

Tossups for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Playoff Round 2

1. The title character of this unfinished satire is sent abroad by his mother at age 16. He is shipwrecked on a Greek island, falls in love with a maiden named Haidee, is sold into slavery by her father, and then falls in love with Dudu, a girl in his master's harem. He then travels to Russia and is eventually sent to England as a courier. FTP, name this Lord Byron work, which only slightly resembles its Spanish namesake.

Answer: Don Juan (JOO-an)

2. This optical phenomenon has been put forth as an explanation for the towering mountains seen by early polar explorers. Frequently observed in coastal areas, it exaggerates the vertical scale of nearby objects, making beaches look like cliffs. FTP, name this mirage, named after King Arthur's magic-wielding sister.

Answer: Fata Morgana

3. He wrote and produced Basi and Company, Africa's most popular soap opera. His more serious works include the memoir On a Darkling Plain and the novel Sozaboy, written in a combination of West African pidgin and literary English. FTP, who was this member of the Ogoni tribe, recently executed by General Sani Abacha in Nigeria?

Answer: Ken Saro-Wiwa

4. An aggressive European bird, this relative of the myna bird has the scientific name of *Sturnus vulgaris*. During the breeding season, this bird's plumage is an iridescent black with a yellow bill. Introduced into New York at the turn of the century, these birds now range over most of the North American continent. FTP, name these common birds.

Answer: Eurasian Starling

5. Born with a deformed foot and raised as a Roman Catholic, he married a woman who had been raised by Jews, and he received his substantial intellectual training under Jewish scholar Fredrich Gundolf. Elected to the Reichstag as a National Socialist in 1928, he first opposed Hitler, but grew to idolize him. FTP, name the leader of Berlin's Nazi party, Hitler's minister of propaganda.

Answer: Josef Goebbels

6. The author asked for parts of this novel to be printed in eight different colors to represent different layers of the narrators' memories. Although the request was not granted, this novel is still a radical experiment in form and technique. Three of the four sections are told in the first-person, while the fourth is a third person narrative focusing on the black cook Dilsey. FTP, name this Faulkner novel about the Compson family.

Answer: The Sound and the Fury

7. Drafted by the National Hockey League, this Boston native chose a career in baseball instead. Prior to this year, he was best known for his active role in the players' union and one miserable performance in the All-Star game, even though he had won more games than any other pitcher in the 1990s. FTP, name the Atlanta Braves' number two starter, the MVP of the 1995 World Series.

Answer: Tom Glavine

8. A professor of applied mathematics at Imperial College, he moved to the U.S. and became a professor of philosophy at Harvard. His reputation was established in his work on mathematical logic in such volumes as *Universal Algebra*. Turning in the 1920's to metaphysics, he contended that events were the ultimate stuff of nature. FTP, name this co-author, along with Bertrand Russell, of *Principia Mathematica*.

Answer: Alfred North Whitehead

9. After his father's bizarre death, this brother of Bernice was allowed by the emperor Claudius to succeed to a small part of his father's dominions. Visiting Festus at Caesarea, he agreed to hear the plea of a political prisoner, who related the story of a miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus. FTP, who was this last of the Herodians whom, according to Acts 26:28, Paul almost persuaded to be a Christian.

Answer: Herod Agrippa II

10. This artist, born in Berlin in 1893, ridiculed depravity of the Prussian military in his early work. After World War I he criticized the "republican automatons" of the Weimar period, emigrating to the United States in 1932. FTP, name this painter and cartoonist whose satirical drawings are collected in The Face of the Ruling Class and Ecce Homo.

Answer: George Grosz

11. A recent CD release, Six Easy Pieces, forms a "substantial yet non-technical physics primer" consisting of several of this man's lectures at Cal Tech in the early 60's. A veteran of the Manhattan Project, he also served on the Challenger commission, identifying the O-rings as the culprit in the disaster. FTP, name this bongo-playing author of Tuva or Bust, the 1965 winner of the Nobel physics prize.

Answer: Richard Feynman

12. Born Ferdinand Joseph La Menthe, he adopted his mother's maiden name but retained his Creole identity. Learning his art as a ragtime pianist in New Orleans' Storyville district, he made his most famous recordings as a member of the Red Hot Peppers. FTP, name this first great jazz theorist, who is remembered for his distinctive culinary nickname.

Answer: Jelly Roll Morton

13. In 14 AD, this Roman gained a large military following and persuaded the emperor Tiberius to move to Capri, where this man controlled access to him. Implicated in a plot against the emperor, he was executed in AD 31, the beginning of the so-called "Reign of Terror." FTP, name this Praetorian Prefect, played by Patrick Stewart in L. Claudius.

Answer: Lucius Aelius Sejanus

14. In this compound, the geometry of the carbon atoms implies an sp² hybridization for the electrons. This leaves each carbon atom with a p orbital. These orbitals combine to form a single delocalized pi orbital. FTP, name this most important aromatic compound with formula C₆H₆.

Answer: Benzene

15. The Synod of 1657 met to address the problem of declining church membership among New England Congregationalists. The resulting compromise allowed children born to non-Church members to be baptized, but barred them from receiving the Lord's Supper or from voting in church affairs. FTP, what derogatory name was given to this decision, which marked the end of Puritan dominance in Massachusetts?

Answer: The Halfway Covenant

16. Bored with life in the postwar Southwest, teenagers Lacey Rawlins and John Grady Cole cross the border to Mexico where they fight horse thieves, spend a month in prison, and witness the death of another boy. This novel's deceptively innocent title is taken from a children's lullaby. FTP, name this 1991 bestseller by Cormac McCarthy.

Answer: All the Pretty Horses

17. Mickey Rooney and Buddy Ebsen played supporting roles, Blake Edwards directed, and Henry Mancini wrote the famous theme song especially for the musically untalented star. FTP, name this 1961 romantic comedy, based on a story by Truman Capote, which starred George Peppard and featured Audrey Hepburn singing "Moon River."

Answer: Breakfast At Tiffany's

18. His first successful book was Fake!, a nonfiction work about art forgery. In 1971, his next book received an unprecedented \$750,000 advance, understandable since his purported coauthor had not spoken to the press for thirteen years. FTP, who was this man who ended up getting no money and six months in jail for faking The Autobiography of Howard Hughes?

Answer: Clifford Irving

19. This theoretical catastrophe gets its name from the joke that, in the case of a nuclear reactor meltdown, the core would burn through the vessel, through the reactor basement, the ground and eventually to the other side of the world. In fact, it would cause a steam explosion, spewing vast amounts of radioactive fallout. FTP, what is this "syndrome," which some feared would result from Three Mile Island?

Answer: China Syndrome

20. Although it was approved by the FDA in 1990, it has since been found to cause recurrent headaches, severe dizziness, and nerve abnormalities. Designed to parcel out timed-release synthetic progesterone over a five year period, it consists of six rods inserted under the skin of the upper arm. FTP, give the common name of this contraceptive device, which has been used mainly by young, poor women.

Answer: Norplant

Bonuses for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Playoff Round 2

1. The mid-nineteenth century saw revolutions run rampant in Europe. One year in particular stands out, and it is known as the "Year of Revolutions." Answer these questions about it for 10 points apiece.

1. First, what year was it?

Answer: 1848

2. In February of 1848, the French established the Second Republic by driving out what king?

Answer: Louis-Phillipe

3. In March, Austrians revolted against this Chancellor.

Answer: Prince von Metternich

2. Sometimes art imitates life. Name these real life poetic inspirations for the stated number of points.

1. 5: Name the dead friend for whom Tennyson wrote "In Memoriam."

Answer: Arthur H. Hallam (prompt if "A.H.H" is given)

2. 10: Some think she was a Roman senator's wife named Clodia, but what was the poetic name of this lover of Catullus?

Answer: Lesbia

3. 15: Yeats wrote a cycle of love poems to this six-foot-tall Irish actress, but she married John MacBride instead.

Answer: Maud Gonne

3. FTP each, identify these life science terms which begin with the letter "N".

1. A large phylum of unsegmented worms, pointed at both ends, which are often parasites.

Answer: Nematoda (Do NOT accept nematodes. This is not a phylum.)

2. A compact structure inside a cell nucleus, concerned with the synthesis of ribosomal DNA.

Answer: Nucleolus

3. The specific part of a habitat occupied by an organism.

Answer: Niche

4. For 10 points each, name the Italian artist.

1. He is known for many works, among them "Madonna of the Rocks."

Answer: Leonardo Da Vinci

2. An exponent of the early High Renaissance style, he is known for classical paintings such as the "Madonna delle Arpie," and his marriage to the spoiled Lucrezia.

Answer: Andrea del Sarto

3. This sculptor's autobiography survives, but only a few authenticated works do, including the bronze "Perseus."

Answer: Benvenuto Cellini

5. For 10 points each, name these figures from the history of British India.

1. Hero of the siege of Arcot and battle of Plassey, this two-time governor of Calcutta committed suicide in 1774.

Answer: Robert Clive

2. Governor general of India from 1786-93, he successfully reformed the civil service, but is better remembered for losses in other parts of the empire.

Answer: Charles Cornwallis

3. Governor general from 1773-85, his treason trial lasted eight years, but ended in acquittal.

Answer: Warren Hastings

6. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the notoriously unlucky NBA draft class of 1986.

1. 5: As if having to play in Cleveland wasn't bad enough, this first overall pick from North Carolina has missed the last two seasons with a back injury.

Answer: Brad Daugherty

2. 15: This N.C. State player, a third overall pick for the Warriors, spent three years in prison for drug use, and was last seen in South America.

Answer: Chris Washburn

3. 10: The most successful player in that draft may be this 1987 rookie of the year, the fourth overall pick out of Auburn, now a San Antonio Spur.

Answer: Chuck Person

7. 30-20-10. Name the element.

30: Before gaining its current name in 1923, it was called "emanation" or "niton."

20: Rutherford predicted its atomic weight of 222; it was first found in emanations from thorium, actinium, and radium.

10: This noble gas is found in abundant deposits underground; an emission of 4 picoCuries poses the same cancer threat as smoking half a pack of cigarettes every day.

Answer: Radon

8. Given the description of a selection from "Pavarotti's Opera Made Easy" CD, give the opera, FTP each.

1. A self-confident Spaniard sings "Largo al factotum," listing the many talents he can use to solve any dilemma.

Answer: The Barber of Seville

2. In a Verdi opera, the Duke of Mantua sings "La donna e mobile" -- woman is fickle -- to justify his desertion of Gilda.

Answer: Rigoletto

3. In this Puccini work, a Chinese princess keeps Peking up all night in a frantic quest to discover the identity of her suitor; he sings "Nessun dorma!"

Answer: Turandot

9. Identify the following Latin American authors from works on a 10-5 basis.

1. 10: A House in the Country

5: Coronacion

Answer: Jose Donoso

2. 10: The Autumn of the Patriarch

5: One Hundred Years of Solitude

Answer: Gabriel Garcia Marquez

3. 10: Cantaclaro

5: Dona Barbara

Answer: Romulo Gallegos

10. 30-20-10. Name the philosopher.

30: His 1670 Treatise on Religion and the State, published anonymously, was placed on the Index for its rejection of conventional interpretations of the scriptures.

20: His most famous work is divided into five parts, including "On the Nature and Origin of Emotions," "On Human Bondage," and "On Human Liberty."

10: Excommunicated from the Jewish community of Amsterdam in 1656, his work was largely unpublished until after his death.

Answer: Baruch or Benedict Spinoza

11. To explain the discrepancy between theory and observational data with regard to the masses of galaxies, some scientists have postulated the existence of subatomic particles called WIMPs.

1. For 5 points for each word, what does W-I-M-P stand for?

Answer: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

2. WIMPs are supposed to form most of the universe's dark matter. FTP, other scientists believe that dark matter is composed of what kind of star?

Answer: brown dwarf

12. Identify these twentieth century U.S. Secretaries of State, FTP each.

1. Serving 1945-47, this former Supreme Court justice from South Carolina urged Truman to use the atomic bomb.

Answer: James Byrnes

2. He helped develop containment as undersecretary to Marshall and, serving from 1949-53, extended the policy to Asia, although McCarthy later accused him of harboring Communists.

Answer: Dean Acheson

3. Serving 1977-80, he resigned in protest of the commando hostage rescue attempt in Iran; from 1991-93, he was a mediator in the Balkans.

Answer: Cyrus Vance

13. Name the Marx Brothers film from a brief description, for 10 points each.

1. This film features the three famous aviators and a unique production of "Il Trovatore."

Answer: A Night at the Opera

2. A jockey, a tipster, and horse doctor named Hugo Hackenbush help a young couple keep their sanatorium in business.

Answer: A Day at the Races

3. The four Marx Brothers run the government of Fredonia, land of the brave and free.

Answer: Duck Soup

14. FTP each, answer these seemingly unrelated questions.

1. This 1962 novel by Doris Lessing, relates Anna Wulf's attempts to become a liberated woman.

Answer: The Golden Notebook

2. This Mongol state was established in Southern Russia by Genghis Khan, and later overran the ancient city of Kiev.

Answer: The Khanate of the Golden Horde

3. An unproved hypothesis in number theory which states that every even integer greater than four is the sum of two prime numbers.

Answer: The Goldbach Conjecture

15. Name these famous short works of 19th century Russian literature on a 10-5 basis, given a description then the author.

1. 10: One of the first realistic accounts of terminal illness, this novella recounts the last days of an ordinary man.

5: Leo Tolstoy

Answer: The Death of Ivan Ilych

2. 10: Lowly civil servant Akaky Akakievich must confront a Very Important Person when his favorite piece of clothing is stolen.

5: Nikolai Gogol

Answer: The Overcoat or Greatcoat

3. 10: The greedy Hermann searches for the three cards which will allow him to win a fortune at gambling.

5: Aleksandr Pushkin

Answer: The Queen of Spades

16. 30-20-10. Name this figure from Greek mythology.

30: Originally named Podarces, he was ransomed from Heracles by his sister, and given a new name which means "Ransomed one."

20: One version of his death in the Trojan War, at the hands of Neoptolemus or Pyrrhus, is recounted in Hamlet.

10: His fifty children included Polydorus, Cassandra, Paris, and Hector.

Answer: Priam

17. Identify these terms related to light for the stated number of points.

1. 10: A basic property, this describes the movement of a wave through space.

Answer: propagation

2. 5: The spreading of a light beam after passing the edge of an obstacle.

Answer: diffraction

3. 15: This phenomenon occurs when a material absorbs one direction of polarization completely and transmits the perpendicular polarization.

Answer: dichroism

18. 30-20-10. Give the common first and last name.

30: The first was a Swedish immigrant who represented Minnesota in the House, but whose Progressive bid for governor was damaged by his anti-Catholicism and opposition to World War I.

20: The second, his son, won the \$25,000 Orteig Prize in 1927, but later suffered for his own pacifist sentiments.

10: The third suffered a more tragic fate, kidnapped and murdered at age two.

Answer: Charles Lindbergh

19. 30-20-10. Name the nation.

30: Its name comes from a Native American word which may mean "ends of the Earth" or simply "seagulls." Its population is ten percent Protestant, one of the largest proportions in South America.

20: Isolated from its neighbors by the Atacama Desert in the north and the Andes in the east, this nation gained its independence in 1818.

10: Located due south of the USA's east coast, this nation stretches 2600 miles from north to south.

Answer: Chile

20. Identify the following short stories for 10 points each from the protagonist, for 5 if you need the author.

1. 10: Dexter Green

5: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Answer: Winter Dreams

2. 10: Jim Smiley

5: Mark Twain

Answer: The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

3. 10: Mr. Shiftlet

5: Flannery O'Connor

Answer: The Life You Save May Be Your Own