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PACKET 2

1. James and John, upon meeting recalcitrant Samaritans, wanted Jesus to follow the example of this character in dealing with a Samarian king's messengers. This character, who wears a garment of hair with a leather belt, was fed by ravens prior to living with a widow of Zarephath and raising her son from the dead. During a seven-year-drought, this character travels to Mount Carmel and defeats four hundred fifty (*) prophets of Baal in a challenge when they fail to light a fire, while this man convinces God to set ablaze an altar drenched with twelve large jars of water. This prophet speaks out against the seizure of a vineyard belonging to Naboth during the reign of the false prophetess Jezebel and King Ahab. For 10 points, name this prophet who was carried to heaven upon chariots of fire.

ANSWER: Elijah the Tishbite [or Elias]

2. With Rumen Iliev, this thinker created a model analyzing the tradeoffs between the chance of success and the stakes involved in estimating the best time to launch a cyber attack. This thinker used a quantitative measure of left-right to depict the durability of coalitions in post-WWII Italian politics in the book *Conflict of Interest*. This thinker hosted two computer tournaments that were won by (*) Anatol Rapoport's tit-for-tat strategy in 1980. The best-known work by this thinker expands on a paper he co-wrote with W. D. Hamilton which applies the concept of an evolutionarily stable strategy to the prisoner's dilemma. For 10 points, name this University of Michigan political scientist who wrote *The Evolution of Cooperation*.

ANSWER: Robert Axelrod

3. *Description acceptable*. During this episode, a man with a golden staff requests that a hero put aside his sword so he can take a drink. A character attempts to embrace his mother three times during this event but fails each time. Tyro, Antiope, and Alcmene are the first of a large number of princesses to appear during this episode, in which Elpenor requests the creation of a mound with an oar stuck out of it. Conversations with Ajax and Heracles that occur during this event are related to (*) Alcinous. Figures who appear during this example of a *nekyia*, such as Anticlea, consume the blood of a sacrifice recommended by a woman from Aea. Tiresias appears during this event and tells its main participant that he is to kill the suitors of his wife in his palace on Ithaca. For 10 points, identify this event in which a Homeric hero encounters the dead.

ANSWER: Odysseus's conversation with the spirits of the underworld [accept Odysseus's *nekyia* until the word *nekyia* is read; accept anything that indicates Odysseus going into the underworld and/or Hades or conversing with spirits from the underworld, but don't accept anything involving the word katabasis since in strict terms it's not one; accept more specific answers like Odysseus's conversation with Teiresias; accept Book Eleven of the *Odyssey*]

4. In Catalonia, it is customary to give lovers either a book or one of these items during St. George's day. This is the name of a saint who used pepper to ruin her face in order to turn away potential suitors. An apparition named for a collection of these items appeared to St. Dominic. The woman who is co-patron of the Philippines along with Pudentiana took this name over Isabel after spending a period meditating and embroidering while living in a (*) garden. This is the name of the patron saint of the Americas, a woman who was also the first person born there to be canonized and who was from Lima. A garland of these items lends its name to a practice in which ten Hail Marys are recited with each decade in a long strand. For 10 points, identify this flower which lends its name to a popular Catholic mystery involving beads.

ANSWER: roses [prompt on flowers; accept rosary or Saint Rose of Lima or Santa Rosa de Lima]

5. Roger Boesche's 2012 commentary on this work highlights its recommendation of killing one's own family members if need be, which may have influenced an incident in which a king killed 99 of his brothers. This work lists allies as the last of its seven essential components of government and essentially argues "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" in a passage which uses the metaphor of a religious circle to describe the relations of states to their neighbors. This work, which contains 6000 poetic hymns or (*) *slokas*, was written by a nobleman from the Nanda dynasty whose protégé sent elephants to Seleucus Nicator as part of a peace treaty and united the states of Northern India for the first time. For 10 points, name this ancient Indian treatise on statecraft written by Chanakya, adviser to Chandragupta Maurya.

ANSWER: Arthashastra [prompt on rough translations like "the science of state" and say that the native language title of the work is required]

6. Much of Peter Berger's work connects this concept with Latin American development, as in his claim that its creator is "alive and well" in Guatemala. The book that introduced this concept presents evidence for it in noting the majority population of Bavaria's preference for the less practical, humanistic education of gymnasiums. According to one book, this concept is rooted a "feeling of unprecedented inner loneliness" that results from the removal of *externa subsidia*, such as magic, which is one of the four forms of (*) asceticism that book analyzes. According to its formulator, this concept originated in a "calling" that gave "moral justification for worldly activity" and promotes social norms that create an "iron cage" of rationality. For 10 points, name this religious concept which Max Weber argued was at the root of European capitalism.

ANSWER: protestant work ethic [accept just work ethic until "alive and well" is read and prompt thereafter; accept *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*; prompt on less specific references to religion or protestantism that don't mention ethic]

7. This character takes a thick pen and crosses out the names of all who live in his realm when visiting the home of ten rulers who judge the dead. This character is initially excited to learn that he has been appointed stable boy before learning that everyone laughs at him. This character obtains a suit of golden chain mail and a pair of boots that allow him to walk on clouds by bullying four kings and gains the ability to (*) see evil after being locked in a cauldron for 49 days. This character is born from an egg on a mountain and is later imprisoned under a mountain for five centuries by the Buddha. This character is the most powerful fighter on an expedition to India to retrieve sutras, led by Xuanzang. For 10 points, name this simian featured in *Journey to the West*.

ANSWER: Sun Wukong [or the monkey king; or Sun Hou-zi; prompt on partial answer]

8. This book uses the word "culture" to refer to the human ability to set one's own purpose and use the tools of nature to achieve it. This book argues that this aforementioned "culture" is the ultimate purpose of nature, one of this book's many connections of teleology with biology. This book states that individuals must assume their idiosyncratic opinions to be universal as part of its formulation of "sensus communis" and distinguishes between the "mathematical" and "dynamical" notions of one concept - the former occurs when something is (*) overwhelming in size, while the latter occurs due to overwhelming by force. This book lays out four "reflective" versions of its title concept - at the extremes are the agreeable and the good, and in the center, the beautiful and the sublime. For 10 points, name this foundational treatise on aesthetics by Immanuel Kant.

ANSWER: Critique of Judgment [or Kritik der Urteilskraft]

9. The Ramsey growth model requires a variety of this parameter that measures consumers' decisions to save or invest based on the interest rate to be constant. Thomas Piketty's *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* is often critiqued for its assertion that this parameter for a certain variable is approximately 1.5, which is not backed by much other literature. The curvature of an isoquant varies inversely with this parameter. It's not return to scale, but the (*) Cobb-Douglas production function is a special case of a function where this value, which is symbolized sigma, is constant - thus, if the price of labor doubles with respect to capital, the amount of labor used will become half the amount of capital used. For 10 points, identify this economic parameter, which measures the change in the ratio of factors used in response to changes in factor prices.

ANSWER: elasticity of (factor/intertemporal) substitution [accept anything containing the two underlined words; accept elasticity of labor substitution or elasticity of capital substitution; prompt on elasticity]

10. J. L. Ackrill's reading of this text proposes a method of questioning as the way to create its central conclusions. In attempting to find a grounding for this text's central notions in *Critique of Pure Reason*, Immanuel Kant said its author must have selected them simply by stumbling upon them. This text contrasts words said "in combination" with those said "not in combination" - the former can have meanings which can be evaluated, whereas the latter denote notions such as (*) substance and quantity. This text presents those two notions, along with eight others, as an exhaustive list within which everything can be predicated. For 10 points, name this text from Aristotle's *Organon*, which introduces ten types of the title things within which objects of human apprehension can be classified.

ANSWER: Categories [or Kategoriai; prompt on the Organon]

11. This deity is symbolized by a sacred ladder used by Osiris called *maqet*. In some myths, the Matet is used to traverse this deity's legs. The cenotaph of Seti I contains scenes from an astronomical text called the *Book of* [this deity]. To allow this deity to get around a decree by Ra, Thoth challenged Khonsu to a game of draughts and obtained enough light in order to create five additional days of the year, during which this deity was able to (*) give birth. She's not Hathor, but a representation of this goddess provides the name of the *Book of the Heavenly Cow*. This goddess, who is typically depicted as a nude woman in an arched position with stars on her body, is the daughter of Shu. For 10 points, name this sky goddess often depicted alongside her husband Geb.

ANSWER: Nut [or Neuth; or Newet; do not accept "Tefnut" or "Neith"]

12. This book distinguishes the concept of a "spiritual trial" from a temptations or test by saying that it involves the struggle to venture beyond one's assumed capabilities. This book describes a figure who has not chosen to surrender his love and thus remains in a state which can be escaped when the spirit recognizes its eternal validity. This book presents a non-scholarly man with no knowledge of Hebrew with (*) four different versions of the same story in its "Exordium" section, and examines whether there can exist a divine imperative that can override normal social and personal morality, termed a "teleological suspension of the ethical." For 10 points, name this book which discusses Abraham as an example of a "knight of faith", written by Soren Kierkegaard.

ANSWER: Fear and Trembling [or Frygt og Bæven]

13. It doesn't involve wives or children, but in Slavic myth, at the end of a yearly quarrel often depicted as *one of these conflicts*, a god casts his thunderbolts towards a serpent and shouts "there is your place - remain there!" That yearly instance of this kind of conflict is the core conflict between the gods Veles and Perun. A conflict of this type is sparked when a deal for a year-long loan is called off due to the statements of a drunk messenger. A character is healed by his father during a three-day nap during one of these conflicts, after which he undergoes a (*) transformation into a state of horrific rage called *ríastrad*. The warrior Ferdiad is killed during a series of single combats at a ford during one of these events perpetrated by the ruler of Connacht. For 10 points, identify this kind of event, one of which Cu Chulainn defends Donn Cúailnge [*"cooley"*] against.

ANSWER: cattle raids [accept anything that indicates a taking of cattle or cows; prompt on anything indicating a conflict between Veles and Perun until "Slavic gods" is read by asking "over what?" - similarly, prompt on battles or combats by asking "over what?"; prompt on answers like invasions of Ulster]

14. He's not Talcott Parsons, but this psychologist developed a theory which defined attention in terms of nerve path openness called "action theory." This psychologist collected results from experiments conducted on Harvard students in his introductory course and magazine articles which suggested that eyewitness testimony was unreliable in his controversial book *On the Witness Stand*. This psychologist analyzed the scientific principles behind the motion picture world in an early work of film theory titled (*) *The Photoplay*. Inspired by the work of Frederick Taylor, this psychologist advocated rigorous experimental research in order to find the best solutions to the problems of economics and management in *Psychology and Industrial Efficiency*. For 10 points, name this German-born pioneer of industrial psychology.

ANSWER: Hugo Munsterberg

15. The conflict between a Sufi from this country named al-Yusi and one of its rulers is examined in a book about *Religion and Power in [this country]* by Henry Munson. Since the early 2000s in this country, the government has promoted female preachers called *mourchidat* in their work against Islamic extremism. In a four-chapter anthropological study, this country is presented as a modernized country with a strict version of Islam, as contrasted with a looser tradition heavily influenced by Hinduism. Pope Sylvester II was educated at a university in this country regarded as the world's oldest, the *madrassa* of (*) al-Karaouine [*"ka-ra-WEEN"*]. Clifford Geertz contrasted forms of worship in Indonesia with those of this country in *Islam Observed*. This country's Saadi rulers welcomed many Jews expelled from a nearby country in the Alhambra decree. For 10 points, name this country where Muslims worship in cities like Casablanca.

ANSWER: (Kingdom of) Morocco [or al-Mamlaka al-Maghribiya]

16. David Kaplan argued that a version of this concept outlined in "The Methodological Character of Theoretical Concepts" still fails in light of a counterexample to it published by Alonzo Church in 1949. A common critique of this concept is that, if one is to abide by this concept, then abiding by this concept in the first place is irrational. In "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" Quine argues that, if this concept is assumed, a form of "radical reduction" is necessary in order to preserve (*) analyticity. "Strong" and "weak" varieties of this concept are distinguished in *Language, Truth, and Logic* by Ayer, which introduced it, along with other logical positivist ideas, to the English-speaking world. For 10 points, identify this principle core to the philosophy of the Vienna School, which holds that a proposition is only meaningful if it can be demonstrated to be true or false.

ANSWER: verificationism [or verification principle]

17. This book's opening states that no man shall attain the "ocean of true understanding" except via detachment from the heavens and earth. The entirety of this book, which is over two hundred pages long, was supposedly written over the course of two nights. This book explains that moral rectitude and entrance into the present Kingdom of God are prerequisites for spiritual growth in a passage called "The Tablet of the True Seeker." The concepts contained in this book were revealed to the author in the "black pit" or Síyáh-Chál, though he only wrote them down later while in exile in (*) Baghdad. This book explains its concept of progressive revelation to a Muslim listener by advocating an allegorical interpretation of Biblical verses - thus, as a Christian should accept Muslim teaching, so should a Muslim accept the Bab. For 10 points, name this Baha'i text which relates its teachings to other monotheistic faiths.

ANSWER: The Book of Certitude [or Kitab i-Iqan; or any answer with the word Iqan]

18. An Enlightenment thinker from this modern-day country advocated empiricism as the best form of evidence in his widely-censored "Voice of the People" article and included a proto-feminist "defense of the woman" in his *Universal Critical Theater*. Schumpeter's *History of Economic Analysis* draws attention to proto-free market thinkers based at a university in this country that also produced the author of the *Metaphysical Disputations*. The formulator of *ius gentium*, a type of early (*) natural law that inspired the Dutch scholar Hugo Grotius, worked at a university in this modern-day country that was founded in 1134 and is the third-oldest in Europe. In this country, a famous debate between clergy examined whether conquered indigenous peoples should be granted basic rights occurred at Valladolid. For 10 points, identify this country home to the Francisco de Vitoria, who worked at the University of Salamanca.

ANSWER: (Kingdom of) Spain [or Reino de España; or Hispania]

19. Stanley Tambiah contrasted this thinker's view of magic as "meaningful performance" with that of Edward Tylor, who viewed it as "false science." This thinker said that the archaic nature of ritual language gives it a "coefficient of weirdness" necessary to foster belief in the ritual. Edmund Leach said his first book *The Highland Structures of Burma* was a dialogue between the rationalism of Levi-Strauss and the functionalism of this thinker, who was his teacher. This thinker drew a clear distinction between the domains of the (*) sacred and profane, which correspond to religion and science, in his essay collection *Magic, Science and Religion*. This early functionalist discussed the use of spells to help grow taro, bananas, and yams in the last of three works about a group of Pacific Islanders. For 10 points, name this author of *Coral Gardens and Their Magic*, the final part of his ethnography of the Trobrianders.

ANSWER: Bronislaw Malinowski

20. Caracalla sacrificed before a massive temple to this deity in Rome before perpetrating a massacre of youths in a different city where, in 391 CE, Theodosius burned down a temple to this deity at the encouragement of St. Theophilus. Tacitus says this deity's most ancient temple was on the island of Rhakotis, where Alexander the Great had Dinocrates plan a city. Extensive burials to this non-craftsman deity were found in a temple to this deity at Saqqara. Macrobius described this deity as depicted with a basket on his head and a (*) three-headed beast at his feet, which was earlier shown as Cerberus. This father of Harpocrates embodied aspects of the bovine manifestation of Ptah and of Osiris, though he was given many Hellenistic features and was depicted with a bearded Greek face. For 10 points, name this syncretic Egyptian deity promoted by the Ptolemaic dynasty.

ANSWER: Serapis [or Osirapis; prompt on Apis bull or Osiris]