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1. This philosopher argued that a first principle which expresses a “fact/act” is necessary for philosophy, contrary to the first principle proposed by K. L. Reinhold. He expressed that first principle as “the I posits itself absolutely.” His lectures on the Enlightenment were published as *The Characteristics of the Present Age*, and his other works include *The Vocation of the Scholar*. His publication of “On the Ground of Our Belief in a Divine World-Governance” led to accusations of (\*) atheism, which caused him to resign from the University of Jena. This author claimed that God cannot create laws which are inconsistent with moral law. For 10 points, name this philosopher whose *Attempt at a Critique of All Revelation* was initially mistaken for a work by Kant.

ANSWER: Johann Gottlieb Fichte

2. This disease is part of a triad including splenomegaly and neutropenia as part of Felty’s syndrome. This disease is diagnosed by finding antibodies to citrullinated peptides. DMARDs are used to treat this disease, and regimens often include entercept and adalimumab, which are TNF-alpha inhibitors. This disease’s namesake (\*) factor is an IgM antibody against human IgG, and it is characterized by white blood cells creating a pannus by invading synovial tissue. This disease presents with the boutonniere and swan-neck deformities, and is characterized by prolonged morning stiffness. For 10 points, name this debilitating autoimmune condition which causes inflammation in small joints.

ANSWER: Rheumatoid arthritis [or RA]

3. This man’s last short story collection contains the stories “Resurrect the Dead” and “The Flight to the Moon,” and that collection is titled *Old Tales Retold*. This author wrote about a traffic accident in front of a police station in “An Incident.” In one of his stories, the title character harasses a nun and spends his last moments before being executed trying to draw a perfect (\*) circle. This creator of a man who claims “spiritual victories” wrote about a person who sees the lines “Eat people!” written in books, and that story ends with the line “Save the children...” For 10 points, name this author of “A Madman’s Diary” and *The True Story of Ah Q*.

ANSWER: Lu Xun [or Zhou Shuren]

4. The fifth of these works begins in allegro with alternation between an orchestra playing ritornello and solo instruments. That same fifth work in this collection was the first time that the composer used the transverse flute in composition and includes a part for cello whereas an earlier version did not. The first work in this collection borrows from the composer's earlier Hunting Cantata, and the sixth of these works features a string (\*) ensemble throughout the whole of the composition but notably lacks violins. The first movement of the fifth of these compositions features a famous cadenza for harpsichord. For 10 points, name this collection dedicated to Margrave Christian Ludwig, a set of six works by Johann Sebastian Bach.

ANSWER: the Brandenburg Concertos [accept Brandenburg Concerti or Six Concerts à plusieurs instruments]

5. At one point in this novel, the main character writes “the ultimate truth is penultimately always a falsehood.” Subordinates in this novel include the ex-wrestler Paul and a sailor/novelist named Bill. Little Loewy, hangs himself after being betrayed by the main character of this novel, who had also betrayed a German named Richard. One character in this novel owes a great debt to the main character, who convinced him not to commit suicide after his leg was amputated, and that character, (\*) Ivanov, is eventually replaced by Gletkin. The main character communicates with No. 402 by tapping on the wall. For 10 points, name this novel about a Soviet imprisoned for conspiring against “Number 1,” Rubashov, who is executed at its end, a novel of Arthur Koestler.

ANSWER: Darkness at Noon [or Sonnenfinsternis]

6. Pierantonio Costa is credited with saving the lives of around two thousand people in this conflict. One of the earliest events in this conflict took place in a Polish Pallottine church. One side in this conflict was supported by the highly controversial Operation Turquoise. Propaganda published in the magazine *Kangura* and broadcast by the (\*) RTLM contributed to this conflict, and after a private plane was shot down, RTLM broadcast the phrase “cut down the tall trees.” The catalyst for this conflict was the assassination of Cyprien Ntaryamira and Juvenal Habyarimana, the presidents of Burundi and the country where this conflict took place. For 10 points, name this 1994 genocide in which members of the Hutu Power movement killed hundreds of thousands of Tutsis.

ANSWER: the Rwandan genocide

7. D’Amico created a mesoscopic version of the apparatus used in this experiment by applying two non-dispersive phases to an interferometer. One version of this experiment sought to demonstrate that dark polaritons in an transparent rubidium gas cell had a non-zero magnetic moment. An extension of its apparatus led to the discovery that state transitions could be induced with RF fields by (\*) I. I. Rabi, whose namesake oscillation is useful in MRI equipment. Ramsey achieved population inversion in a maser using a method similar to this experiment. This experiment featured a beam of silver atoms that were deflected by an inhomogeneous magnetic field. For 10 points, name this experiment that demonstrated the existence of spin.

ANSWER: Stern-Gerlach experiment

8. This man illustrated a 1930 edition of Apollinaire’s *Calligrammes*. One painting by this man shows two figures, one clad in red and one in blue, standing in front of a wall, behind which the top of a sail is visible. Another painting by this man shows a large amount of bananas sitting in front of a headless statue. This artist behind *The Enigma of the Arrival in the Afternoon* and *The Uncertainty of the Poet* depicted a green (\*) ball below a Greek sculpture of a head next to an orange glove in his *The Song of Love*, and he showed two mannequins in *The Disquieting Muses*. This artist is perhaps most famous for a painting that shows a girl rolling a hoop with a stick down a long street. For 10 points, name this Italian founder of the Metaphysical art movement, the artist of *Mystery and Melancholy of a Street*.

ANSWER: Giorgio de Chirico

9. One of this man's works describes a Gascon black mass which is recited backwards beginning at 11 o'clock and ending at midnight, the Mass of Saint-Sécaire. He wrote a book called *The Belief in Immortality and the Worship of the Dead*, in which he classified myths about the origin of death into four types. He coined the term "conceptualism" to describe societies that believe that pregnancy is caused by animal spirits entering the womb. The most famous work by this author of (\*) *Totemism and Exogamy* discusses the priesthood of Nemi as part of his argument that a common element in world myths is the periodic sacrifice of a sacred king as part of a fertility rite, and is named after an object used by Aeneas to enter the underworld. For 10 points, name this anthropologist who wrote *The Golden Bough*.

ANSWER: Sir James George Frazer

10. In this province, native herdsmen or *boukolai* led by the priest Isidorus revolted during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. That revolt was put down by Avidius Cassius, who was proclaimed emperor by troops from this province. Hadrian founded the city of Antinopolis in this province in memory of his drowned lover. This province is where the mathematician(\*) Hypatia was murdered by a mob. Known for its grain production, this province was home to St. Anthony. Caesarion was murdered after its conquest, which happened soon after the Roman victory at Actium forced the suicide of Marc Antony. For 10 points, name this province which had once been home to Cleopatra.

ANSWER: Roman Egypt [or Aegyptus]

11. Mixtures containing this compound and proteins with aromatic rings turn yellow upon heating, an observation used in the xanthoproteic test. This substance, which comes in red fuming and white fuming varieties, can be used to synthesize aniline by addition followed by reduction. One inefficient process for producing this compound using an electrical arc was named for (\*) Birkeland and Eyde, but a more widely used process makes use of a platinum-rhodium catalyst. That process provides raw material for the production of fertilizer and is named for Ostwald. This compound is found along with hydrochloric acid in a mixture that can dissolve gold. For 10 points, name this compound found in aqua regia, a strong acid with formula HNO<sub>3</sub>.

ANSWER: nitric acid

12. A landlady in this novel finds sympathy from the stable-boy Hans when she is abandoned by her love interest. The narrator of this novel is sheltered by the tanner Lasemann, who is the brother-in-law of Otto Brunswick, according to Mark Harman's 1998 translation of this novel. One character in this novel falls into disgrace after turning down the rude sexual advances of an official named (\*) Sortini, leading to her father's fireman diploma being revoked by Seemann. The protagonist of this novel has a fiancée who ultimately leaves him for Jeremiah, a waiter at the Herrenhof Inn. The narrator spends much of this novel trying to arrange a meeting with Klamm, an official in the title building. For 10 points, name this unfinished novel about the supposed land surveyor K., written by Franz Kafka.

ANSWER: *The Castle* [or *Das Schloss*]

**13. This river is connected to the Basin da Thau by a canal that ends at Sete. The major tributary of this river combines with this river to form the Presqu'île or Peninsula; that tributary is named after the goddess Souconna. Near the sea, this river splits into two branches that form a wetland region in between them. That wetland region names an eponymous wild horse breed. This river forms the (\*)** Camargue region near the sea. Rising in the Swiss Alps, along with the Dranse, this river feeds Lake Geneva. In 1942, Italy invaded the Vichy zone up this river. It combines with its largest tributary, the Saone, at Lyons. The largest city at the delta of this river is Arles, though the largest city in the department in which this river reaches the sea is Marseilles. For 10 points, name this river that flows in southern France.

ANSWER: Rhone River

**14. On the Nedroid webcomic, this is the name of Reginald's nemesis. A man with this first name fronted the band that released the song "Are Friends Electric?", Tubeway Army. Other than that man who released a song about a place where he feels "safest of all," another man with this first name guest starred as a security guard at the Funzo factory on *The Simpsons*. Another actor with this first name starred as Peter Keyes in *Predator 2*, and that actor is now mostly known for being (\*)** crazy and having large teeth. One character with this name performs at a poetry reading where he only meows, and an actor with this name plays Commissioner Gordon in Christopher Nolan's Batman movies. For 10 points, give this first name, shared by the actors Busey, Coleman, and Oldman.

ANSWER: Gary

**15. The first major defense in this battle was staged at Cactus Ridge and a thirty-foot spike called the Pinnacle. Another defensive complex in this battle was based on the triangle formed by Half Moon Hill, Horseshoe Hill, and Sugar Loaf Hill. Shuri Castle formed the main defensive line in this battle, in which war correspondent Ernie (\*)** Pyle died. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. commanded this battle; in response to it, the *Yamato* was lost in Operation Ten-Go. The victory at this battle was intended to precede Operation Downfall so that the location of this battle could be used as a base for the air force, but it was not needed because the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. For 10 points, name this 1945 battle following Iwo Jima, fought on a largest Ryukyu Island where the U.S. still maintains a military base.

ANSWER: Battle of Okinawa

**16. A ring of impact features on this body is named for Gaubatino. Kraken Mare is this body's largest known body of water. Although not Venus, this body's Ganesa Macula resemble pancake domes, and was originally thought to be cryovolcanic. Xanadu is a large reflective region on the surface of this celestial body, and Xanadu shares a border with (\*)** Shangri-la on it. A mission partially named for Huygens, this body's discoverer, was sent to it in 2005, and found that it resembled a primordial earth. This body is in close proximity to Norse, Gallic and Inuit groups of similar bodies, and Giovanni Cassini names prominent features of this satellite's largest neighbor; those features are rings. For 10 points, name this largest moon of Saturn.

ANSWER: Titan

**17. Military forces gathered in the capital of this modern-day country on the pretext of celebrating its president's sixtieth birthday launched a coup to help its Nationalists. It lost its capital to a neighbor in Zeligowski's Mutiny. A political group in this country took its name from a story popularized in the national epic in which (\*) Gediminas knew where to put the capital of this country. That fascist group here supported Augustinas Voldemaras and was known as "the iron wolf." This country was once led by Vytautas, who frequently had conflicts with a neighboring country led by his cousin, Jogaila. For 10 points, name this country which was once part of a personal union with Poland.**

ANSWER: Lithuania [or Lietuva]

**18. This god made a long journey to India and was raised by the Nysaeen nymphs according to some stories. One of his followers was a pilot from Maeonia who first encountered him as a sleeping boy on his ship; that follower, Acoetes, was the only one who recognized his true identity and was thus saved from being transformed, unlike his crew of Tyrrhenian (\*) pirates. When this deity tried to bring his worship to Thebes, he was resisted by the king, whom he punished by having him torn apart by a group of women including Agave. Jupiter swore by the Styx to fulfill any request that this god's mother might ask of him, resulting in his mother dying when Jupiter showed her his full glory. For 10 points, name this son of Jupiter and Semele, a god of wine.**

ANSWER: Bacchus [or Dionysus]

**19. A cortège by this composer opens with trumpets and cornets playing C-flat octaves in a very rhythmic double-dotted 8th, 32nd, quarter, 8th-8th-8th-8th, followed by A-flat minor chords from the whole orchestra in the same rhythm. He cast Sybil Sanderson to sing the "Eiffel Tower note" G6 in "Ah Roland!... Regarde-les ces yeux" in his opera *Esclarmonde*. Fauré lamented this man's "vulgar and passionate writhings," such as (\*) Chevalier des Grieux's aria "En fermant les yeux." In Act 2 of another opera by him, the monk Athanaël's conversion of the title courtesan is depicted by a D major intermezzo for solo violin and orchestra. "Méditation" from *Thaïs* is by, for 10 points, which prolific Frenchman who composed the operas *Werther* and *Manon*?**

ANSWER: Jules Massenet

**20. A character in this story is called "Miss Priss" when she starts pulling the tacks out of some bluebird wall vases. Another character in this story is annoyed by the fact that her uncle is wearing a piece of clothing which is part of her trousseau; that character is exactly a year younger than the protagonist. This story takes place on the Fourth of July, and a climactic moment in this story involves a bunch of (\*) fireworks being thrown into the protagonist's room. The narrator of this story is jealous of another character's relationship with the photographer Mr. Whitaker, and she refers to her grandfather as Papa-Daddy. The narrator of this story, who lives in China Grove, is resentful of her sister Stella-Rondo. For 10 points, name this short story in which Sister explains why she is no longer staying with her family, written by Eudora Welty.**

ANSWER: "Why I Live at the P.O."

TIEBREAKER/EXTRA

**21. The early part of this ruler's reign was dominated by the conflict between the War party led by this ruler and the gazi warlords and the Peace party which was led by the grand vizier Candarli Halil Pasha. At the Battle of Otlukbeli, this ruler beat the White Sheep Turcomans. He built the Rumeli Hisari as a fortress to starve out a city he was besieging with the help of Urban, a Hungarian engineer who made some very large (\*) cannons for this ruler. He was a ruler for a short time in his teenage years after the abdication of his father Murad II and before Murad returned to fight off the Varna Crusade. He killed Lukas Notaras and earlier had granted amnesty to the people who hid in the Hagia Sophia. For 10 points, name this Ottoman sultan who conquered Constantinople.**

ANSWER: Mehmet II [accept Mehmed II; accept Mehmet the Conqueror; accept Mehmed the Conqueror; accept Faith Sultan Mehmet; accept Mahomet II]

**22. This figure's second husband was driven out of England for his superior craftsmanship and skill at making saddles. That husband set free a mouse in exchange for the release of this figure and her son. She became stuck to a golden bowl while searching for her son, who disappeared while hunting a white boar. This figure was betrothed to (\*) Gwawl, but her first husband won her hand with the creation of the game "Badger-in-the-Bag". This figure's son was discovered and raised by Teyrnnon, but she was accused of eating her child after her handmaidens smeared puppy blood on her face and hands. She married Manawydan after the death of her first husband, who was the lord of Dyfed. For 10 points, name this figure from Welsh mythology, the wife of Pwyll and mother of Pryderi who appears in the first and third branches of the Mabinogion.**

ANSWER: Rhiannon

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1. These short segments are often transmitted during conjugation using sex pili. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these short segments of DNA exchanged between bacteria in order to share traits like antibiotic resistance. They were first characterized by Joshua Lederberg.

ANSWER: plasmids

[10] The sex pilus is encoded by this plasmid, which contains the Tra region. Those organisms that integrate this plasmid into their genome

ANSWER: Fertility plasmid

[10] This small-scale procedure isolates plasmids from a colony of bacteria using alkaline lysis and a silica column. Unlike the midi and maxi versions, it only isolates around 30 micrograms of DNA.

ANSWER: miniprep

2. This character moves to another town with Reverend Neville. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this character who is shot in the jaw by Dowie Stead. He is eventually killed by Hyberry after murdering several women.

ANSWER: Jimmie [or Jimmie Blacksmith]

[10] *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* is a novel about an aborigine by this Australian author, who wrote *Schindler's Ark*.

ANSWER: Thomas Keneally

[10] This commander of the Plaszow camp features prominently in *Schindler's Ark*. Much like Schindler, he is a womanizer and drunk, but his arbitrarily cruel behavior is contrasted with Schindler's.

ANSWER: Goeth [or Amon Goeth]

3. Name some things that aren't science, though Isaac Hirsch wishes they were, for 10 points each.

[10] This supposed ten-foot petrified man was planted by George Hull, who then hired two men to dig a well and inadvertently find it. P.T. Barnum made a replica of it.

ANSWER: Cardiff Giant

[10] Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons excitedly announced that they had successfully performed the "cold" version of this process. Other scientists could not replicate their results in performing this and eventually realized that they were doing something else.

ANSWER: cold fusion

[10] This researcher of unusual phenomena developed a cult following, who named themselves after him. He enjoyed studying pseudoscience, and his legacy mostly lives on in people clipping newspaper stories about frogs raining from the sky.

ANSWER: Charles Hoy Fort

4. This act encouraged farmers to not plant crops in part of their lands, in order to artificially raise the value of crops. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this act, which was ruled unconstitutional in *United States v. Butler*.

ANSWER: **Agricultural Adjustment** Act [or **AAA**]

[10] The AAA was part of this program that also included the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

ANSWER: **New Deal**

[10] This amendment to the AAA authorized the Federal Reserve to purchase of up to three billion dollars in securities directly from the Treasury. It also allowed the President to devalue the weight of the gold or silver dollar.

ANSWER: **Thomas** Amendment

5. This effect occurs when a magnetic field changes the polarization of light that passes through a dielectric. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this linear effect discovered by a British scientist who also names a Maxwell equation relating the voltage to the time change in magnetic flux.

ANSWER: **Faraday** effect

[10] This constant relates the magnetic flux and the change in polarization angle in the Faraday effect.

ANSWER: **Verdet** constant

[10] The Faraday effect is stronger for dielectrics with a high value of this quantity. This value can usually be approximated as the square root of a material's permittivity.

ANSWER: **index of refraction** [prompt on "n"]

6. This man had been imprisoned in Russia after a controversy involving an anonymous letter, alleging sabotage of the ship *Soleure*, that led to a five thousand ruble insurance payout being withheld. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this man whose unrealized requests to receive monetary compensation for his ordeal in Russia caused him to assassinate the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in 1812.

ANSWER: John **Bellingham**

[10] This man was Bellingham's victim, the only British PM to suffer such a fate. The "Walcheren fever" epidemic erupted during his administration, which oversaw the height of Peninsular fighting during the War of the Fifth Coalition with Napoleon.

ANSWER: Spencer **Perceval**

[10] Prior to becoming PM, Perceval served on the African Institute and otherwise joined with William Wilberforce to advocate the end of this practice, which was outlawed in 1807 in the United States.

Practitioners of this business engaged in "tight packing" and oversaw the "middle passage."

ANSWER: the international or transoceanic or trans-Atlantic **slave trade** ["slavery" itself is not correct]



7. This is the name of an urban everyman who is a recurring character in the work of the poet Weldon Kees. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this surname, which is also the surname of the author of *The Glory of the Nightingale*, a poet who is probably best known for writing "Richard Cory."

ANSWER: **Robinson**

[10] This Robinson poem about an unhappy marriage opens by saying, "She fears him, and will always ask what fated her to choose him."

ANSWER: **"Eros Turannos"**

[10] In Robinson's "Miniver Cheevy" the title character is said to "miss the medieval grace of iron clothing" and instead view a suit of this material "with loathing."

ANSWER: **khaki**

8. In this opera, the orchestra plays the "death-curse" leitmotif when Fafner kills Fasolt. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this first opera of the Ring Cycle, in which the ring is forged from the title substance.

ANSWER: *Das **Rheingold*** [accept *The **Rhine Gold***]

[10] This dwarf forswears love after being mocked by the Rhine maidens, and forges the ring from the Rheingold.

ANSWER: **Alberich**

[10] Alberich is tricked by this character to transform into a toad using the powers of the Tarnhelm. Alberich is promptly captured by this character and his companion Wotan.

ANSWER: **Loge** [prompt on **Loki**]

9. This book criticizes Lacan for equating the square root of negative one with "the erectile organ," and it also criticizes Luce Irigaray for referring to  $E=mc^2$  as a "sexed equation." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this critique of postmodernism that was written during the so-called "science wars." It attacks the improper usage of scientific concepts by a number of French intellectuals.

ANSWER: **Fashionable Nonsense** [accept **Impostures Intellectuelles** or **Intellectual Impostures**]

[10] Along with Jean Bricmont, this man wrote *Fashionable Nonsense*. He is better known for his namesake affair, in which his paper subtitled "Towards a Transformative Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity" was published in *Social Text*.

ANSWER: Alan **Sokal**

[10] This man criticized Sokal in an article contained in his *Paper Machine*. This French philosopher is better known for writing *Of Grammatology*.

ANSWER: Jacques **Derrida**

10. In the Moche culture, this term often referred to temples, such as the ones dedicated to the Sun and Moon which gave their names to the capital of the Moche civilization. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this Quechua term referring to sacred objects.

ANSWER: **huacas**

[10] Huacas were also prevalent in this empire, known in Quechua as Tawantinsuyu. Pachacuti transformed the Kingdom of Cusco into this empire which was later ruled by Atahualpa.

ANSWER: **Incan** Empire

[10] This Incan ruler lost a civil war to his half-brother Atahualpa, after their father Huayna Capac's death from smallpox led to a succession crisis.

ANSWER: **Huascar**

11. This conflict has included the Hama massacre, and it escalated after incidents such as the torture of the adolescent Hamza al-Khatib. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this ongoing, extremely bloody Arab Spring event in which a coalition is attempting to overthrow the government of Bashar Assad.

ANSWER: Syrian civil war [or Syrian uprising, etc.]

[10] In November 2012, this former leader of the Syrian National Coalition became head of the new National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces. This Damascus imam is a former executive with Royal Dutch Shell.

ANSWER: Moaz al-Khatib

[10] Areas controlled by the Free Syrian Army fly an iconic flag in which green and black wings flank a white stripe with three of these object on it.

ANSWER: red stars [prompt on stars]

12. This text contains the Testimony of the Eight Witnesses, who supposedly saw the source of this text. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this religious text which states in one section that the “scales of darkness” will fall from the Lamanites and they will be a “white and a delightsome people.”

ANSWER: Book of Mormon

[10] Joseph Smith supposedly used plates made of this material as the source of the Book of Mormon. A calf constructed from this material was made by Aaron during the absence of Moses in the Bible.

ANSWER: gold

[10] This section of the Book of Mormon is named after the first and chief judge over the Nephi. The title figure of this section asks many rhetorical questions to the people of Zarahemla.

ANSWER: The Book of Alma: The Son of Alma

13. A modern version of this ancient technique is used to treat polycythemia vera. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this practice previously called phlebotomy, in which people were cut in order to rebalance the humors. Either a lancet or leeches could be used in this technique.

ANSWER: bloodletting [accept reasonable equivalents]

[10] This ancient Greek physician was a huge fan of bloodletting. He enjoyed vivisectioning monkeys and pigs in order to learn about anatomy and lends his name to the great cerebral vein.

ANSWER: Aelius Galenus [or Claudius Galenus or Galen of Pergamum]

[10] Before Galen’s time, people believed that the arteries were not filled with blood, but this other substance. Galen showed otherwise.

ANSWER: air

14. This man only wrote one comedy, *Les Plaideurs*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this French dramatist best known for a tragedy in which Theseus’ curse leads to the death of Hippolytus, *Phèdre*.

ANSWER: Jean Racine

[10] In this play by Racine, the high priest Joad attempts to install Joash on the throne to replace the title character, who has abandoned Judaism to worship Baal.

ANSWER: Athalie

[10] Racine’s plays very closely adhere to this set of three classical rules of drama, introduced in Aristotle’s *Poetics*. They state that a play should have a single main plot, and take place in a single location over no more than 24 hours.

ANSWER: dramatic unities [or classical unities; or Aristotelian unities]

15. Name these works of Jean Sibelius, for 10 points each.

[10] This massive tone poem is based on the life of a character from the *Kalevala*. Its third movement depicts the title character's unknowing rape of his sister, which causes the suicide of both him and his sister.

ANSWER: **Kullervo**

[10] This nationalistic tone poem by Sibelius is his most iconic work, and it was often performed under false names to avoid Russian censorship.

ANSWER: **Finlandia**

[10] This "sad waltz" was originally composed for Arvid Järnefelt's play *Death*; it depicts the dying moments of a sick mother.

ANSWER: **"Valse Triste"**

16. Before seizing power, he edited the socialist newspaper *Avanti!* For 10 points each:

[10] Name this dictator who led the Blackshirts and marched on Rome.

ANSWER: Benito **Mussolini**

[10] Mussolini ended the "Roman question" through this agreement, which established the Vatican City as a sovereign state. It is named for a palace that also hosted multiple councils.

Answer: **Lateran** Treaty

[10] This law, named for the baron who proposed it, ensured the National Fascist party a majority of seats by mandating a two-thirds majority to the party that receives a plurality of votes.

ANSWER: **Acerbo** Law

17. Name these court painters, for 10 points each.

[10] This Spanish painter is most well known for a painting in which a resplendent Infanta Margarita is surrounded by other young girls and a prostrate dog, as a man watches on from an open door in the background, *Las Meninas*.

ANSWER: Diego **Velazquez**

[10] This French Rococoist painted *Self-Portrait in a Straw Hat*, as well as several portraits of Marie Antoinette.

ANSWER: Louise Elizabeth **Vigee Le Brun**

[10] This painter served Philip the Good as well as John of Bavaria-Straubing. He painted *Madonna of Chancellor Rolin* and *Portrait of a Man in a Turban*, but is more well known for a large polyptych which features a radiant dove in the bottom center panel.

ANSWER: Jan **van Eyck**

18. Ernest Friedman is eventually repelled by the bizarre love triangle between Otto, Gilda, and Leo in this man's play *Design for Living*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this playwright of *Present Laughter* and *Hay Fever*.

ANSWER: Noel **Coward**

[10] The central couple of this Coward play uses the word "Sollocks" to stop their arguments. Amanda and Elyot abandon their new, younger spouses to be with each other in it, even though they divorced several years ago.

ANSWER: **Private Lives**

[10] This Coward play takes its name from the words following "hail to thee" in Percy Shelley's "To a Skylark." In it, Madame Arcati accidentally summons the ghost of Charles Condomine's first wife, Elvira, who then kills his second wife, Ruth.

ANSWER: **Blithe Spirit**

19. Answer the following about a certain type of clouds, for 10 points each.

[10] This term refers to wispy clouds, and one form of this type of clouds is commonly known as mare's tails.

ANSWER: **cirrus**

[10] The species of cirrus cloud known as mare's tails has this Latin name, which means "hooked."

ANSWER: cirrus **uncinus**

[10] This optical phenomenon often occurs because of light passing through ice crystals in cirrus clouds. In this phenomenon, a luminous halo appears on one or both sides of the Sun.

ANSWER: **sundog** [or **parhelion**]

20. These companions of Odin are mentioned in the *Grímnismál* when they are described to the young prince Agnarr. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these ravens whose names mean "thought" and "memory." They fly across the world daily, bringing news of the events they observe to Odin.

ANSWER: **Huginn** and **Muninn** [don't prompt on partial answer, but order not important]

[10] In the *Skáldskaparmál*, Odin disguises himself as Bölverk in order to obtain the mead of poetry from this figure. The mead is guarded by his daughter, Gunnlöd.

ANSWER: **Suttungr**

[10] Odin once engaged the jötnunn Vafthrudnir in a battle of wits, exchanging riddles about the past, present, and future. Odin wins by asking what was whispered to this god before the lighting of his funeral pyre.

ANSWER: **Balder**

21. One character in this play, Moe Axelrod, lost his leg in World War I and receives ninety dollars a week from the government. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this play about Myron and Bessie Berger and their children that is set in the slums of 1930s New York.

ANSWER: **Awake and Sing!**

[10] *Awake and Sing!* is by this American playwright of *Golden Boy* and *The Big Knife* who also wrote many screenplays, like *Clash by Night*. He testified before HUAC against many of his contemporaries.

ANSWER: Clifford **Odets**

[10] Clifford Odets is most famous for this play, composed of seven scenes about a taxi strike. Miller refuses to spy on Dr. Brenner in one scene, and another sees Tom Clayton, a plant, try to talk the taxi drivers out of striking. Its title refers to the taxi drivers' never-seen union representative.

ANSWER: **Waiting for Lefty**