

Tossups for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Round 15

1. Two gunmen enter a small-town lunchroom, where they announce their plans to murder an ex-prizefighter living in town. Nick Adams, a customer in the lunchroom, goes to warn Ole Andreson. However, Andreson stoically decides to meet his death. FTP, name this short story by Ernest Hemingway.

Answer: The Killers

2. The son of a music-hall entertainer turned designer of garden gnomes, this Brit quit school at sixteen to work as a laborer. Becoming a banker, he rose to a senior position at Standard Chartered Bank. Elected to Parliament in 1979, he became Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1989. FTP, name this successor of Margaret Thatcher.

Answer: John Major

3. These appear in the tunicates only in the larval form, but they appear in the adult form of the lancelet. In vertebrate animals, it is replaced during embryological development with the vertebral column. It is a stiff but flexible rod that provides an attachment site for muscles. FTP, name this biological construct that is found in some form of any animal in the phylum containing the human species.

Answer: Notochord

4. His artistic theory is contained in On My Way, a collection of essays and poems. Born in Alsace, he studied in Paris, exhibiting in the second Blaue Reiter exhibition. FTP, name this artist, who collaborated with his wife Sophie, a Surrealist who co-founded Dada and became known for collages of colored paper.

Answer: Jean (Hans) Arp

5. Although he seemed to be the model of the successful executive, it was discovered that he was bankrupt after he disappeared at sea in 1913. Born in Paris, his 1889 paper "The theory and construction of an economical heat engine" proposed an efficient system in which ignition would result spontaneously on compression of a fresh air mix. FTP, name this inventor, who with Krupp's backing developed the engine bearing his name.

Answer: Rudolph Diesel

6. A promising mathematician, he published a treatise on integral calculus before entering the army. An aide-de-camp to the marquis de Montcalm during the Seven Years' War, he founded a colony in the Falkland Islands at his own expense in 1764. FTP, name this French explorer, who sailed around the world on the frigate La Boudeuse, the namesake of the largest of the Solomon Islands.

Answer: Louis de Bougainville

7. In 83 B.C. he was appointed propraetor of Hither Spain, but two years later Sulla drove him out of Spain. In 80, he led a revolt of the Lusitanians, and a year later he took over Hither Spain as well as part of Gaul. In 77, the Roman senate conferred a special command upon Pompey, who eventually defeated this man's army. FTP, name this traitor, assassinated by Perperna.

Answer: Quintus Sertorius

8. His law states that "Whenever A annoys or injures B on the pretense of saving or improving X, A is a scoundrel." Born in 1880 this man, in addition to being a moral theologian, was a reporter, columnist, magazine editor and a literary critic. His study of American English was published in three volumes as The American Language. FTP, name this man whose other works include Newspaper Days, In Defense of Women, and Prejudices.

Answer: H.L. Mencken

9. This letter represents the upper asymptote of a population growth curve, a value known as the maximum carrying capacity. In crowded conditions, where this value is approached, natural selection favors individuals who invest their resources in the survival of the individual and their offspring. FTP, what kind of "strategist" are these species?

Answer: k

10. March 21, 1844. This was the guaranteed date that Christ would come. When he didn't come, the date was changed to October 22, 1844. When Christ did not come this day, it was called "The Great Disappointment," and members of this sect met to figure out why. They reasoned that their book of life would have to be revised, and that Christians were celebrating the sabbath on the wrong day -- Saturday was the proper day to rest. FTP, name this religion which grew out of the teachings of William Miller in 1844.

Answer: Seventh-Day Adventists

11. During his reign, he worked to expand the commerce of France and to heal the nation's wounds. A Protestant leader, he converted back to Catholicism to gain the throne, and his assassination in 1610 plunged France back into chaos. FTP, name this French king who issued the Edict of Nantes.

Answer: Henry IV

12. Born Eleanora Fagan in 1915, her 1935 recordings with pianist Teddy Wilson brought her fame, and she went on to tour with Count Basie's Orchestra and the white Artie Shaw Band. Arrested for heroin possession in 1947, she continued to make records which reflect physical deterioration, but deep emotion, until her death in 1959. FTP, name this legend, whose autobiography is Lady Sings the Blues.

Answer: Billie Holiday

13. Subtitled *The Mistakes of the Night*, it features Miss Constance Neville, George Hastings and Charles Marlow. The young hero, only comfortable with serving girls, is tricked into believing that the Hardcastle home is a village inn. Posing as a barmaid, Kate is able to win his heart. FTP, name this play by Oliver Goldsmith.

Answer: She Stoops to Conquer

14. Few were surprised that this school's women's team made the Sweet 16, coached by Marsha Sharpe and led by Miche Atkins. However, following the graduation of Mark Davis, the men's team did not have lofty expectations, yet Coach James Dickey's team has made the Sweet 16 as well, led by backboard-shattering Darvin Ham and Jason Sasser. FTP, name this school, whose best-known athlete is Sheryl Swoopes.

Answer: Texas Tech

15. According to the spin-statistics theorem, they must have half-integer spin. Their wave functions are anti-symmetric, with respect to exchange, leading to the Pauli Exclusion Principle. FTP, name this class of particles which includes electrons, protons, and neutrons, named for an Italian physicist.

Answer: Fermions

16. After Sea Pictures was featured at the Royal Philharmonic, his reputation as a composer grew rapidly with the two symphonies, a cello concerto, and Falstaff. Born in 1857, Dream of Gerontius made him popular two years after his most famous work premiered. FTP, name this British composer, best known for Enigma Variations, whose Pomp and Circumstance is a staple of graduations.

Answer: Edward Elgar

17. In this battle, the French lost only 8000 men to the enemy's 27,000. An attempt to turn the French flank failed, leading to the defeat of the allies' left and center; subsequently, their right was surrounded and driven in disorder across a frozen lake, where many perished. FTP, name this battle, in which the Austrian and Russian troops under Kutuzov were soundly defeated by Napoleon on December 2, 1805.

Answer: Austerlitz (prompt on "Three Emperors")

18. Political pundits have decided that this tenet applies to media coverage, as scandal coverage will overshadow the real issues. The original meaning applied to another social science when it was formulated by an English merchant during the 16th century. FTP, name this law which verbosely says that when debased money is in concurrent circulation with high-valued money, the good money will disappear.

Answer: Gresham's law

19. Imprisoned for his agitation against landlords, this member of Parliament was released after issuing a no-rent manifesto. He then formed an alliance with Gladstone, who introduced his 1886 Home Rule Bill. Ruined by his affair with the married Catherine O'Shea, he died in 1891. FTP, name this leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, known as the uncrowned king of Ireland.

Answer: Charles Stuart Parnell

20. First published in French in 1984, this novel follows the relationships of two couples. Tomas, a respected surgeon, tries to settle down with the bartender Terza, while Sabrina has an affair with Franz, a married professor. FTP, name this novel of life in Prague, written by Milan Kundera.

Answer: The Unbearable Lightness of Being

Bonuses for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Round 15

1. Identify the following works of Chinese literature, FTP each.

1. Also known as *The Story of the Stone*, it is an autobiographical novel by Ts'ai Hsueh-ch'in, depicting the Chia family.

Answer: Dream of the Red Chamber

2. A Ming dynasty novel by Wu Ch'eng-en, it depicts Hsuan-tsang's quest for scripture in India.

Answer: Journey to the West

3. Banned for its eroticism during the Ch'ing dynasty, it describes Hsi-men Ch'ing and his six wives.

Answer: The Golden Lotus

2. Answer these questions about Rome after the assassination of Julius Caesar, for 10 points each.

1. The republican generals raised an army of 80,000 Romans and met the triumvirate army at this battle that occurred on the border of Macedonia and Thrace in 42 BC.

Answer: Phillipi

1. Who were the three men that led this triumvirate?

Answer: Antony, Octavian, and Lepidus

3. Who were the two co-conspirators and assassins of Julius Caesar that committed suicide after being defeated at Phillipi?

Answer: Gaius Cassius and Marcus Brutus

3. Given the alpha star, name the constellation for 5 points each.

1. Aldebaran

Answer: Taurus

2. Altair

Answer: Aquila

3. Canopus

Answer: Carina

4. Deneb

Answer: Cygnus

5. Spica

Answer: Virgo

6. Thuban

Answer: Draco

4. Name these figures from Arthurian legend for 10 points each.

1. Merlin taught this young woman the secrets of magic; in return she cast a spell on him and imprisoned him in a tower.

Answer: Vivian

2. In pursuit of the evil knight Yder, this future knight rescued and fell in love with Enid.

Answer: Sir Geraint

3. This father of Guinevere presented Arthur with the Round Table as well as his daughter.

Answer: King Laodegan or Leodegrance

5. For the stated number of points, identify the largest city in the following African nations that is not the capital city.

1. 5: Morocco

Answer: Casablanca

2. 5: Egypt

Answer: Alexandria

3. 10: Nigeria

Answer: Lagos (Abuja is the new capital)

4. 10: Kenya

Answer: Mombasa

6. Identify the American composers, FTP each.

1. His works include *Medea*, a ballet, and the operas *Vanessa* and *Antony and Cleopatra*.

Answer: Samuel Barber

2. Born in 1884, his impressionistic works include *The White Peacock* and *The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan*.

Answer: Charles Griffes

3. In addition to his two-piano concerti, he is remembered for his *Woodland Sketches*.

Answer: Edward MacDowell

7. FTP apiece, name these characters from Shakespeare's play, *Richard III*.

1. This daughter-in-law of Henry VI becomes Richard's wife, only to be murdered so that Richard can pursue the hand of Elizabeth.

Answer: Lady Anne

2. This duke supports Richard's rise to power, but balks at Richard's command to kill the sons of Edward IV.

Answer: Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham

3. This earl of the house of Lancaster invades England, slays Richard at Bosworth Field, and assumes the throne as Henry VII.

Answer: Earl of Richmond

8. Name these players who made *Baseball Weekly's* list of 50 Exciting Young Players for the stated number of points.

1. 10: Coming in at #1, this Royals outfielder can hit, hit for power, run, and field.

Answer: Johnny Damon

2. 5: This team dominated the list with nine of the fifty players.

Answer: New York Mets

3. For 5 points each, name three of the five Mets non-pitchers on the list.

Answer: Alex Ochoa, Butch Huskey, Jay Payton, Rey Ordonez, Edgardo Alfonso

9. Answer these related questions for 10 points each.

1. Name the road which began as a branch of the Oregon Trail to provide an easy route to the Montana gold fields.

Answer: Bozeman Trail

2. The establishment of forts along the road led to fights with the Sioux which eventually caused temporary abandonment of the road in 1868. Name the leader of these Sioux attacks.

Answer: Red Cloud

3. What former Civil War general concluded the 1868 treaty with the Sioux at Fort Laramie?

Answer: William T. Sherman

10. Time to restore order to your score with a bonus about chaos theory. For 15 points each:

1. In the so-called "period doubling" approach to chaos, transitions from one stable solution to an alternation between two solutions occur at certain values of the gain parameter. Name this effect.

Answer: bifurcation

2. Using a hand calculator, this mathematician discovered a recurrence relation between the gain values at which bifurcation occurs. The fundamental constant appearing in that relation is named for him.

Answer: Mitchell Feigenbaum

11. Identify the Charles Dickens novels from plot descriptions for 10 points each.

1. John Harmon returns home after fourteen years, disguised as Mr Boffin's secretary, and he marries Bella Wilfer.

Answer: Our Mutual Friend

2. Thomas Gradgrind's children, Tom and Louisa, have their lives destroyed by his fanatical practicality.

Answer: Hard Times

3. The title character loves Mary Graham, but spurned, he goes to America, becoming an architect for the Eden Land Corporation.

Answer: Martin Chuzzlewit

12. Identify the following pre-Socratic philosophers, for 10 points each.

1. He believed that being was changeless and imperceptible. Dying in 450, he was respected by Plato and was portrayed in a Platonic dialogue.

Answer: Parmenides

2. Known as the "dark philosopher," this Ephesian believed that all of nature was in a state of flux.

Answer: Heraclitus

3. This Milesian thought that everything resulted from apeiron, or indeterminacy.

Answer: Anaximander

13. For an explosive total of 30 points, identify the explosive material for the stated number of points.

1. 5: Jellied gasoline, "it smells like victory in the morning."

Answer: Napalm

2. 10: A primitive form of gunpowder, it is composed of sulfur, saltpeter, and charcoal.

Answer: Black powder or Gunblack

3. 15: A powdered mixture of aluminum and a metal oxide, it is also used in welding and foundry work.

Answer: Thermite or Thermit

14. Identify the African-American authors from works on a 10-5 basis.

1. 10: *The Uncalled* and *The Sport of the Gods*

5: *Lyrics of Lowly Life*

Answer: Paul Dunbar

2. 10: *The Long Dream* and *The Outsider*

5: *Black Boy*

Answer: Richard Wright

3. 10: *Just Above My Head* and *The Amen Corner*

5: *The Fire Next Time*

Answer: James Baldwin

15. Answer these questions about the Mongols for the stated number of points.

1. 5: Who united the Mongol tribes in the 1190s?

Answer: Genghis Khan

2. 15: What was Genghis Khan's original name?

Answer: Temujin

3. 10: What Chinese dynasty did Kublai Khan found?

Answer: Yuan dynasty

16. 30-20-10. Name the artist.

30: His first big commission was for frescoes of scenes from the lives of Saints John and Christopher in a Padua chapel.

20: His importance stems from his evocative antiquarianism, his sculptural figure style, and his startling illusionism.

10: Among his works were frescoes for the Gonzaga family in the Camera degli Sposi in the Palezza Ducole in Mantua, and Dead Christ, which was painted with extreme foreshortening.

Answer: Andrea Mantegna

17. For 10 points apiece, identify these blues legends.

1. Generally regarded as the archetypal Mississippi blues singer, he recorded songs such as "Pony Blues" and "Down the Dirt Road" between 1929 and his death in 1934.

Answer: Charley Patton

2. Said to have been poisoned by a jealous husband, he recorded such classics as "Hell Hound on My Trail" and "Traveling Riverside Blues" before his death in 1938.

Answer: Robert Johnson

3. This singer and guitarist recorded songs such as "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man," "Got My Mojo Working," and "Rolling Stone" in the 1950s.

Answer: Muddy Waters

18. Pope Urban V decided the papacy had spent too long in Avignon and headed towards Rome. Once there, he decided Rome was still a bit of a slum and headed back to Avignon. Given a brief description, name the pope or antipope FTP each.

1. He was elected by thirteen cardinals meeting at Fordi in 1378, the first of the schism's Roman line.

Answer: Urban VI

2. This antipope of Avignon was elected in 1394.

Answer: Benedict XIII

3. In 1409 the College of Cardinals disowned the popes in both Avignon and Rome, and elected this man at the Council of Pisa.

Answer: Alexander V

19. Anchors away! Given a description of a ship or boat type, identify it FTP apiece.

1. This ship type with a high poop deck lacks a keel, stemposts, and sternposts. They are commonly found in the Far East.

Answer: Junk

2. This ship used in the exploration of the New World had a broad bow and a high narrow poop deck. They were rigged with three masts and carried lateen sails.

Answer: Caravel

3. A sailing vessel rigged with one mast and a single jib and mainsail. The best known one may be the John B.

Answer: Sloop

20. Name the five types of vertebrae for 5 points each with a 5 point bonus for correct order starting from the skull.

Answer: cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacral, coccygeal