Mavis Gallant Memorial Tournament Round 3 Questions by Huma "Hoomz" Zafar

1. One character in this story tells another that her heart is "an autumn garage" and states about another character, "If he were twenty *miles* in the woods, with both legs broken and a goddam *arrow* sticking out of his back, he'd crawl back to his cave," when one character expresses concern over that character's lack of a home phone. One character describes a dream about being made to dive for a can of coffee at the bottom of a swimming pool and both central characters make repeated references to the "Jesus Prayer". The title character recounts being asked to shine his shoes for an appearance on the radio show, "It's A Wise Child", and shares his realization that the Fat Lady is everyone, including Christ himself, to reassure his sister who's had a nervous breakdown. For 10 points, name this J. D. Salinger story about the second-youngest Glass child, often paired with "Franny".

ANSWER: "Zooey"

2. In one story by this author, one character keeps inventing labourious chores for the men who show up to court the narrator's aunt Margaret in order to drive them away so that Jim Matthews can have a chance. This author of "Women Is Humans" created the former bullfighter Rory Napoleon in a novel in which the anthropologist Dr. Melquist observes the inhabitants of the town of Shelby. Another work by this author of Roses Are Difficult Here is a retelling of the Faust story cast as a curling contest between the devil and Wullie MacCrimmon, and that play is titled The Black Bonspiel. In this author's best known novel, the protagonist tries to understand how baby pigeons get inside their eggs and learns how to deal with the death of his dog; the epigraph to that novel notes that the title entity refers to "Godhood". For 10 points, name this author who wrote the collection Jake and the Kid and chronicled the life of Brian O'Connal in his novel Who Has Seen the Wind.

ANSWER: William Ormond (W. O.) Mitchell

3. One character in this play mocks another character's claim to be anchored to his principles, saying, "[I]f the weather turns nasty you up with an anchor and let it down where there's less wind, and the fishing's better." At one point, the main character in this play is unable to get a boat to take him across the river, and that main character argues against his future son-in-law's statement that he would "cut down every law in England" to pursue the devil. The protagonist earlier gives a gift of a silver goblet to Richard Rich, and rejects the support of Chapuys. The Common Man plays several roles in this play, in which the title character is jailed for failing to swear to the Succession Act, and is eventually executed for refusing to approve of Henry's plan to divorce Katherine. For 10 points, name this play about Thomas More, written by Robert Bolt.

ANSWER: A Man For All Seasons

4. Carlo Fruttero and Franco Lucentini wrote a work set at a fictional conference in Rome that revolves around discussions of this novel. One character in this novel buys a scarf but is never seen wearing it, and that character notes a deposit of quicklime while taking a tour of the crypt with Durdles. One character escapes to Mrs. Billickin's with the assistance of the lawyer Grewgious, and this story begins with the arrival of the Landlesses in Cloisterham, as the title character confesses to his opium-addict uncle that he may not want to marry Rosa Bud. For 10 points, name this unfinished mystery in which John Jasper may have murdered the title character, written by Charles Dickens.

ANSWER: The Mystery of Edwin Drood

5. In one poem, this man writes, "I cannot look at forsythia now/without loss, or joy for you" as he tells the title figure, "I'll sell my arms for you/hold your secrets forever". That poem which begins, "All night long the hockey pictures/gaze down at you" is titled "To A Sad Daughter". This man wrote a novel in which one character purposely scratches the erotic photographs he creates, and that character is based on E. J. Bellocq. The main character of that novel is the jazz player Buddy Bolden who is slowly sinking into schizophrenia. This author of *Coming Through Slaughter* also wrote about the immigrant Nicholas Temelcoff in another novel that relates Patrick Lewis' search for the millionaire Ambrose Small. For 10 points, name this author of *In the Skin of a Lion*, which was followed by the sequel, *The English Patient*.

ANSWER: Michael Ondaatje

6. One work by this poet states, "The feet, mechanical, go round a wooden way of ground," and ends with a moment remembered "as freezing persons recollect the snow/First chill, then stupor, then the letting go." This poet of "After great pain, a formal feeling comes" wrote about "spreading wide my narrow hands to gather Paradise" in a work which discusses a "fairer house than prose". The speaker of another work by this poet "could not see to see" and states that, during the title event, "The stillness in the room/Was like the stillness in the air/Between the heaves of storm". Another poem states, "Several of nature's people/I know, and they know me," and describes a figure who "occasionally rides" and whose "notice sudden is". For 10 points, name this poet of such works as "I heard a Fly buzz - when I died -" and "A narrow fellow in the grass".

ANSWER: Emily Dickinson

7. One character in this poem has "a face most hair" who plays a song which the speaker understands as "hunger and night and stars". The speaker describes feeling like a "half-dead thing in a stark, dead world", and notes a change in the aforementioned character's music, leading the title character to state, "I guess I'll make it a spread misere." This poem which takes place in the Malamute saloon makes several references to "the lady that's known as Lou" who betrays the title character for the stranger who performs the title action. For 10 points, name this poem about the death of the "Dangerous" title character, written by Robert Service.

ANSWER: "The **Shooting of Dan McGrew**"

8. This author wrote a short story in which a man makes a deal with the devil to obtain a watch that will allow him to stay forever in the happiest moment of his life, but, unable to choose such a moment, he doesn't use it until after he has boarded the title conveyance. This author of "That Hell-Bound Train" suggested that a certain serial killer murdered his victims in order to achieve immortality in his story "Yours Truly--Jack the Ripper". He is best known for a novel in which an investigator arrives in Fairvale to look for \$40,000 stolen by Sam Loomis' girlfriend but is murdered by the same character who murdered her. That character is eventually revealed to suffer from a split personality which resulted in him dressing up as his mother. For 10 points, name this author who wrote about Norman Bates in his novel *Psycho*.

ANSWER: Robert Bloch

9. One character created by this man is nicknamed the "Sniffer" for his habit of "sniffing out" influences in his critical reviews of plays. In that novel, the protagonist's ghost attends a film festival where he sees films reflecting the history of his family, after having been accidentally murdered when he walked in on his wife with another man. This author of Murther and Walking Spirits wrote a novel about a fake notice placed in the local paper announcing the engagement of Pearl Vambrace and Solly Bridgetower, and that novel is a sequel to his earlier novel Tempest-Tost. He is best known for a series in which one character travels to Zurich to see the analyst Johanna Von Haller, and other characters in that series are the illusionist Magnus Eisengrim and a character obsessed with proving that Mary Dempster was a saint, Dunstan Ramsay. For 10 points, name this author whose Deptford Trilogy includes his novel Fifth Business.

ANSWER: Robertson Davies

10. One of this poet's works mentions "the most accurately transmitted most/untranslatable language in the universe" and begins, "A woman in the shape of a monster/a monster in the shape of a woman/the skies are full of them". This poet who wrote about Caroline Herschel in her poem "Planetarium" wrote in another poem, "The door itself makes no promises. It is only a door." Another poem by this author of "Prospective Immigrants Please Note", describes the title creatures as "bright topaz denizens of a world of green" who will "go on prancing, proud and unafraid". The speaker of another poem states, "I am blacking out and yet/my mask is powerful/it pumps my blood with power" as she performs the title action alone and "not like Cousteau with his/assiduous team". For 10 points, name this poet of "Aunt Jennifer's Tigers" and "Diving into the Wreck".

ANSWER: Adrienne Rich

11. This author wrote a story in which the architect Quintus Teal designs a house in the shape of a net for a 4-dimensional figure, but it collapses into an actual tesseract after an earthquake strikes. This author of "And He Built A Crooked House" created a character who is assisted by President Slayton Ford in escaping from Earth after his community comes under attack from "short-lifers". That member of the Howard Families is Lazarus Long, who appears in this author's novels Methuselah's Children and Time Enough for Love. In another novel by this author, one character defines God as "one who groks" leading to the conclusion, "Thou art God." In that novel, Nurse Gillian helps the protagonist escape from Bethesda Hospital where he is admitted when he returns to Earth after being raised among the Martians. For 10 points, name this author who wrote about Valentine Michael Smith in Stranger in a Strange Land.

ANSWER: Robert Anson Heinlein

12. One poem by this man describes "Ten frozen parsnips hanging in the weather" and the speaker of that poem hears "A cry of Absence, Absence, in the heart". The speaker of another poem states, "I was dapper when I dangled in my pepper-and-salt" and describes the title character as "Bride and Princess, who'll go down a leafy archway" to a "castle in the gloom". This poet of "Winter Remembered" and "Emily Hardcastle, Spinster" described a person who "harried unto the pond/The lazy geese" and whose "wars were bruited in our high window". That poem states, "There was such speed in her little body/And such lightness in her footfall" that "her brown study/Astonishes us all." For 10 points, name this poet of "Bells for John Whiteside's Daughter".

ANSWER: John Crowe Ransom

13. In one story in this collection, the title character decides to "jokingly" hold court and publicly beat his children for small offences, which doesn't go over well. That character brags about creating fireworks for the "King of America", but his best show happens when his house catches fire at the end of that story. Another character in this collection studies "litritcher and poultry" so that he can get a second grade on his exams and become a doctor, but after failing several times, he ends up driving carts. Another character writes one line a month towards "the greatest poem in the world" and calls himself "Black Wordsworth", while another character who is forever building "the thing without a name" is the carpenter Popo. For 10 points, name this collection of stories set on the title street, written by V. S. Naipaul.

ANSWER: Miguel Street

14. This poem ends with a mention of "the imagined pine, the imagined jay" and it describes a moment "final in the way/The thinking of art is final when/The thinking of god is smoky dew." The speaker wonders, "Do I sit, deformed, a naked egg,/Catching at Good-bye, harvest moon,/Without seeing the harvest or the moon?" Another part begins with a description of a "vivid, florid, turgid sky", and the speaker

states, "I cannot bring a world quite round/Although I patch it as I can," as the title figure notes, "Things as they are/Are changed upon [the title entity]." For 10 points, name this Wallace Stevens poem about a player of a colourful instrument.

ANSWER: "The Man With the Blue Guitar"

15. This character thinks of Mozart when he realizes his interest in another character has become "brotherly", and that character goes away to New York to try to stop this character from falling in love with her. In one scene, this character adopts the alias Sam Weller and is revealed to have been hiding in a closet all along while one group was deciding whether to allow him to join the Pickwick Club. He saves a character who falls through thin ice after another character had purposely failed to warn her, and in his first appearance, offers his carriage to a character who has sprained her ankle while dancing in high heels. He is discouraged from pursuing his musical talent because his mother was an Italian musician whom his grandfather disliked, and he reveals that his tutor, Mr. Brooke, was the one who stole Meg's missing glove. Eventually marrying Amy March, for 10 points, name this wealthy young neighbour of the central family in *Little Women*.

ANSWER: Theodore "Teddy" "Laurie" Lawrence [accept any part]

16. The speaker of this poem invokes "sweet Hesper-Phosphor" stating, "Thou, like my present and my past/Thy place is changed; thou art the same." The speaker "env[ies] not in any moods/...The linnet born within the cage," and in another section compares men to "flies of latter spring". This poem mentions a "[d]ark house, by which once more I stand/Here in the long unlovely street," and calls himself "[a]n infant crying in the night/An infant crying for the light." The speaker requests, "When the blood creeps and the nerves prick/and tingle" that one figure "Be near me", and in another part mentions the "ancient forms of party strife" and states, "The year is dying in the night;/Ring out, wild bells, and let him die." For 10 points, name this long poem written on the death of the poet's friend Arthur Henry Hallam, by Alfred Tennyson.

ANSWER: In Memoriam A.H.H.

17. These creatures are the subject of a poem which states, "Bits of flesh dropped off them from/Time to time./And sank into the pool's mire./They also smelt a great deal," and that poem is by the worst poet in the universe, Paula Nancy Millstone Jennings. A poem titled for these creatures describes one "with fawn-/brown eyes and toothed gold/collar" and opens with a quotation about the restoration of Versailles. In addition to that poem by Marianne Moore, a poem about these creatures states, "Their hearts have not grown old," and asks, "Among what rushes will they build,/...when I awake some day/To find they have flown away?" Another poem titled for one of these begins, "A sudden blow: The great wings beating still/Above the staggering girl." For 10 points, name these creatures whom W. B. Yeats described "at Coole", and which was the form taken by Zeus to rape Leda.

ANSWER: swans

18. This story quotes from Byron's "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage" to describe how one character could not "learn that tempted Fate will leave the loftiest star". The main character excitedly approaches a burning building before realizing it is his own home and finds his mother killed in the ruins. That character is earlier startled by the sight of a rabbit and attempts to climb onto the back of creatures he initially mistakes for bears. Those crawling figures are actually soldiers returning from a battle which the deaf-mute protagonist slept through. For 10 points, name this short story about a bloody battle of the American Civil War, by Ambrose Bierce.

ANSWER: "Chickamauga"

19. Gwethalyn Graham's novel Earth and High Heaven takes its title from a poem from this collection, and that poem mentions a time when, "Sweat ran and blood sprang out and I was never sorry" and ends with the speaker asking, "O why did I awake? when shall I sleep again?". Another poem in this collection states, "But play the man, stand up and end you,/When the sickness is your soul," and those poems are "Be still, my soul, be still" and "If it chance your eye offend you". The speaker of another poem in this collection is assured, "Your girl is well contented," by a friend who states, "I cheer a dead man's sweetheart,/Never ask me whose," while other poems mention the "loveliest of trees" and state, "if 'tis dancing you would be/There's brisker pipes than poetry." For 10 points, name this collection which includes "Is my team ploughing" and "Terence, this is stupid stuff", written by A. E. Housman.

ANSWER: A Shropshire Lad

20. One of these two characters is stabbed by the spear of Celegorm, while defending the other character from Celegorm's brother, Curufin. These two characters take the form of a wolf and a vampire bat in order to reach the Gate of Angband, which is guarded by Carcharoth. Huan, the hound of Valinor, assists these characters, who go on a quest given to one of these characters by King Thingol to retrieve from the crown of Morgoth one of the Silmaril. A song regarding these two people is sung to the hobbits by Aragorn, who notes that only Elrond remembers the ending of their story. For 10 points, name these legendary lovers from *The Silmarillion*.

ANSWER: **Beren** Erchamion (or Camlost) and **Lúthien Tinúviel** [accept either of Lúthien's names]