

## Varsity Practice 11

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Team A: Identify the 1776 essay by Thomas Paine that called for complete separation from England and whose publication helped lead directly to the Declaration of Independence.

Ans: *Common Sense* (Must be complete)

Team B: Identify the 1776 essay by Thomas Paine which was written to inspire Washington's troops and which begins with the famous line, "These are the times that try men's souls."

Ans: *(The) Crisis* (Also accept *(The) American Crisis* and/or *Crisis #1*)

Toss Up: Identify Paine's last important work, part of it written while he was in prison in France, whose four-word title is a synonym for The Enlightenment.

Ans: *(The) Age of Reason*

MATH: 30 SECONDS: For all questions in this category, assume that a box contains 2 white balls, 6 red balls, and 8 green balls. Express your answer in lowest terms.

Team B: If a ball is drawn at random, what is the probability that it is green?

Ans:  $\frac{1}{2}$  OR 1 in 2

Team A: If the previous ball is returned to the box, what is the probability that the next ball drawn at random will be red?

Ans:  $\frac{3}{8}$  OR 3 in 8

Toss Up: Assume that the two previously drawn balls are not replaced. What is the probability that the next ball drawn will be green?

Ans:  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 in 2

WORLD HISTORY: During the Middle Ages, monasteries maintained centers of learning, provided food and shelter for the poor, and served as classical centers that preserved many pieces of literature. Name the following religious orders that were important in this time period.

Team A: In the sixth century, this order was established by the monk who is considered the founder of monasticism. His "rule," which included vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, became the standard for other orders to follow. His sister, Scholastica, founded a corresponding order for women. Name this order.

Ans: Benedictine(s)

Team B: This order was established in the thirteenth century in Assisi in Italy. Its members are often called "friars." The corresponding order of nuns is called the "Poor Clares." Name this order.

Ans: Franciscan(s)

Toss Up: This order, which was founded in France in the early thirteenth century, saw itself as a reform of the Benedictine rule. Instead of building monasteries, its members became traveling preachers who relied on alms for support. Although their reputation was tarnished by their role in the Inquisition, this group of nuns, priests, and monks has provided four popes and several doctors of the Church including Thomas Aquinas and Catherine of Sienna. Name this "Order of Preachers."

Ans: Dominican(s)

FINE ARTS: Identify the following, somewhat lesser-known, composers of the Baroque era.

Team B: What German, who wrote both religious and secular music, is today known primarily for one piece, his *Canon in D Major*?

Ans: (Johann) Pachelbel

Team A: As the organist of Westminster Abbey and the holder of several royal appointments, what Englishman is today most famous for his operas *Dido and Aeneas* and *The Tempest*?

Ans: (Henry) Purcell

Toss Up: Though not as famous as the Bach family, this father-son pair of Italian composers were prolific. Father Alessandro, whose patrons included the Medici, composed over 100 operas, 500 chamber pieces, and fourteen oratorios, while son Domenico [doe MEN i coe] was most famous for compositions for the harpsichord. What is their family name?

Ans: Scarlatti

LIFE SCIENCE:

Team A: What term applies to plants such as mosses that do not have a vascular system and do not produce flowers or seeds?

Ans: bryophyte(s)

Team B: What term applies to plants which have vascular tissue but produce spores rather than seeds?

Ans: fern(s) (also accept pteridophyte)

Toss Up: What term applies to angiosperms such as beans and daisies which produce seeds that contain two cotyledons?

Ans: dicot(s) OR dicotyledons

NOTE TO READER: ASK FOR A SCORE CHECK

ENGLISH/WORLD LITERATURE

Team B: This 20<sup>th</sup> century Frenchwoman is known for her long-term relationship with Jean-Paul Sartre. Although she is also a novelist, what woman is best known in the U. S. for her feminist essay, *The Second Sex*?

Ans: (Simone de) Beauvoir [pronounced de bav WAH, but be kind]

Team A: This 19<sup>th</sup> century Frenchwoman is known for her relationship with Fredric Chopin. Also a feminist, she often wore men's clothes. By what pen name is the woman born Amandine Lucie Aurore Dupin, the author of *Indiana*, known?

Ans: (George) Sand

Toss Up: This Frenchwoman of both the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries often used only her maiden name as a one-word *nom de plume*. Her work *Paris de ma Fenetre* is her description of the Nazi occupation of Paris, but what woman is better known for her novel, *Gigi*?

Ans: (Sidonie Gabrielle) Collette (Wiley)

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: Generally, media news sources claim to be fair and balanced, but studies of editorial trends show that many do have a political bias. For these questions, you will be given the names or acronyms of two media news sources. You are to indicate whether they generally favor liberal or conservative candidates and issues. Thus, all questions require a TWO-PART ANSWER and you will not be ruled correct or incorrect on a partial answer.

Team A: CNN and *The Washington Post*

Ans: Both are liberal

Team B: Fox News and *The Wall Street Journal*

Ans: Both are conservative

Toss Up: *The Washington Times* and *The Nation*

Ans: *Washington Times* is conservative; *The Nation* is liberal (Either order but must be matched correctly)

## PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Team B: Your physics problem asks you to measure the mass of a toothpick using the CGS system. In what units will your answer be expressed?

Ans: gram(s)

Team A: The next homework problem asks you to measure the force exerted by a tire as it moves along a road. In what MKS unit(s) will your answer be expressed?

Ans: Newton(s)

Toss Up: Finally, you are asked to calculate the amount of energy released by a firecracker when it explodes. In what CGS unit will your answer be expressed?

Ans: erg(s)

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WORLD GEOGRAPHY: These questions will deal with the Middle American Land Bridge excluding Mexico.

Team A: What is the most populous country in Middle America?

Ans: Guatemala

Team B: What country in Middle America is the only one that does not have Spanish as its official language?

Ans: Belize

Toss Up: What country in Middle America has the highest per capital income, no standing military, and is one of the "greenest" countries in the world?

Ans: Costa Rica

## AMERICAN HISTORY

Team B: After World War II, American foreign policy was molded around the "Truman Doctrine" that was aimed at combating Communism. One important part of the Doctrine was what plan designed to rebuild Europe?

Ans: (The) Marshall (Plan) Also accept European Recovery Plan (or Program)

Team A: Another element of the Truman Doctrine was the formation of what mutual defense pact with European countries and Canada that was designed to respond to any renewed military build-up?

Ans: NATO Also accept North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Toss Up: THIS QUESTION WILL REQUIRE A TWO-PART ANSWER: Truman first began unfolding his doctrine to Congress in 1947 when he asked Congress for \$400 million for what two Balkan nations, political rivals to this day, both of which were involved in civil wars to prevent Communist government take-overs, and both of which later joined NATO?

Ans: Greece and Turkey (Either order but must be complete without prompting)

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**ALPHABET ROUND "N"**

1. Famous Tchaikovsky ballet usually performed around Christmas
2. TWO-WORD ANSWER: Usual translation of Jean-Paul Sartre 1944 drama *Huis Clos* in which three characters come to the famous conclusion that "Hell is other people."
3. ACRONYM OR MULTI-WORD ANSWER: One of the largest legal monopolies in U. S.; regulates and sets eligibility standards for college sports
4. TWO-WORD ANSWER: common term for eye condition nyctalopia which makes vision difficult in darkness
5. Explosive chemical compound with formula  $C_3H_5N_3O_9$ ; used in both explosives and as heart medicine
6. Japanese bacteriologist at the Rockefeller Institute in NY; most famous for identifying the cause of syphilis and developing test for it
7. Legendary 4<sup>th</sup> century saint whose feast day, December 6, is celebrated as a day of simple gift-giving in countries like Netherlands, Germany, and Poland
8. In math, numbers that are used for counting
9. Russian-born American author; most famous work is *Lolita*
10. First prime minister of independent India
11. Minnesota newspaper publisher who was prosecuted under state law forbidding publishing of malicious nuisance articles; successfully appealed to Supreme Court in 1931 landmark case
12. Long, narrow south Asian country that interrupts the Chinese-Indian border; contains several of the world's highest mountains, including part of Mt. Everest
13. MULTI-WORD ANSWER: Official name of group led by Elijah Mohammed and popularly called the "Black Muslims"
14. MULTI-WORD ANSWER: Marcel Duchamp masterpiece that created controversy when first exhibited at Armory Show in 1912; derogatorily described as an "explosion at a shingle factory"
15. Second-largest city in New Hampshire; twice named by *Money* magazine as "Best Place to Live in America"
16. Famous economist whose life forms the basis of the movie *A Beautiful Mind*
17. CORRECT SPELLING REQUIRED: A musical composition written for nine instruments
18. Marketing company best known for its system of determining television ratings
19. MULTI-WORD ANSWER: Coen Brothers movie that won Oscar for Best Picture in 2007; based on Cormac McCarthy novel
20. Roman god of the sea

**ANSWERS TO ALPHABET ROUND "N"**

1. *(The) Nutcracker (Suite)*
2. "No Exit"
3. NCAA OR National Collegiate Athletic Association
4. night blindness (must be complete)
5. nitroglycerin
6. (Hideyo) Noguchi
7. (St) Nicholas (also accept Nick)
8. natural (numbers)
9. (Vladmir) Nabokov
10. (Jawaharial) Nehru
11. (Jay) Near
12. Nepal
13. (The) Nation of Islam [Must be complete.]
14. *Nude Descending (a or the) Staircase*
15. Nashua
16. (John) Nash
17. nonet (Correct Spelling Required)
18. Nielson (Company)
19. *No Country for Old Men*
20. Neptune

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**LIGHTNING ROUND**

1. The first of these ever granted was in 1790 for a cleaning formula called potash, but the first one of significance was granted to Eli Whitney in 1795. What are these documents which protect the rights of inventors?

Ans: patent(s)

2. Zoophobia is the fear of what?

Ans: animals

3. What university opened the first medical school in the American colonies in 1765?

Ans: (University of) Pennsylvania (Also accept "Penn" or The College of Philadelphia as it was then known.)

4. In Middle Eastern music, what term refers to intervals smaller than the Western half tone?

Ans: microtone(s)

5. Between 1904 and 1908, the military of what European country destroyed nearly 80% of the members of the Herero Tribe in Southeast Africa?

Ans: Germany

6. In 2010, Peter A. Diamond, Dale T. Mortensen and Christopher A. Pissaride shared the Nobel Prize in what field?

Ans: economics

7. In the field of economics, what seven-letter word refers to the failure of a borrower to fulfill the terms of the loan agreement?

Ans: default

8. What last name is shared by literary brothers Alexei, Dimitri, Fyodor, and Ivan?

Ans: Karamazov

9. Traditionally, the Sahara has been described as the largest desert in the world, but newer lists now list what entire continent as the world's largest desert?

Ans: Antarctica

10. What is the square root of 225?

Ans: (plus or minus) 15



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11. What specific New York sports team recently installed three thousand solar panels in its training facility in Florham Park, NJ to become "the greenest team in the NFL"?

Ans: (New York) Jets

12. What American playwright became the youngest person and the first black woman to win the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for her drama, *A Raisin in the Sun*?

Ans; (Lorraine) Hansberry

13. At a Jewish wedding, what canopy symbolizes the couple's first home?

Ans: chuppah [koo PAH]

14. Fossils are most often found in what general type of rock?

Ans: sedimentary

15. What consumer advocate, who ran as a third party candidate for U. S. president in 1996, 2000, and 2004, may have taken enough votes from Al Gore to swing the 2000 election to Bush?

Ans: (Ralph) Nader

16. In the Old Testament, whose wife is turned into a pillar of salt?

Ans: Lot('s)

17. Although one would go to London to visit Abbey Road, to what other English-speaking world capital would one go to visit the Abbey Theater?

Ans: Dublin

18. The 2002 Supreme Court case of *Zelman v Simmons-Harris* upheld the constitutionality of the school voucher program in what Ohio city?

Ans: Cleveland

19. What Fox TV show with a one-word name follows the cases of a crime-solving forensic anthropologist?

Ans: *Bones*

20. What term is applied to any general decline in mental function without regard to its specific cause?

Ans: dementia

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21. In computer terminology, the word "clone," originally stood for a PC manufactured by any company other than whom?

Ans: IBM

22. Running from Gary, Indiana to Elyria, Ohio, what two interstate highways share the distinction of running concurrently for the longest distance?

Ans: (I) 80 and (I) 90 EITHER ORDER

23. Carl Philipp Emanuel, Wilhelm Friedemann, and Johann Christian were all Baroque composers who shared what last name?

Ans: Bach

24. Prostitutes and beggars were some of the most common subjects during what period in the art of Pablo Picasso?

Ans: blue (period)

25. Speaking of Picasso, what is the Spanish word for "artist"?

Ans: artista

26. Yeonpyeong [YON pay ONG] is an island that has led to military conflict between what two nations?

Ans: North Korea and South Korea EITHER ORDER

27. The bottom of what lake is the lowest point in the continental U. S. and the second lowest point in North America?

Ans: (Lake) Superior

28. The Aesir and the Vanir are the two main races of god's in what mythology?

Ans: Norse

29. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is administered by what cabinet department?

Ans: (Department of) Interior

30. What term refers to an approach to death which seeks not to hide but to confront the reality by offering humane treatment either in centers or in the patient's home?

Ans: Hospice (movement)