QUIZZER

I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT!

OH SAY CAN YOU SAY?

3) [30] Identify the following scientists: ten points if you can name them from their accomplishments, five if you need a description of something that is named after them.

a.(10) In 1909, this Croatian developed the theory that the earth is divided into concentric layers.

(5) The discontinuity line between the earth's crust and mantle is named for him.

b.(10) This 19th-century director of the Leipzig observatory is considered one of the founders of mathematical topology.

(5) He is the namesake of a paradoxical strip that has one edge and one side.

c.(10) A philosopher as well as a physicist, this Austrian argued that laws of nature were all man-made, and anticipated the theory of relativity 20 years before Einstein.

(5) His name is given to a unit of velocity equal to the speed of sound.

A: Andrija MOHOROVICIC; August MOBIUS; Ernst MACH

4) [30] Identify the writer, 30-20-10.

30: When the government of his country changed in 1946, one of its first acts was to reassign him from his post as Director of the National Library to a new job as a provincial chicken- inspector.

20: The descendant of a British settler named Burgess, his first language (and

the language of his earliest writings) was English. He is better known, however, for such Spanish writings as "The Aleph" and "Dreamtigers."

10: This author of "In Praise of Darkness" and "The Conspirators" was the first Argentine to gain an international literary reputation.

A: Jorge Luis BORGES

5) [30] For ten points each, identify these monarchs who had a less-than tranquil family life.

a. This Russian tsar didn't much like his only son, Alexei, who seemed a bit too friendly with the country's conservative opposition. As a result, he had the boy thrown into prison and tortured to death.

b. His insane son and heir apparent, Don Carlos, openly broke with him and tried to flee the country, but was captured, brought back, and thrown into prison, where he died. This incident was later dramatized by Schiller and made into an opera by Verdi.

c. This English king didn't get along well with his son, Edward, or his wife, Isabella. Eventually, these two plotted against him, forced him to abdicate, threw him into prison, and had him brutally murdered in 1327; his life was told in a movie by Derek Jarman.

A: PETER the GREAT (Peter I); PHILIP II; EDWARD II

6) [30] For ten points each- given a list of suburbs, name the major city they surround.

- a. Shaker Heights, Parma, Lakewood, Brooklyn
- b. Bethesda, McLean, Falls Church, Silver Spring
- c. Grand Prairie, Mesquite, Irving, Garland

A: CLEVELAND; WASHINGTON D.C.; DALLAS

7) [30] For ten points each, identify the following things bad things that come in bunches. Each part of this bonus is all-or-nothing.

- a. The seven deadly sins according to the producers of the movie "Seven."
- b. The five adjectives that describe life in the state of war, according to Thomas Hobbes.
- c. The things represented by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, according to the Book of Revelation.

A: GLUTTONY, GREED, SLOTH, ENVY, WRATH, PRIDE, LUST; SOLITARY, POOR, NASTY, BRUTISH, SHORT; CONQUEST [War], SLAUGHTER, FAMINE [Hunger], DEATH

8) [30] One of the nastiest and more bizarre controversies in literary history occurred in Russia in 1869, when one Russian novelist accused a rival Russian novelist of stealing his outline for a new novel, and then selling it to a French writer, who used it as the basis for his "The Sentimental Education." For ten points each, identify the three literary giants involved in this dispute.

A: Ivan GONCHAROV, Ivan TURGENEV, and Gustave FLAUBERT

9) [30] For the stated number of points, identify these pioneers of the railroad.

5: In 1781, this Scottish engineer paved the way for locomotives by inventing the piston engine. In honor of this, his name was given to the metric unit of power.

15: In 1801, this Cornishman developed the first locomotive capable of pulling a passenger car. Unfortunately, he had absolutely no idea of how to sell this idea to the public, and died poor and ignored.

10: In 1830, this English engineer adopted Trevithick's invention and opened the Liverpool & Manchester, the world's first commercial railway.

A: James _WATT_; Richard _TREVITHICK_; George _STEPHENSON_

10) [30] One difference between the brutal atrocities perpetrated by the Soviets against their own people and those done by their Chinese counterparts was that the Chinese atrocities usually had much better names. For ten points each, name these episodes from communist Chinese history.

a. In 1956, Mao asked his country's intellectuals to tell him what they _really_ thought of his regime. Those who gave honest answers were thrown into prison.

b. In 1958, Mao tried to jump-start the economy by calling for radical land reform and a steel mill in every back yard. As a result of this, the economy crashed and a minor famine broke out.

c. In the 1960s, Mao's policies were criticized by the professionals in his bureaucracy. As retaliation, Mao turned loose mobs of discontented students, and conducted a massive purge against the less radical members of his inner circle.

A: The _HUNDRED FLOWERS_; The _GREAT LEAP FORWARD_; The _CULTURAL REVOLUTION_

11) [30] Name the character from the book of Genesis from a brief description. Ten points each.

a. He was the first man after Abel to die, and the first human to directly ascend to heaven.

b. This resident of Ur moved to Canaan from Mesopotamia, taking with him his three sons Nahor, Haran, and Abram.

c. This son of Judah was ordered to sleep with his brother's widow Tamar, but instead "wasted his seed on the ground whenever he had relations with her." Not amused, God struck him dead.

A: _ENOCH_; _TERAH_; _ONAN_

12) [30] It has been over a decade since the Fox television network debuted with a limited schedule of six programs spread over three nights of the week. For five points each, name these six original Fox shows, three of which lasted over two years, and one of which is still on the air.

A: _"MARRIED WITH CHILDREN"_; The _"TRACEY ULLMAN"_ Show; _"DUET"_; _"MR. PRESIDENT"_; _"21 JUMP STREET"_; _"WEREWOLF"_
[prompt on "Open House"--the show premiered as Duet]

13) [30] The first four moons of Jupiter, now known as the Galilean Satellites, were discovered within a week of each other in 1610, but it was not until 1892

that astronomers discovered Jupiter's fifth moon. For five points each, name the four Galilean satellites, and for another ten points, name the fifth moon.

A: GANYMEDE, CALLISTO, IO, EUROPA; and AMALTHEA

14) [30] Identify these novelists given their most recent work for ten points each. If you need an additional clue, you will be given a more famous work for five.

- a. (10) The Russian Girl
(5) Lucky Jim
- b. (10) The Unconsoled
(5) The Remains of the Day
- c. (10) Galatea 2.2
(5) The Gold Bug Variations

A: Kingsley AMIS; Kazuo ISHIGURU; Richard POWERS

15) [30] For the stated number of points, identify these battles from the southern campaigns of the American Revolutionary War.

5: fought on January 17, 1781; American cavalry under Morgan annihilates British cavalry under Tarleton.

10: October 7, 1780; American backwoodsmen rout a British detachment under Ferguson along the North Carolina-South Carolina border.

5: March 15, 1781; Cornwallis defeats Greene, but is forced to retreat to Wilmington and end his offensive in North Carolina.

10: September 8, 1781; Greene is again defeated, but the British, this time under Lord Rawdon, are once again forced to retreat, effectively ending the southern campaign.

A: COWPENS; KING'S MOUNTAIN; GUILFORD; EUTAW Springs

16) [30] For five points each, and a five-point bonus for all five: given a yardstick of economic health, identify it as a leading indicator, a coincident indicator, or a lagging indicator.

- a. Number of persons on non-agricultural payrolls COINCIDENT
- b. New orders for consumer goods LEADING
- c. Index of stock prices LEADING
- d. Index of industrial production COINCIDENT
- e. Average duration of unemployment LAGGING

17) [30] For five points each, give the nicknames of these Canadian Football League franchises.

- a. Edmonton ESKIMOS
- b. Winnipeg BLUE BOMBERS
- c. Toronto ARGONAUTS
- d. Hamilton TIGER CATS
- e. British Columbia IONS
- f. Ottawa ROUGH RIDERS

18) [30] Although the family Equidae once contained a considerable number of species, today all but four are extinct. We will assume that you know that the domestic horse is one of the surviving species; for this bonus, name the others. You will get five points for one, fifteen for two, and thirty if you can name all the other three.

A: DONKEY or ASS; ZEBRA; PRZEWALSKI'S HORSE

19) [30] If even half the things he said about himself were true, there is no doubt that Major General Stanley would have made a fine Quiz Bowl player. For ten points each, fill in the blanks to complete these lines from the Gilbert & Sullivan's song, "I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General."

a. "I know the kings of England and I quote the fights historical/from [BLANK] to [BLANK], in order categorical."

b. "About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot of news/With many cheerful facts about the [BLANK]."

c. "In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous,/ I quote in elegaics all the crimes of [BLANK]."

A: MARATHON to WATERLOO; SQUARE OF THE HYPTONEUSE; HELIOGABALUS

20) [20] For five points each: given a island, identify it as being part of the Greater Antilles, Dutch Antilles, Windward Islands, Leeward Islands, the Bahamas, or none of the above.

- a. Aruba DUTCH Antilles
- b. Barbados LEEWARD Islands
- c. Bermuda None of the Above
- d. St. Croix GREATER ANTILLES