

Tossups by Three Boys and a Goy for 1996 Philly Experiment III

1. The formula for determining the area of this geometrical shape is $4\pi Rr$, one R a capital, the other lower case; the formula for its volume is $2\pi r^2 R$, one r a capital, the other lower case. FTP, name this circular shape which resembles a common food item.

Answer: torus

2. Born in Russia in 1898, she emigrated with her family to the United States in 1906. In 1921, she married and emigrated to Palestine where thirty years later she was named Minister of Labor. FTP, name this Israeli Prime Minister who died in 1978.

Answer: Golda Meir

3. The last king of the Anatolian nation of Lydia, by 546 B.C. his realm extended from the Aegean Sea to the Halys River. An oracle once told him that if he went to war with the Persians, a great empire would fall. Little did he know it would be his own. FTP, name this wealthy man, ultimately defeated and imprisoned by Cyrus II of Persia.

Answer: Croesus (cree-sus)

4. The pieces are in each of three suits, called circles, bams, and craks, and the pieces are named for the four winds, flowers, dragons, and seasons, all in red, white, and green. The pieces, called tiles, number 136 or 144. FTP what is this game, much beloved by the widows of Miami Beach?

Answer: Mah-jong

5. His theories of battle greatly influenced the U.S. Civil War as well as many European conflicts up to and including World War I. He advocated "total warfare" against every possible enemy target, including civilians and private property. FTP, name this Prussian general who in 1833 published his classic On War.

Answer: Karl von Clausewitz

6. The bite of the a European species of wolf spider was supposedly curable only if the victim immediately engaged in a wild dance. This engaging piece of folk medicine has evolved into a particular type of festive Italian dancing. FTP, give this name which may be applied to any number of pieces of dance music.

Answer: Tarantella

7. She opened her first dress shop in Deauville (doe-veel) in 1912, popularized the chemise (shuh-meez) in 1918, essentially created women's sportswear in the 1920's, made "the little black dress" a fashion necessity, and gave her name to the world's best-known perfume. FTP, name this designer, the subject of a Broadway hit.

Answer: Gabrielle "Coco" Chanelle

8. He ascended the throne of Samarkand in 1369 and between 1392 and 1396 conquered nearly all of Persia, Georgia, the Tatar Empire, and most of the states between the Indus and the Ganges, then won Damascus from the Mamluks and defeated the Turks at Ankara in 1402. FTP, name this conqueror memorialized by Christopher Marlowe.

Answer: Tamerlaine (acc. Tamburlaine, Timur)

9. He finished up in Minneapolis, the same city where he had begun nearly fifty years ago, and has now passed the keys to his kingdom to his once rebellious son Franklin. FTP, name this millionaire confidant of Presidents and best-known evangelist in the world.

Answer: Billy Graham

10. Alfonso became Pope Callistus III; Roderigo became Pope Alexander VI. Roderigo's children included the wife of the Duke of Ferrara and a son named Cesare. FTP, give the surname of this fifteenth- and early sixteenth-century Italian family.

Answer: Borgia (Lucrezia was Ferrara's wife)

11. He won an Olympic medal for a poem he entered anonymously back in the days when the Olympics included competition in the arts. The fact that he was a competitive pistol shooter in his youth probably accounts for that event's inclusion in the games to this day. FTP, name this early modern Olympian who helped revive the games after a 1500 year lapse.

Answer: Baron Pierre de Coubertin

12. Members of family Alcidae, these are the only flying birds without hollow bones. Species include Horned, Tufted, and Atlantic. FTP, name these cliff-dwelling birds, most noted for their colorful bills.

Answer: Puffin

13. His father was a revenue collector of the warrior caste in Rai Bhoi di Talvandi, a town near Lahore, Pakistan. He later became an accountant in Sultanpur, where he was visited by God, who told him to reject both Islam and Hinduism in order to preach a new religion. This he did, and each of the Ten Gurus who followed him continued his mission. FTP, name this founder of Sikhism.

Answer: Nanak

14. According to the full title of the original editions, she was called the Mademoiselle de Beleau, afterwards the Countess de Wintelsheim in Germany and was known as a Lady in the time of Charles II. FTP, identify this "fortunate mistress" in the title of a Daniel Defoe work.

Answer: Roxana

15. He edited "Songs of Praise" and "The Oxford Book of Carols," as well as setting the hymn "For all the saints" and composing "Sine Nomine" for 1906's English Hymnal. FTP, identify this British composer whose other works include a setting of "Riders to the Sea," based on the Synge play, "Job: A Masque for Dancing," and the Ballad Opera "Hugh the Drover."

Answer: Ralph Vaughan-Williams

16. Born in Detroit in 1909, he worked as a salesman, migrant laborer and writer on the WPA Writers Project and for the Chicago Board of Health in Venereal Disease control. He depicted the underclass of depression era Chicago in his "Somebody in Boots" and "Walk on the Wild Side." FTP, identify this author best known for the National Book Award winning "The Man with the Golden Arm."

Answer: Nelson Algren

17. The capital city of Nauru. The fourth of Emile Zola's "Four Gospels" novels. The actor who played George Kaplan in "North by Northwest." The first song on Lou Reed's "Metal Machine Music." The first word in John Cage's "Four Minutes, Thirty-three Seconds." The name of Costa Rica's army. The name represented by the S in Harry S Truman's name. FTP, what do these things have in common?

Answer: None of them exist (accept equivalents)

18. It resembles a giant vampire bat with a huge wingspan, large fangs, bulbous fly's eyes, and the legs of a kangaroo. Villagers claim that it stalks goats by night, slaughtering them and drinking their blood. FTP, name this monster reportedly on the loose in over sixteen of Mexico's states.

Answer: El Chupabras

19. Fought September 18-21, 1918, forces under Edmund Allenby pushed the Turks back through Syria. FTP, identify this World War I battle that shares its name with the plain in Esdralan from which the name Armageddon is derived.

Answer: Meggido

20. Its initial aim was a 2.5% annual increase in per capita income in Latin American countries and all total, the U.S. government spent about \$100 billion on its programs. FTP, name this program to promote the social and economic development of Latin America, proposed by John Kennedy and established at a conference held at Punta del Este, Uruguay in August 1961.

Answer: Alliance for Progress

21. It tells the story of a young American leading a dissolute life in Paris and of the middle-aged men sent by his mother to fetch him back to the United States. FTP, name this 1903 novel featuring the characters of Chad Newsome and Lambert Strether, written by Henry ~~Adams~~.

Answer: The Ambassadors *James*

Bonuses by Three Boys and a Goy for 1996 Philly Experiment III

1. Now that the Supreme Court has ordered VMI to go co-ed, it's time for a bit of that old military school trivia. For 5 points apiece and a bonus 5 for all five correct,

1. What is VMI's team nickname?

Answer: The Keydets

2. In what horsy Virginia town is it located?

Answer: Lexington

3. What Confederate General, a former faculty member, is buried on the grounds, though his horse is stuffed and standing in the VMI Museum?

Answer: Stonewall Jackson

4. During what Civil War battle did VMI cadets become the only American student cadre to ever engage in combat?

Answer: Battle of New Market

5. VMI's most famous alum was this four-star general, Secretary of State, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Answer: George Marshall

2. In spite of Hamlet, scholars by and large find King Lear to be the grandest of Shakespeare's plays. Other artists have obviously thought so too. For 10 points apiece, identify the following works based on King Lear.

1. An Academy-Award-winning film by Akira Kurosawa

Answer: Ran

2. A nineteenth-century novel by Honore de Balzac

Answer: Pere Goriot (or Father Goriot)

3. A prize-winning novel by Jane Smiley

Answer: A Thousand Acres

3. The mid-nineteenth century was the period of revolution and establishment of ethnic identity in much of Europe. For 10 points each, identify the composers who celebrated their heritage in the following works:

1. The operas "A Life for the Tsar" and "Ruslan and Ludmilla"

Answer: Mikhail Glinka

2. "The Spanish Rhapsody"

Answer: Isaac Albeniz

3. The six collected Bohemian symphonic poems known as "Ma Vlast"

Answer: Jan Smetana

4. Nearly everyone is aware that the word "karate" means "empty hand." Not so many are aware that "aikido" means "way of harmony." For 10 points apiece, which of the well-known martial arts translate as:

1. Gentle way

Answer: Judo

2. Good effort

Answer: Kung fu

3. Way of kick and punch

Answer: Tae kwon do

5. Bombings, bombings, and more bombings. Identify these blasted objects for the stated number of points:

1. For 10 points, name the Oklahoma City building allegedly blown up by Timothy McVeigh; include middle initial.

Answer: Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building

2. For 15 points, name the housing complex blown up by a car bomb in Saudi Arabia.

Answer: Khobar Towers, building 131

3. For 5 points, what flight was recently blown up just east of New York City?

Answer: TWA Flight 800

6. 1849 was the scene of the first significant gold rush in North America. Given the year, identify the North American sites of these other gold rushes for 10 points apiece.

1. 1859

Answer: Colorado

2. 1874-75

Answer: South Dakota Territory or Black Hills

3. 1897

Answer: The Klondike

7. William Shakespeare is the world's greatest dramatist, and even his early plays have their moments, but they are not at the level of the mature playwright. For 10 points apiece, identify

1. His first comedy

Answer: The Comedy of Errors

2. His first tragedy

Answer: Titus Andronicus

3. His first history play

Answer: Henry VI Part I

8. 30-20-10. Identify this African nation from geographical clues.

30: The Tibesti Mountains, The Bodele Depression, The Ennedi Plateau

20: The cities of Fada, Abeche, Doba, and Bongor

10: Neighbors including Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Sudan, and Libya.

Answer: Chad

9. Bill Clinton was in Lyon, France, the last week of June with six other world leaders at the G-7 meeting. For 5 points each, name the six other leaders present at the G-7.

Answer: Jacques Chirac, Ryutaro Hashimoto, Jean Chretien, Helmut Kohl, John Major, Romano Prodi

10. Art History 101. At least that's what it was called in the old days. Certain paintings were so basic to the class that any student should, for 5 points per answer, recognize the painting--and the painter--given a brief description.

1. A gaunt young Italian man wearing a steeple-crowned beaver hat is holding his pregnant bride's hand. She is wearing a green dress and what appears to be a Yorkshire terrier is at their feet.

Answer: Jan Van Eyck; The Arnolfini Wedding Portrait (accept variations)

2. The back of a large canvas is to the left as a pretty little blond girl is being attended by two young women with two more young women to the right. The painter and three other adults are also in the picture. What seems to be a mastiff or shepherd dog lies at the lower right.

Answer: Diego Velazquez; Las Meninas (accept The Maids of Honor)

3. A naked young woman covers herself with her long strawberry blond hair while a second woman is either about to cover, or has just uncovered her. A male angel (actually Zephyr) carrying a young woman is to the left. They are blowing the central figure, who stands on a scallop shell, to shore.

Answer: Sandro Botticelli; The Birth of Venus

11. For 10 points apiece, identify some of the lesser known aspects of Norse mythology.

1. If you died in battle, you went to Valhalla. Where did those wind up who died shamefully in bed?

Answer: Helheim (ruled by Hel)

2. Who was the blind brother of Balder tricked by Loki into killing his brother with a spear of mistletoe?

Answer: Hodur

3. Who was the giantess wife of Thor whose golden hair was cut off by Loki, who then had to replace it with a wig of real gold?

Answer: Sif

12. Here, the trick is to earn 10 points apiece for coming up with the names of famous athletes by combining the symbols of certain chemical elements. For example, 6, 8, 5, 5, would be Cobb, as in Ty Cobb. You can earn 5 points if you need another clue.

1. 10: Elements 92, 7, 53, 73, and 16

5: a Hall of Fame quarterback

Answer: Johnny Unitas

2. 10: Elements 19, 13, 53, and 10

5: a Hall of Fame outfielder

Answer: Al Kaline

3. 10: Elements 8, 10, and 13

5: a big big basketball star

Answer: Shaquille O'Neal

13. For 10 points apiece, all or nothing, put the following sets of battles into chronological order:

1. Three Napoleonic victories: Marengo, Jena, Austerlitz

Answer: Marengo, Austerlitz, Jena

2. Three battles of 1864: Nashville, Mobile Bay, Petersburg

Answer: Petersburg, Mobile Bay, Nashville

3. Three battles of the Indian wars: Wounded Knee, The Little Bighorn, Rosebud

Answer: Little Bighorn, Rosebud, Wounded Knee

14. It wouldn't be a Three Boys and a Goy packet without a question on The Ring. In the operatic cycle, the ring begins in the possession of the Rhine Maidens and, nineteen hours later, it winds up with them again. In between, although other characters may handle it incidentally, the ring appears on the finger of five major characters. Name them for 5 points apiece with a 5-point bonus for naming them in order.

Answer: Alberich, Wotan, Fafnir, Siegfried, Brunhilde

15. This musical question deals with that universal hit "Hello, Muddah, Hello Faddah." For 5 points each and a bonus 5 for all five:

1. Who wrote and recorded it?

Answer: Alan Sherman

2. Whose music did he borrow?

Answer: Amilcare Ponchielli

3. What is the name of the camp the narrator is attending?

Answer: Camp Granada

4. How long has the letter writer been at Camp Granada?

Answer: one whole day

5. What exotic disease has the narrator's bunkmate contracted?

Answer: malaria

16. In honor of the women's movement, its chief organ, and a sort of unrelated, but interesting, sidelight, you can earn 10 points apiece for answering the following:

1. What word did a 1996 issue of Ms Magazine misspell on the cover?

Answer: feminism

2. The first issue of Ms did not appear as a separate magazine but as a center insert in what other hip, liberal mag?

Answer: New York Magazine

3. At the American Bookseller's Convention in 1996, there were Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners all over the place. However, only one celebrity author's autograph tickets were a 100% sellout. Name this Chemical Engineering dropout from Dekalb, Illinois.

Answer: Cindy Crawford

17. It's too bad that Ted Kaczynski, the accused Unabomber didn't get into College Bowl, since he obviously would have been really good at fixing recalcitrant buzzer systems with materials at hand. In any case, let's see, for the stated number of points, how much you know about Teddy the Terrible.

1. For 5 points, what undergraduate institution of higher learning did he attend?

Answer: Harvard

2. For 10 points, when he left Michigan with his PhD, where did he begin his academic career as an assistant professor of mathematics?

Answer: Cal--Berkeley

3. For 15 points, name either of the two universities whose presses rejected his manuscript just five weeks before the first Unabomber attack

Answer: Northwestern or Illinois

18. Characters in literature, like the authors who create them often change their names. Given either the former or latter name of a character, for 10 points each give his or her better known name.

1. Jimmy Gatz

Answer: Jay Gatsby

2. Rebecca Crawley

Answer: Becky Sharp

3. Maury Compson

Answer: Benjy Compson

19. Science in the news. 1996 has been a good year for space buffs; not only are the movies filled with aliens but real space science has made some progress too. For 10 points apiece,

1. Which space shuttle set a record as the longest U.S. mission in space?

Answer: The Columbia

2. In the Galileo flyby of Jovian satellites, which largest moon was photographed in greater detail than ever before?

Answer: Ganymede

3. After it passes Ganymede, what two other moons of Jupiter will be intensely photographed--and you must name both?

Answer: Callisto and Europa

20. Everybody knows the British monarchs, but for the past two hundred years, the Prime Ministers have had much more to do with running the country. For 5 points each, which party -- Liberal, Whig, Tory, Conservative, or Labour -- did these men represent?

1. Lord North

Answer: Tory

2. Robert Walpole

Answer: Whig

3. Stanley Baldwin

Answer: Conservative

4. The Earl of Roseberry

Answer: Liberal

5. Edmund Heath

Answer: Conservative