

**1997 Elvis Invitational Questions by Minnesota B  
Tossups**

1. This author helped establish the orthodox classical novel and is considered to be one of the greatest fiction authors of all time. His vast collection of novels and stories are estimated to contain 2,472 named characters and 566 unnamed characters. FTP, name the author of this collection known as *The Human Comedy*.

A: Honore de BALZAC

2. October 27th was a day to remember, at least for New York City in 1904. The mayor and 15,000 guests celebrated the opening of FTP what institution, built by contractor, John P. MacDonald, who may or may not have jumped the turnstyle.

A: the NYC SUBWAY

3. Many Secretaries of State don't actually perform secretarial tasks, such as handling correspondence or arranging meetings. However, this Secretary of State spent a few years working as President Lincoln's personal secretary before eventually being appointed to his post in 1898 by President McKinley. FTP, name this man who was best known for formulating the Open Door Policy in China.

A: John HAY

4. Most books of the Old Testament are named after their primary character or the person who was supposedly author. FTP, give the book named after the man who inspired and oversaw the rebuilding of the wall around the city of Jerusalem.

A: NEHEMIAH

5. It's 400 million dollar price tag included payment of debts still owed to Ross Perot, one of its original investors. Because their boss was busy at Pixar, Inc., some chief engineers at this plagued computer company went directly to Apple to tout their ability to build an operating system for the Macintosh computer, based on the "Openstep" architecture. Name this company, famous for its jet black computers, the egochild of Steve Jobs.

A: NeXT Computer

6. Under the rule of this man, the Mongol empire was expanded across Russia and even aroused the fears of the European Courts. FTP, name this third son of Chinggis-Ichar, who was the second ruler of the Mongols.

A: OGODEI

7. *The Great Wall of China*, *The Refusal*, *A Little Woman*, *Absent-minded Window-gazing*, *The Truth About Sancho Panza* and *The Vulture* were all shorter stories written by this author who, FTP, is better known for writing *The Trial*, *The Castle*, and *The Metamorphosis*.

A: Franz KAFKA

8. At his newest business venture, the Virgin Bride boutique in London, he donned a wedding dress claiming that "[he's] always had good legs." FTP, name this Brit who probably shouldn't have been wearing white.

A: Richard BRANSON

9. Vinko Bogataj, a Slovenian truck driver and painter, was recently interviewed by Brent Musberger in a classic sports segment on the TV show that features Bogataj wiping out on a ski hill every week in the opening of that same TV show. FTP, name this Saturday afternoon staple, in which Vinko represents "The agony of defeat."

A: WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS

10. "Hapsworth 16, 1928," first published in *The New Yorker* in 1965, will finally be published in book form

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Bonus**

1. (30) "I was about to turn out the light when instantaneously I saw the solution. I saw two soft watches, one of them hanging lamentably on the branch of the olive tree." For the given points:

(5) 1. Name the Spaniard from whom this was quoted.

A: SALVADOR DALI

(5) 2. Name the painting about which he was speaking.

A: THE PERSISTENCE OF MEMORY

(10) Name the book authored by this artist from which this quote was taken.

A: SECRET LIFE

(10) This painting now hangs in what museum?

A: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (or MOMA)

2. (25) Born in 1809, his career took several turns back and forth through both literature and science before he died in 1894. Among his significant contributions in medicine were his papers Homeopathy and its Kindred Delusions (1842) and The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever in 1843.

a) For 15 points -- name him:

Answer:   O     liver     W     endell     H     olmes     Sr.   (Prompt if partial answer).

b. And for 10 more points, literary buffs know Oliver W. Holmes Senior better for the 2-word name of his series in the Atlantic Monthly that includes The Autocrat of the (blank) (blank), The Professor at the (blank) (blank) and the Poet at the (blank) (blank)

Answer: Breakfast Table

3. (20) The Barcelona Pavilion, built as the German pavilion for the 1929 world fair, was heralded as a masterpiece of modern architecture, a piece comparable in beauty and subtlety to the great works of past architectural ages. However, this work cannot be seen today since it disappeared in transit while it was being shipped to Germany after the fair. For 20 points, name the designer of this famous disappearing building.

A: Ludwig MIES VAN DER ROHE (Rohe or Van der Rohe not acceptable)

4. (30) In 1853, a native American chef, working at a resort in Sarasota Springs, New York, became a bit ruffled when a customer repeatedly returned his order of french fries claiming that they were too thick. To get back at the customer, the chef decided to make an order of french fries too thin and crisp to skewer with a fork. The customer loved them. For 10 points each:

a) Name the chef whose attempt to get back at the customer failed dramatically.

A: George CRUM

b) The new food sensation which was created as a result.

A: POTATO CHIPS

c) The traveling salesman who mass produced the chips in the 1920's creating the first nationally marketed brand.

A: Herman LAY

5. (25) In 1995, the Cleveland Indians made only their fourth appearance in the World Series since they entered the league in 1901. For 5 points apiece, when were their previous 3 appearances give or take 2 years.

A: 1920, 1948, 1954

For an additional 10 points, in how many of these did they walk away with the pennant?

A: 2

6. (25) Given a brief description, quote, etc..., for 5 points each and a 5 point bonus for all 5, name these people who died in 1996.

- a. "Turn on, tune in, drop out" A: Timothy LEARY
- b. Former NFL Commissioner A: Pete ROZELLE
- c. Cornell professor, hosted PBS series Cosmos A: Carl SAGAN
- d. In this century, this Texas congresswoman was one of the first black members of Congress from the South. A: Barbara JORDAN
- e. He portrayed Sarek on Star Trek. A: Mark LENARD

7. (30) 30-20-10) Name this author from biographical information.

(30) Called to the Scottish bar but never practiced, early accounts of his frequent travels include *An Inland Voyage* (1878).

(20) He spent the end of his life in the South Seas, accounts of which are recorded in *In the South Seas* (1896), and *A Footnote to History* (1892).

(10) While living in England, he wrote *Kidnapped* and *Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde*.

A: Robert Louis STEVENSON

8. (30) Answer these related questions for ten points each.

a. This disorder occurs when certain lesions of cortical association areas profoundly disrupt language production and comprehension.

A: APHASIA

b. Name the area of the left hemisphere, which when damaged, leads to great difficulty in speaking, known as expressive aphasia.

A: BROCA's area

c. Name the area of the left hemisphere, which when damaged, leads to a loss of ability to understand what is being said, known as receptive aphasia

A: WERNICKE's area

9. (25) From ancient literature, it is believed that the first recorded use of light and shade was in a painting by this fifth century B.C. greek artist. For 25 points, name this ancient greek who was partially named for the mythological figure who provides him with the daily light that he captures in his painting?

A: APOLLODORUS Do not accept APOLLO

10. (25) For five points each, given the highest point in a state, name the state.

- 1. Timms Hill A: WISCONSIN
- 2. Guadalupe Peak A: TEXAS
- 3. Mount Hood A: OREGON
- 4. Mount Mitchell A: NORTH CAROLINA
- 5. Mount Elbert A: COLORADO

11. (30) Give the artist from a painting and its date FTPE.

- 1. Massacre At Chios (1824) A: Eugene DELACROIX
- 2. The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters (1797-1799) A: Francisco GOYA
- 3. The Burning of the Houses of Parliament (1834) A: JMW TURNER

12. (30) Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote many books chronicling her life. You will receive 5 points for any six of the eight books published before her death.

A: Little House in the Big Woods, Little House on the Prairie, On the Banks of Plum Creek, By the Shores of Silver Lake, The Long Winter, Little Town on the Prairie, Those Happy Golden Years, Farmer Boy

13. 30-20-10 Name the anthropologist.

(30) This leading exponent of structuralism, a name applied to the analysis of cultural systems, was friends with Jean-Paul Sartre.

(20) In 1968 he published "The Origin of Table Manners."

(10) Some of his books published in the U.S. include The Savage Mind written in 1966 and Elementary Structures of Kinship in 1962.

A: Claude LEVI-STRAUSS

14. (20) Not only is Greek mythology populated with gods ad beasts, there are other creatures such as nymphs. Nymphs were less than gods but more than human, and sometimes created by a union of the two. I'll give you a natural location and for five points apiece name the type of nymph that lived there.

- 1. Trees and woodlands: A: DRYADS
- 2. Rivers, ponds, pools, and fountains: A: NAIADS
- 3. Oceans and other bodies of seawater: A: NEREIDS
- 4. Mountains: A: OREADS

15. (30) 30-20-10 Military figure

(30) He lost his right eye in 1794 during the capture of Caloi and in 1797 lost his right arm in a disastrous assault on Tenerife.

(20) Almost as well known for his accomplishments at sea, was his long time private love affair with Emma, Lady Hamilton, while both were married, but not to each other.

(10) His first success came in 1794 when he led 16 British ships of the line to victory over 27 Spanish ships of the line at Cape St. Vincent.

A: Horatio NELSON

16. (20) Few of the Amendments of the U.S. Constitution list any specific monetary figures -- but one amendment that does probably needs an amendment of its own. For 10 points per answer:

1. What amendment dealing with suits of common law declares a specific value -- whereby property in controversy with that value or higher will invoke the preservation of a trial by jury to resolve the controversy?

A: The \_7\_ th Amendment

2. And what now-seemingly inconsequential monetary value is specifically demarcated in the 7th Amendment?

A: \_20\_ Dollars

17. (30) Feminists have long criticized the Walt Disney Company for having so many characters with wicked stepmothers or no mother at all. For 15 points apiece, name the only 2 of 34 animated, full-length movies in which both parents appear and both of them stay alive throughout the entire show.

A: 101 DALMATIANS and PETER PAN

18. (30) Given a physical quantity, for five points name the S.I. unit used to measure it, and and for five more points, tell if it's a base unit (like meters) or a derived unit derived from base units (like Newtons). The quantities are amount, energy, and frequency.

A:

Pys. Quant	Unit (Unit Abbrev)	Base/Derived
Amount	MOLE (mol)	BASE
Energy	JOULE (J)	DERIVED
Frequency	HERTZ (hz)	DERIVED

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19. (30) 30-20-10 Actor

1. His father was the lead singer on the 1970s hit "Everybody Plays The Fool" by The Main Ingredient.
  2. His big break came in the film "Boys N The Hood".
  3. He was recently nominated for a Golden Globe for his work as Rod Tidwell in the film "Jerry Maguire."
- A: Cuba GOODING Jr.

20. (20) An unusual figure of plane geometry, the Heptagon has 7 sides. For 10 points a piece:

a. Given that a regular heptagon has 7 equivalent sides -- what -- within one whole degree -- is the measurement of any of its external angles?

Answer: 51 degrees (51.43 rounds down) Accept 50-52

b. Given that each external angle measures exactly 51.43 degrees -- what is the exact measurement for any of the internal angles?

Answer: 128.57 degrees.

21. (30) 30-20-10 Author

(30) After his wife died, but before he died in April 1910, he expressed his grief, loneliness and pessimism about the human character in several late works, such as Letters From The Earth.

(20) Many of his more popular works are based on his extensive travels in the US and abroad, and include Following the Equator, Roughing It, and The Innocents Abroad.

(10) A onetime steamboat pilot, while at a mining camp, this author heard the story he would make famous as "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras (Kal-uh-VER-us) County"

A: MARK TWAIN (accept Samuel Langhorne CLEMENS)

22. (25) Everyone knows that Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space. And to keep up with the Reds the Americans had to send Alan B. Shepard into space second. But, for 25 points can you name the third man to go in to space.

ANSWER: Virgil "Gus" GRISSOM

23. (20) Given the second largest city in a Canadian province, name the province.

1. Summerside                   A: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
2. Richmond                    A: BRITISH COLUMBIA
3. Brandon                      A: MANITOBA

24. (30) Given the age, occupation and cause of death of a sports-related figure who died in 1996, name the deceased.

1. 22, Nebraska quarterback, plane crash    A: Brook BERRINGER
2. 51, former hockey player, AIDS           A: Bill GOLDSWORTHY
3. 46, sports broadcaster, drowning        A: Tom MEES

## Toss-Ups

1. The main statement of this book is that Western powers are fated to lose if they choose to shape the course of Asian history. In particular, the French were doomed to lose in Indochina. Through the eyes of the narrator Fowler, readers were able to experience the tension felt by the expatriate community in Vietnam as seen by the attack at Phat Diem. FTP, name this 1955 work written by Graham Greene.

\_THE QUIET AMERICAN\_

2. This psychological school dealt primarily with perception, pattern, organization, wholes, and field properties. It emphasizes the importance of perceiving whole objects or forms and proposed a number of principles of how we organize objects. FTP, name this system of psychology founded by Max Wertheimer.

ANS: \_Gestalt\_

3. Proposed by Ernst Haeckel in 1868 as a third "neutral kingdom" along with Metazoa and Metaphyta, it contains nine phyla including one-celled heterotrophs, eukaryotic algae, and slime molds. FTP, name this taxonomic kingdom whose members are characterized by flagella or cilia or move via pseudopodia.

ANS: \_Protista\_ or \_Protoctista\_

4. Born in Royal Oak, Mich. in 1939, he has been called the Rodney Dangerfield of California politics since becoming a state senator there in 1987. Nevertheless, he is continuing to pursue higher offices, currently stressing his Midwestern roots in his campaign for mayor of Los Angeles. FTP, name this 1960s radical politician who helped the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, was a member of the Chicago 7 and former romantic interest of Jane Fonda.

ANS: Tom \_HAYDEN\_

5. The First Earl of Dwyfor, he is the only person of Welsh Descent to become British Prime Minister. As Chancellor of the Exchequer in the early twentieth Century, he authored Britain's National Health Insurance Act and Old Age Pensions Act. FTP, name this Prime Minister, Britain's primary negotiator at the Paris Peace Conference after World War I.

ANS: DAVID \_LLOYD GEORGE\_

6. He was shot by Harriet Bird on his way to try out for the Cubs, but many years later he managed to make the major leagues. He finally got his shot at an everyday job when outfielder Bump Bailey crashed into a wall and died. FTP, name this Bernard Malamud character who, in his first at bat for the New York Knights, "knocked the cover off the ball" on his way to becoming a natural.

ANS: ROY \_HOBBS\_

7. William Lussell discovered this 14th magnitude satellite about 16 arc seconds from its planet in 1846. Both its period of rotation and its orbit period are approximately 5.88 days. In the 1970s, scientists discovered an atmosphere of nitrogen gas mixed with about 0.1 percent methane. FTP, name this moon in retrograde orbit around the planet Neptune.

ANS: \_Triton\_

8. He was called primus inter pares or first among equals. He returns the priestess Chryseis to her father in order to calm Apollo's anger. Thersites was hit on the head by Odysseus for berating him. FTP, name this Danaan king who insulted Achilles by taking Briseis from him.

ANS: \_Agamemnon\_

9. The Doldrums, The Valley of Silence, The Island of Conclusions, The Mountains of Ignorance, Expectations, and Rhyme & Reason are all locations in this book. The story revolves around Milo and his watchdog Tock, and an underlying theme is the war between words and numbers. FTP, name this 1961 children's book by Norton Juster.

ANS: The Phantom Tollbooth

10. It was discovered by the British during the Napoleonic Wars but was constructed around the beginning of the ninth century A.D. It is built in the form of a Buddhist stupa and richly decorated with low relief carvings depicting scenes from religious texts. Smaller stupas sheltering statues of Buddha adorn its summit. Pilgrims could also view volcanic mountains such as Mount Merapi from here. FTP, name this grand religious monument located near Yogyakarta on central Java.

ANS: BOROBODUR

11. He was elected to the House of Representatives as a Federalist from New Hampshire, and later to the Senate as a Whig from Massachusetts. He was the only Whig in William Henry Harrison's cabinet not to resign immediately when Harrison died. After returning to the Senate, he was appointed Secretary of State for a second time, this time under Millard Fillmore. FTP, name this lawyer, statesman, and legendary orator.

ANS: DANIEL WEBSTER

12. Written in 1749, it deployed the devices of mock epic and romance. Its wide social range paved the way for the novels of Dickens and Thackeray. It tells the adventure of a hot-blooded young man who through the deviousness of Blifil, his rival for the hand of Sophia was temporarily banished by his benefactor, Squire Allworthy. FTP, name this Henry Fielding novel.

ANS: Tom Jones

13. According to her contract, her latest action means that she may not appear on television for three years. Before her most recent role, she played Blake on "Guiding Light" and Laura Kelley on "NYPD Blue." FTP, name this actress who, despite being nominated for an Emmy, recently quit her role on "ER."

ANS: Sherry Stringfield

14. Filmed at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles during the 1950s, this television show hosted by Mark Scott has made yet another comeback, this time on Classic Sports Network. FTP, name this show which featured such forgotten baseball stars of yesteryear such as Dick Stuart and Jackie Jensen slug it out against Hall of Famers Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron in a series of home-run hitting contests.

ANS: HOME RUN DERBY

15. When he broke with his country's Constitutionalist government and declared war in 1915, he had the United States' full support. However, this support was short-lived, as President Wilson recognized his enemy Venustiano Carranza's government in 1915. He then fled to America and attacked the town of Columbus, New Mexico, prompting Wilson to send federal troops to capture him. FTP, name this Mexican revolutionary, pursued for three months by General John J. Pershing.

ANS: Francisco "Pancho" Villa

16. One of the most dynamic yet tormented leaders in Southeast Asia, in 1993, he returned to the throne 52 years after first gaining power. In 1953, he helped lead his country to independence from France yet abdicated his throne two years later while still acting as leader. FTP, name this man who was overthrown and held prisoner by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in 1970 but now reigns again as king of Cambodia.

ANS: Norodom SIHANOUK

17. The star of this film initially wanted to play numerous roles in it, much like Peter Sellers in "Dr. Strangelove." Instead, he only played two, one of which was a Las Vegas "businessman." In the credits, we

learn that the film was based on a set of Topps trading cards from the 1960's. FTP, identify this 1996 movie that starred Jack Nicholson as the President of the United States.

ANS: MARS ATTACKS!

18. While he was growing up, he was known as Trey. He and his wife Melinda recently had their first child, Jennifer. In recent years, he has donated \$34 million to the University of Washington to fund a chair for human genome-project researcher Leroy Hood; \$6 million to Stanford and, ironically, \$10 million to Harvard for a computer center. FTP, name this author of "The Road Ahead" and president of Microsoft.

ANS: William H. (Bill)\_GATES\_ III

19. He will take time off this year to write a Broadway musical to which Conan O'Brien responded, "Time off from what?" In any event, he is one of the most prolific songwriters in recent years, penning numerous Top 40 hits as well adding lyrics to the "American Bandstand" theme song, yet he did not write the song "I Write the Songs." FTP, name this performer best known for "Copacabana."

ANS: Barry \_MANILOW\_

20. His sonnets include "To the Same", "On Dante Aligheiri", and "To Giorgio Vasari." As an architect, he designed the interior of the Laurentian Library in Florence and the dome of St Peter's in Rome, and his sculptures decorate the tombs of Lorenzo de Medici and Pope Julius II. FTP, name this Renaissance man who also painted "The Last Judgement" and the Sistine Chapel.

\_Michelangelo\_ Buonarotti

21. For many centuries, this countries most profitable industry was smuggling. While tourism now dominates, trade is still important, especially since the 1960s when it declared itself a duty-free area. This country is drained by the Valira River and its highest point is Estanyo Peak. FTP, Name this principality of 453 square km situated between Spain and France.

\_Andorra\_

22. Gold, Silver, and Palladium versions of this type of alloy are found in nature. Tin-based versions are used in silvering mirrors, and tooth fillings are made from the silver-based versions. For 10 Points, identify this 7-letter word for an alloy of Mercury.

\_amalgam\_

(Prompt on: \_Mercury\_ alloy on an early buzz)

23. It is the form of church government in which elders, both lay people and ministers, govern. In fact, its name derives from the Greek for elder. It emerged in the sixteenth century Reformation as an effort by Protestant reformers to recapture the form as well as the message of the New Testament Church. FTP, name this religion with three million adherents in its largest body in the United States.

\_Presbyterianism\_

24. On January 8, 1997, the Supreme Court began hearing the cases on *Vacco vs. Quill* and *Compassion in Dying vs. Washington*, six and a half years after deciding, in *Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Department of Health*, that a state may assert an unqualified interest in the preservation of life. FTP, name this controversial issue the Supreme Court is still battling today.

\_Euthanasia\_ or \_right to die\_

25. In Hebrew, this word mean "unformed mass," and it is mentioned once in the Bible, in Psalm 139. However, the word is more famous for its place in medieval Jewish legend, where it refers to a clay robot who was activated when a slip of paper with the name of god on it was placed under its tongue. FTP, name this



creature from stories by Rabbi Loew of Prague and Isaac Loeb Peretz.

\_GOLEM\_

26. He is said to have shouted "Eureka!" as he stepped into his bath and made his famous discovery. He is also reputed to have said, "Give me the place to stand, and a lever long enough, and I will move the Earth." FTP, identify this ancient greek who used his principle to prove that a crown was not dense enough to be made of pure gold.

ANS: \_ARCHIMEDES\_