

Tossups by Jason Avery and Shawn Borisoff for 1996 Philly Experiment III

1. The Frank Zappa album "Uncle Meat" features numerous incarnations of a song dedicated to this movie hero. In the films, he was discovered on Skull Island, captured, and brought to New York, where he escaped, kidnapped Faye Wray, climbed the Empire State Building, and then fell to his death. FTP, name this gargantuan gorilla.

Answer: King Kong

2. To call him by phone, dial international access followed by 966-2-693-3178. If he's in his Saudi Arabian home, he might play a Scottish tune for you on his accordion, or he may reminisce about his overthrow of Milton Obote (oh-BOH-tay). It is suggested, however, that you not mention Israel's successful strike on Entebbe airport. FTP, name this former dictator of Uganda.

Answer: Idi Amin Dada Oumee

3. Born in 1844, this author was accepted to the French Academy in 1896. His skepticism is evident in his novel "The Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard." Among his other works are "Thais" (TAY-iss) about an Egyptian courtesan who is sainted, and "Monsieur Bergeret in Paris," a semi-autobiographical account of the Dreyfus Affair. FTP, name this author of "Penguin Island" and "The Gods are Athirst," the 1921 Nobel Prize winner.

Answer: Anatole France or Jacques-Anatole-Francois Thibault

4. Synthesized as a combination of two alkaloids after World War I, this substance is used to relax muscles during surgery and in treating rabies and tetanus. It is found in nature in Strychnos toxifera vines of South America, with which the Indians tipped their hunting arrows. FTP, name this poison that paralyzes the muscles of the heart.

Answer: Curare

5. Arborio, basmati, brown, jasmine, white, and wild are the six different types of this staple carbohydrate. FTP, name this grain used in cuisines ranging from southern United States, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Indian, and especially East Asian.

Answer: Rice

6. First name is the same. These two female gymnasts are products of the former Soviet Union. It's unusual that they are gymnasts, since they both stand taller than 5 feet 4 inches tall. This year, they competed for their respective countries in the Atlanta Olympics: Boginskaya for Belarus, and Khorkina for Russia. FTP, what is the common first name shared by these two gymnasts?

Answer: Svetlana

7. He has requested that his seventeen-month prison term be spent in a prison in Oxford, Wisconsin, so that his family can visit easily from their Kenosha summer home. He also had his term delayed to accommodate a radical prostatectomy. FTP, name this politician, found guilty of corruption, a former Representative from Illinois.

Answer: Dan Rostenkowski

8. He was austere, enforcing prohibition of alcohol and dancing in the White House, and he also had no children. During this president's single term, the Smithsonian Institution, the Annapolis Naval Academy, and the Department of the Interior were all established. FTP, name this expansionist who beat Henry Clay in 1844 with the slogan "Fifty-four-forty or fight."

Answer: James Knox Polk

9. The sections of her trilogy are entitled "The Walls Do Not Fall," "Tribute to the Angels," and "The Flowering of the Road" and each is 43 poems in length. Other books of her poetry are "Red Roses for Bronze," "Sea Garden," and "Heliadora." FTP, name this poet discovered by and one-time fiancée of Ezra Pound.

Answer: H.D. or Hilda Doolittle

10. Dante referred to him in "The Divine Comedy" as the artist that stole the fame of Cimabue, his teacher. It is believed that several frescoes in the Church of San Francesco and "Christ Walking on the Water" in St. Peter's in Rome are among his works. It is definitely established that a cycle of frescoes in Padua and "The Madonna in Glory" in Florence are his work. FTP, name this painter acclaimed as the most important painter of the 14th century.

Answer: Giotto di Bondone

11. Branches of the internal one flow under the hyoid bone to the tongue, to the face, and to the occipital and temporal portions of the head. The internal branches lead to the brain. FTP, name this blood vessel found on either side of the body which lies, in part, near the larynx, trachea, and jugular vein.

Answer: Carotid Artery

12. Born in 1767, he was editor-in-chief of a magazine that supported the French Revolution, and held a government post beginning in 1799, but was dismissed by Napoleon. He then held a chair in Industrial Economy at the Conservatory of Arts and Crafts. He believed the imbalances of production schedules across markets caused economic depression, and therefore that capitalism was a self-regulating system. FTP, name this economist whose law states that supply creates its own demand.

Answer: Jean-Baptiste Say

13. It was established as a scientific and exploration base in 1928 near Kainan Bay, and has been only periodically updated technologically. In 1946, it gained an airstrip to accommodate Operation High Jump, and it was discovered in 1956 that after a period of disuse, most of it was destroyed due to the calving of ice shelves. FTP, name this U.S. base located on the Ross Ice Shelf of Antarctica.

Answer: Little America

14. They were Peter Bergman, Philip Proctor, David Ossman, and Philip Austin and their radio show satirized all sides of the sixties. FTP, name this comedy troupe whose albums include "We're All Bozos on this Bus," "How Can You Be in Two Places at Once When You're Not Anywhere at All," and "Waiting for the Electrician or Somebody Like Him."

Answer: The Firesign Theatre

15. His most recent book of historical journalism, "Imperium," covers the collapse of the Soviet Union. In the past he was more concerned with power struggles and revolutions in the third world, writing "Emperor" and "The Shah of Shahs" about Haile Selassie and Muhammad Reza Palahvi respectively. FTP, name this Polish journalist and historian, author of "The Soccer War."

Answer: Ryszard Kapuscinski

16. She accompanied her husband on the Second Crusade and made her uncle's court of Poitier a center of poetry and distinction. Unfortunately, her conduct in both activities prompted jealousy in her husband, which led to an annulled marriage. She then married Henry Plantagenet, who subsequently became Henry I of England. FTP, name this mother of John Lackland and Richard the Lion-hearted.

Answer: Eleanor of Aquitaine

17. It is found in the Russian republics of Daghestan and Kalmyk and the extreme western portions of Kazakhstan. The lower terminus of the Volga river passes through it, and the city of Astrakhan is found entirely within it. FTP, name this marshy Eurasian region that lies, at its lowest, 85 feet below sea level.

Answer: The Caspian Depression

18. "Coming Aphrodite," "The Diamond Mine," "The Sculptor's Funeral," and "A Wagner Matinee" are all short stories found in this author's "Youth and the Bright Medusa," and all were first published in "McClure's" magazine. She is more remembered for her stories of immigrant families on the Great Plains. FTP, name this writer who won the 1923 Pulitzer Prize for "One of Ours" and who was author of "My Antonia."

Answer: Willa Cather

19. Her father, Felix, was a noted composer and conductor, and for a time she studied painting, contributing to exhibitions. She is more famous for her writings however, describing the exploits of the elusive Sir Percy Blakeney in rescuing aristocrats from the French Revolution. FTP, name this hungarian-born British author of "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Answer: Baroness Emmuska Orczy

20. Languages in this family are rich in vowels, but there are strict rules as to what letter combinations are permissible. They also rely heavily on agglutination, the formation of words by addition of numerous suffixes to a basic root. Most members of this family also lack definite articles, prepositions, and genders. FTP, name this language family named for a mountain range in central Asia, including the Manchu-tungus, Mongolian, and Turkic groups.

Answer: Altaic languages

21. Its leaves are heart-shaped, its flowers yellow with crimson centers, and its fruit is a hairy, oblong pod with a decagonal cross-section. The fruit is eaten when young, at which time it is called gumbo. FTP, identify this vegetable, found in the Cajun gumbo stew that bears its name.

Answer: Okra

Bonuses

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1. As a result of the peace plan in Bosnia, Bosnia-Herzegovina was divided into two political units: The Bosnian Federation and the Serbian Republic. Moreover, the entire country was divided into military sectors: French, British, and American. For 5 points each, identify in which political and military units the following cities are found.

1. Mostar Answer: Bosnian Fed. and French Sector
2. Bihac Answer: Bosnian Fed. and British Sector
3. Srebrenica Answer: Serbian Rep. and French Sector
4. Tuzla Answer: Bosnian Fed. and American Sector
5. Prijedor Answer: Serbian Rep. and British Sector

2. Name the Ottoman sultan who was in power at the time of these historical events, for 10 points each.

1. The first Turkish siege of Vienna Answer: Suleiman I or the Magnificent
2. The Congress of Berlin ending the Russo-Turkish War Answer: Abdul Hamid II
3. The beginning of World War I Answer: Mehmed V or Muhammad V

3. In Buddhism, there are four noble truths. Given the English meaning of the term, identify the Hindi name of the noble truth, for 10 points each.

1. Life intrinsically involves suffering Answer: Dukkha
2. The origin of suffering Answer: Samudaya
3. The way leading to the cessation of suffering Answer: Magga

4. Answer these questions about the recent church burnings in the southern United States, for 10 points each.

1. Name the state in which the first three burnings took place.
Answer: Tennessee
2. Burnings four, five, and six also occurred in the same state. Name it.
Answer: South Carolina
3. Burnings seven and eight occurred in different states. For 10 points name either of those states.
Answer: Alabama or North Carolina

5. For 5 points each and a 5 point bonus for naming all five in any order, name the five rulers in recorded history who ruled for the longest uninterrupted span of time over their nations.

Answer: Pepi II of Egypt, Louis XIV of France, John II of Liechtenstein, Franz Josef of Austria-Hungary, Victoria of England

6. Everyone can't stop talking about the U.S. women's gymnastics team and the gutty performance of Kerri Strug. There were other teams competing against the U.S. and this will test your knowledge of their opponents. Answer the following questions for the stated number of points:

1. For 5 points each, name any two of the three Romanian gymnasts who competed in the all-around competition. Hint: They all won medals.
Answer: Gina Gogean (Go Jan), Lavonia Milosevici, Simona Amanar
2. For 10 points, she wants to be a lawyer after her gymnastics career is over and is currently the breadwinner for her family since her mother is unemployed and her father abandoned them. She also is the owner of the highest score given out in these Olympics, a 9.887, which she received for her floor exercise. She won two golds and a silver.
Answer: Lilia Podkopaeva
3. For 5 each who were the two U.S. gymnasts that did not make the event finals. Hint: Kerri Strug did make the finals, but pulled out due to injury?
Answer: Amanda Borden, Jaycie Phelps

7. Given the beta star in a constellation, name the alpha star found in that constellation, for 5 points each.

1. Mirzam Answer: Sirius (Canis Major)
2. Scheat (SKAY-at) Answer: Alpheratz (Pegasus)
3. Kochab Answer: Polaris (Ursa Minor)
4. Menkalinan Answer: Capella (Auriga)
5. Elnath Answer: Aldebaran (Taurus)

8. Barbarian kingdoms were chronically bothering the Roman Empire. Given the name of a barbarian king, identify his barbarian tribe, for 10 points each.

1. King Cleph Answer: Lombards
2. King Ermanaric Answer: Ostrogoths
3. King Gaeseric Answer: Vandals

9. Given a unique list of states that they border, identify these states of Mexico, for 10 points each.
1. Queretaro (kay-ray-TAH-roh) and Colima (ko-LEE-mah) Answer: Michoacan (mee-cho-WAH-kan)
 2. Campeche and Yucatan Answer: Quintana Roo
 3. Tamaulipas (tam-ah-oo-LEE-pas) and Chiapas Answer: Veracruz
10. Given a painting, identify the artist of the Barbizon School, for 10 points each.
1. Diana Surprised by Actaeon Answer: Jean Baptiste Camille Corot
 2. Under the Birches; Evening Answer: Theodore Rousseau
 3. Forest Scene Answer: Narcisse-Virgile Diaz de la Pena
11. Given the title of an early classic of American political science, identify its author, 10 points each.
1. The Processes of Government Answer: Arthur F. Bentley
 2. Political Power Answer: Charles E. Merriam
 3. Who Gets What, When, and How Answer: Harold Lasswell
12. Name the scientist on a 30-20-10 basis.
- 30: He invented a surveying instrument called a heliotrope, which uses sunlight as a measurement tool, and was the first person to construct a seventeen-sided figure using only compass and ruler.
- 20: He studied extensively the properties of congruent numbers, derived the first proof of the law of quadratic reciprocity involving quadratic residues, and was the first person to calculate the orbit of the asteroid Ceres after its discovery.
- 10: The unit of magnetic induction bears his name.
Answer: Carl Friedrich Gauss
13. Answer these questions about the story of Niobe for 10 points each.
1. Who was Niobe's father?
Answer: Tantalus
 2. Niobe boasted about her twelve children, claiming that she was a more productive mother than one of the Titans. That titan's children, Apollo and Artemis, killed Niobe's own children in retribution. Who was the maligned mother?
Answer: Leto (Do NOT accept Latona)
 3. Finally, Niobe fled Thebes to mourn the loss of her children on a mountain top where she was turned into a boulder that weeps. What was the name of the mountain on which she was transformed?
Answer: Mount Sipylos
14. Answer these questions about isthmuses of the world for the stated number of points.
1. 5: What is the name of the major city located on the isthmus that connects the Peloponnesus to the rest of Greece?
Answer: Corinth
 2. 10: What is the name of the isthmus shared by Burma and Thailand that connects the Malaya Peninsula to Indochina?
Answer: Isthmus of Kra
 3. 15: What is the name of the isthmus connecting the northern portion of Mexico to the Yucatan Peninsula?
Answer: Isthmus of Tehuantepec
15. Identify the authors of these works of the Naturalist movement, for 10 points each.
1. Germinie Lacerteux (lah-SEHR-loo) Answer: The Goncourt Brothers
 2. The Octopus Answer: Frank Norris
 3. Tha Maias (mah-EE-ahs) Answer: Jose Marie Eca de Queiros (Eh-sa day kay-ee-ROHS)
16. Identify the following battles of the Civil War from the year and a description.
1. 1862; General Lee's Special Orders No. 191 is captured by a Union soldier allowing general McClellan to intercept a weakened portion of the Confederate army on its way to South Mountain.
Answer: Antietam or Sharpsburg
 2. 1863; Grant takes Port Gibson and Grand Gulf, isolating Pemberton in the city for which the battle is named, and repulsing reinforcements led by Johnston.
Answer: Vicksburg
 3. 1864; Grant crosses the Rapidan River in Virginia to meet Lee on the other side.
Answer: Battle of the Wilderness
17. Identify the vitamins whose deficiencies are described below.
1. Cheilosis, glossitis, intolerance to light, scaly inflammation of the skin Answer: B2 or Riboflavin
 2. Mild anemia, malabsorption of fats, ataxia, pigmental changes in the retina Answer: E
 3. Impaired blood clotting, internal bleeding Answer: K

18. Identify the following Infocom text adventures from a description, 10 points each.

1. After "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," Douglas Adams wrote only one other Infocom game. Name it.

Answer: Bureaucracy

2. This was the only Infocom text adventure to have three levels of play: Tame, Suggestive, and Lewd.

Answer: The Leather Goddesses of Phobos

3. The player controls a sentient computer that must simulate and record the future based on sociological and political policies fed to it by scientists.

Answer: A Mind Forever Voyaging

19. Identify the following psychological concepts and laws for ten points each.

1. The whole is greater than its parts.

Answer: Gestalt

2. The perceived intensity of a sensory stimulus varies mathematically as the logarithm of the physical intensity of that stimulus.

Answer: Weber's law

3. A behavior followed by a satisfactory result is most likely to become an established response to a particular stimulus.

Answer: Thorndike's Law of Effect

20. This year has been a record year for transfers in European Soccer. Instead of trading players, teams shell out millions of dollars to buy players from other teams for what is called a transfer fee. Answer the following questions about this summer's record transfer for 10 points each.

1. Name the English footballer who was transferred for a record \$23 million dollars.

Answer: Alan Shearer

2. Name the team that transferred him, whom he helped to win the English Premier League two years ago.

Answer: Blackburn Rovers

3. Name the team he was transferred to, which happens to be the city in which he was born and grew up. They are nicknamed the Magpies.

Answer: Newcastle United