

Varsity Practice 14

AMERICAN LITERATURE: Identify the following fictional detectives.

Team A: America's first important detective character was what fictional Frenchman created by Poe who solved such mysteries as "The Murder of Marie Roget"?

Ans: (C. Auguste) Dupin [pronounced du PAN, but be lenient]

Team B: Most of the detectives who followed Dupin were merely imitations until the emergence of what alliteratively-named character created by Dashiell Hammett who solved the case of *The Maltese Falcon*?

Ans: (Sam) Spade

Toss Up; Hammett was one of the first writers to take detective fiction beyond "who done it" to develop characters with literary depth. Another writer who followed Hammett's style was Raymond Chandler, who created what character in *The Big Sleep*?

Ans: (Philip) Marlowe

MATH: 30 SECONDS:

Team B: Melanie earned scores of 92, 95, 87, 84, 77, and 90. To the nearest whole number, what must she earn on her next score to maintain an average of 88?

Ans: 91

Team A: Chris earned scores of 93, 91, 96, 84, 82, and 85. To the nearest whole number, what must he earn on his next score to maintain an average of 86?

Ans: 71

Toss Up: Gina earned scores of 94, 93, 96, 97, 90, and 98. To the nearest whole number, what must she earn on her next score to maintain an average of 94?

Ans: 90

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WORLD HISTORY: Toward the end of the Middle Ages, the University of Paris emerged as an important center of learning.

Team A: This man attempted to reconcile the works of Aristotle with the teachings of the Catholic Church. His most famous work *Sic et Non*, which translates to mean "Yes and No," has been overshadowed by his ill-fated romance with the famous Heloise. Name him.

Ans: (Peter) Abelard

Team B: This man was born in Sicily, but while a regent at the University of Paris he wrote the famous *Summa Theologica*, one of the most important works of the Middle Ages. Name him.

Ans: Thomas Aquinas [prompt on partial answer]

Toss Up: Identify the school of thought centered at the University of Paris and epitomized by Thomas Aquinas, Abelard, and Roger Bacon among others, which helped bring learning out of the Middle Ages by reconciling classical works with traditional Christian teachings.

Ans: scholasticism

FINE ARTS: Identify the following Romantic artists. [Note to reader: Be lenient on pronunciations.]

Team B: What Frenchman created a sensation with his 12-foot by 20-foot painting, *The Raft of the Medusa*?

Ans: (Theodore) Gericault [Jer i koe]

Team A: After Gericault's death from a fall from a horse, what Frenchman, most famous for *Liberty Leading the People*, took his place as France's leading romantic painter?

Ans: (Eugene) Delacroix [Del a KWAH]

Toss Up: In contrast to the volatile subjects of Gericault and Delacroix, what English Romantic painted serene landscapes such as *The Hay Wain* and *Salisbury Cathedral*?

Ans: (John) Constable

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LIFE SCIENCE

Team A: The top seven vertebrae of the human spinal column are labeled C-1 through C-7. For what does the "C" stand?

Ans: cervical

Team B: The next 12 vertebrae are labeled T-1 through T-12. For what does the letter "T" stand?

Ans: Thoracic

Toss Up: What name is more commonly used for the bottom four fused vertebrae that are medically known as the coccygeal vertebrae?

Ans: tailbone (Allow to clarify on "pelvic")

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ENGLISH/WORLD LITERATURE: A "comedy of manners" satirizes the affectations of a social class. This form was particularly popular in British literature. Identify the authors of the following comedies of manners.

Team B: *She Stoops to Conquer*, published in 1773

Ans: (Oliver) Goldsmith

Team A: *The School for Scandal*, 1777

Ans: (Richard Brinsley) Sheridan

Toss Up: *Lady Windermere's Fan*, 1892

Ans: (Oscar) Wilde

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: Identify the following general types of law recognized by U. S. courts.

Team A: This type of law, which is derived from precedents set by courts of the past, is a traditional form of law that extends back to rights established for long periods of time. Name it.

Ans: common (law)

Team B: This type of law refers to codes that have been created by legislative bodies. Because it has been enacted by elected representatives, the courts generally recognize what type of law as more compelling than common law?

Ans: statutory (law) [allow to clarify on, but do not accept "legislation" or similar]

Toss Up: What name describes the type of law that results from judicial review and the reality that rulings of the courts, especially the Supreme Court, have the power of law?

Ans: Constitutional (law)

PHYSICAL SCIENCE: Identify the following terms, all of which identify conditions which can reduce the productivity of soil.

Team B: What term refers to the process that occurs when the productive potential of arid or semiarid land falls by at least 10 percent or more because of human activity and/or climate change?

Ans: desertification

Team A: What term refers to the condition that occurs when water is not absorbed into the soil and evaporates to leave behind dissolved salts in the topsoil?

Ans: salinization

Toss Up: What term describes the saturation of soil that results in a rise in the water table which in turn envelops deep roots in saline water and lowers productivity?

Ans: waterlog(ging)

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WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Team A: The Berbers were an important tribe that inhabited Saharan Africa, especially what mountain range located in northwest Africa?

Ans: (The) Atlas (Mountains)

Team B: Which nation of Saharan Africa contains the ruins of ancient Carthage?

Ans: Tunisia

Toss Up: It is an Arabic word that refers to northwest Africa, traditionally the land between the Atlas Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. What is this seven-letter word for the area that includes parts of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, and Libya?

Ans: (The) Maghreb

AMERICAN HISTORY: Identify the following associated with the Louisiana Purchase.

Team B: The Louisiana Purchase was primarily negotiated by what future U. S. president who had followed Jefferson as Minister to France and shared Jefferson's sympathy with the French Revolution?

Ans: (James) Monroe

Team A: Napoleon had earlier refused to part with Louisiana but changed his mind after a revolution in what Caribbean nation, then a French possession, in which over 24,000 French troops died without successfully ending the revolution?

Ans: Haiti

Toss Up: Originally Jefferson had authorized Monroe to offer \$10 million dollars for New Orleans and Florida or \$7.5 million for New Orleans alone. Ultimately, what price did the U. S. pay for the entire Purchase?

Ans: \$15 million (or 60,000 francs)

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ALPHABET ROUND "I"

1. In psychoanalysis, the part of the psyche, residing in the unconscious, that is the source of instinctive impulses that seek satisfaction in accordance with the pleasure principle and are modified by the ego and the superego before they are given overt expression.
2. TWO-WORD ANSWER: Term coined by Winston Churchill to describe the separation between Eastern Europe and the rest of the continent as part of the Cold War
3. TWO-WORD ANSWER: Physics law written as $P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T$
4. In the Bible, the son of Abraham by his concubine Hagar
5. Football term for a play in which a defensive player catches a pass intended for an offensive player
6. 1831 poem by Poe that takes its title from an angel described in the Koran as having the sweetest voice
7. Current president pro temp of the Senate
8. The Hawkeye state
9. MULTI-WORD ANSWER: The four legal societies in London that control admission to the English bar and have done so since the Middle Ages
10. Term applied to certain warships beginning during the Crimean War; in U. S., most famous were the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack*
11. Order of mammals that includes shrews, moles, and hedgehogs
12. English-born American novelist whose best known work, *Goodbye to Berlin*, was adapted into the musical *Cabaret*
13. Short movement or interlude connecting the main parts of the composition.
14. Most abundant African antelope; often found in herds with baboons for mutual protection
15. Term applied to art that relates to manufacturing such as airplane and automobile design
16. In math, a mathematical sentence built from expressions using one or more of the symbols $<$, $>$, \leq , or \geq
17. Second largest peninsula in Europe
18. Norse goddess of spring and immortality
19. ACRONYM OR MULTI-WORD ANSWER: Important nuclear missile-reducing treaty signed in 1987 by President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev; allowed for previously unprecedented spot inspections
20. Title of the hero of the twelfth century Russian national epic and of a related opera by Borodin

ANSWERS TO ALPHABET ROUND "I"

1. Id
2. Iron Curtain
3. ideal gas (law) (must be complete and exact)
4. Ishmael
5. interception
6. "Israfel"
7. (Daniel) Inouye
8. Iowa
9. Inns of Court (must be complete and exact)
10. ironclad(s)
11. Insectivora OR Insectivore(s)
12. (Christopher) Isherwood
13. intermezzo
14. impala
15. industrial (art)
16. inequality
17. Iberia(n)
18. Idun OR Idunn
19. INF or Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces
20. (Prince) Igor

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LIGHTNING ROUND

1. Until it declared independence in 1945, what archipelago nation was formerly known as the Dutch East Indies?

Ans: Indonesia

2. What metal is the primary component of pewter?

Ans: tin

3. What trumpet player and jazz composer was known as the "Father of the Blues"?

Ans: (W. C.) Handy

4. Although it was almost completely destroyed during World War II, what Dutch city is known as the "Gateway to Europe" because of its location at the mouth of the Rhine?

Ans: Rotterdam

5. What term is used to describe the 11th and 12th ribs in human beings because these ribs have no anterior connection to the sternum?

Ans: floating

6. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are all southern states, but they are also home to universities that belong to what athletic conference?

Ans: Southeast (Conferece) Also Accept SEC

7. As a student, he once stabbed a classmate. Although he later briefly became a teacher, what man formed the Blackshirts in Italy in 1920 and went on to establish a Fascist government there?

Ans: (Benito) Mussolini

8. As president, Andrew Johnson strongly opposed the passage of what numbered amendment which granted citizenship to former slaves?

Ans: 14th

9. Belgian painter Rene Magritte was a leader in what modern art movement?

Ans: surrealism

10. What term refers to the Hindu practice in which the widow of a member of the upper caste was expected to immolate herself upon the funeral bier of her dead husband?

Ans: sati OR suttee

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11. How many two-digit prime numbers begin with a 3?

Ans: 2 (31 & 37)

12. What 1895 drama by Oscar Wilde contains a pun in its title?

Ans: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

13. In 1809, what American naturalist tied silver threads to the legs of young migratory birds to prove that they do return to the place where they were hatched?

Ans: (John James) Audobon

14. What incident, which took place in 1794 when a group of Pennsylvania farmers refused to pay taxes on a certain commodity, was the first time that the U. S. government used militia to enforce the law?

Ans: (The) Whiskey Rebellion

15. "On American Taxation" and "On Conciliation with the American Colonies" were two speeches given in 1774 and 1775 respectively by what great English statesman in an attempt to persuade Parliament to deal diplomatically with American demands?

Ans: (Edmund) Burke

16. What man, who is considered the U. S.'s first significant dramatist, borrowed from Elizabethan soliloquys, German expressionism, and the ideas of Nietzsche and Freud?

Ans: (Eugene) O'Neill

17. In the Bible, who is the husband of Rebecca?

Ans: Isaac

18. Because of rice and indigo production, it was one of the wealthiest American colonies, but what state suffered more battles during the Revolutionary War than did any other?

Ans: South Carolina

19. The collapse of what Balkan nation's economy in the summer of 2010 triggered an economic crisis in the European Union?

Ans: Greece

20. The English word "Ye" is actually an archaic spelling of what common modern word?

Ans: the

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21. Generally regarded as more acceptable than bombing or invading, what two-word term applies to a foreign policy, usually enacted simultaneously by a number of nations, that places restrictions on international trade with the target nation?

Ans: economic sanctions (Must be complete.)

22. The French novel, *The Lady of the Camellias*, or *Camille* as it is usually known in English, is the work of what French author?

Ans: (Alexandre) Dumas (fils)

23. The novel *Camille* is the basis for what Verdi opera?

Ans: *La Traviata*

24. It is now pretty much obsolete, but for what did the letters DOS, an important computer term until 1995, stand?

Ans: Disk Operating System

25. What trig function is the hypotenuse over the adjacent side?

Ans: secant

26. Brad Pitt, Tina Fey, and Will Farrell voice the major characters in what 2010 animated film?

Ans: *Megamind*

27. By what two-word term do retailers refer to the day after Thanksgiving because they hope that sales that day will keep them out of the "red"?

Ans: Black Friday (Must be complete)

28. What term is applied to the kind of primary election in which a voter is restricted to voting only for the candidates in the party to which he is registered?

Ans: closed (primary)

29. In physics, what term refers to the noble gases and other elements that occur as a single atom?

Ans: monatomic

30. What is the most common English translation of the Russian word "dom"?

Ans: house OR home