

Christmas Present - Humanity's beautiful dark twisted fantasies, all in one set. Sort of.
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PACKET 7

1. In the *Metamorphoses*, this character relates the story of how Caeneus was originally a girl named Caenis and describes his role in the battle between the Lapiths and Centaurs. During Patroclus' funeral games, this character is offered a two-handed urn by Achilles. This character tells the story of a war during his youth between the city ruled by king Augeas, Elis, and this character's home city after all of his siblings were killed by (*) Heracles. This character is saved from death at the hands of Memnon by the sacrifice of his son Antilochus. In a conversation in this character's tent, he convinces Patroclus to go into battle in Achilles' armor. This character's advice, despite often being extremely faulty, is heeded by the Greeks because he is the oldest man in their army. For 10 points, name this old king of Pylos from Homeric legend.

ANSWER: Nestor

2. This philosopher is attacked in an essay for using jargon in order to make certain arguments appear novel and for advocating a form of "hip defeatism" that disengages from real-world politics. This philosopher combined speech-act theory with Althusser's notion of "interpellation" in a book arguing that speech restrictions designed to protect marginalized groups end up hurting those groups. This philosopher, who is the subject of the essay "The Professor of Parody" by (*) Martha Nussbaum, criticized Julia Kristeva's thoughts on maternity as a refuge for women by arguing maternity is a social construct. This author of *Excitable Speech* advocated "subversive bodily acts" as a method of undermining the performative gender roles assigned by society. For 10 points, name this UC Berkeley feminist philosopher who wrote *Gender Trouble*.

ANSWER: Judith Butler

3. Many of the Lemba people claim that their ancestors carried this object to southern Africa. A statue of Dagon falls prostrate before this object after it is stolen and taken to Ashdod. A part of this object adorned with cherubs is referred to with the generic term *kapporeth*, which is usually rendered into English as "mercy seat" instead of the normal translation of "covering." According to some, this object is still kept in the (*) Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion, which is located in Ethiopia. To avoid stepping on the place where this object is held, Orthodox Jews avoid journey walking up the mount on which the Dome of the Rock is located. This object was kept in the Holy of Holies, which only the High Priest could enter on Yom Kippur. For 10 points, name this wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments.

ANSWER: Ark of the Covenant [or Aron haBrit]

4. With Ulrich Beck, this thinker defined the modern world as a "risk society" preoccupied with the future and safety. A core concept of this thinker's theories is that, contra structuralism, that there's no dichotomy between agents and structure, but rather that agents both influence and are influenced by social environments. This thinker maintains the possibility of universal truth in today's world, rejecting postmodernism in favor of his notion of "radicalized modernity." This thinker argued that traditional statist programs could not resist (*) global financial forces - instead, he advocated that social democracy be preserved by breaking down left-right divisions in books like *Beyond Left and Right*, providing one inspiration for Tony Blair's Third Way in politics. For 10 points, name this British sociologist who wrote *New Rules of Sociological Method*.

ANSWER: Anthony Giddens, Baron Giddens

5. This philosopher used the example of the Lacedaemonians willingly bearing flogging because they believe its rationality to illustrate his notion that education must align one's notions of rational and irrational with those of nature. This thinker's quote "Nature hath given men one tongue but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak" is found in Hastings Crossley's arrangement of his *Golden Sayings*. He taught that philosophy's first aim was to purify the mind and that all humans have *prolepsis*, the ability to tell good from evil. This philosopher said wisdom included the ability to distinguish between things (*) within our control and not within our control, with the only things belonging to the former category being those over which we have *prohairesis*, or volition. For 10 points, name this philosopher whose student Arrian compiled his teachings into the *Discourses*.

ANSWER: Epictetus

[MODERATOR NOTE: the word in red is ironically NOT Spanish and should be pronounced as written]

6. Those who feed the hungry on this holiday are said to be rewarded with wine called *salsabil*, which may be one reason an ancient tradition of donating food called *nazr* is popular on this holiday. Pious members of one sect keep a fast called *roja* on this holiday, a practice supposedly adopted after the Jews, who were said to feast on this day in commemoration of the defeat of Pharaoh. Scholars disagree over whether *talwar zani*, a practice on this holiday in South Asia, is permissible as a folk tradition. The Red Cross collaborates with many scholars to encourage Muslims to donate (*) blood on this holiday. This holiday often features re-enactments of the Battle of Karbala. Though many religious leaders have banned extreme forms of *tatbir*, such as maiming oneself with knives or chains on this holiday, it's still popular to flagellate oneself in countries like Iran. For 10 points, name this holiday on which Shi'a commemorate the martyrdom of Husayn.

ANSWER: Day of Ashura [prompt on answers mentioning Husayn]

7. This book defines idolatry as "pictorialism plus the will-to-power" and presents the Greek "beautiful boy" who appears in the works of Donatello and Dorian Gray as an example of Western pictorialism. The author of this book said it was "intended to please no one and offend everyone." This book gives its title archetypes from Western culture as beginning with the Venus of Willendorf, who is given as an example of a world in the absence of any Apollonian element. This book argues that the period of pregnancy induces an agonizing "agon of psychological dependency" in (*) men, who fear woman as the raw representation of nature. This book's original cover presents a mashup of the sculptor Thutmose's bust of Nefertiti and a picture of Emily Dickinson. For 10 points, name this book about decadence in visual arts written by Camille Paglia.

ANSWER: Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson

8. A seven-section scroll at the Kyoto National Museum describes the journey of some these entities known as *gaki*. The priest Muso legendarily encountered an example of these entities known as a *jikiniki*. In China, it's traditionally considered unlucky to get married during the month in which the festival named for these entities occurs. These entities dwell in a realm that is considered to be more punishing than that of the animals, but less punishing than any of the *narakas*; that realm is called the (*) *preta* realm. The Zhongyuan festival is dedicated to the appeasement of these beings, some of which are unable to quench their desires and sate it through feeding on corpses, leading them to be known as "hungry" in many Asian traditions. For 10 points, identify these spectral manifestations of dead people.

ANSWER: (hungry) ghosts [or hungry spirits or hungry corpses or really any form of undead that have hunger; accept pretas until it is read; prompt on spirits or souls or dead people or similar things; accept anything mentioning ancestors due to possible conflation with the Chinese clues]

9. It's not Tenochtitlan, but this city was said to be founded on immortal "ambrosia rocks" where an olive tree grew, which harbored an eagle and a serpent consumed by fire. Gades was a major site of worship for this city's tutelary deity, prompting Hannibal to make a pilgrimage there. A name meaning "Lord of the City" was given to that tutelary deity of this city, who was equated with Heracles. Greek myths state that this city was ruled by Agenor and Telephassa, whose son was credited with bringing the (*) alphabet to Greece and founding Thebes. This city was the original home of the god Melqart, as well as of a woman who cut up ox-hide into strips to surround some land in North Africa after she fled this city during the reign of Pygmalion, who killed her husband Acerbas. For 10 points, name this Phoenician city which Dido fled from before she founded Carthage.

ANSWER: Tyre [or Sur]

[MODERATOR NOTE: Please make a pun on the answerline if someone gets 15 on this tossup]

10. Paul Kennedy argued that, as these entities increase in size, they must devote a greater proportion of their resources to maintaining that size in a book about *The Rise and Fall of [them]*. The name for these entities was popularized in political discourse in an 1833 essay about them by Leopold von Ranke. A book titled for these entities argues that their abilities outside the region in which they are located are largely limited to "offshore balancing" which represents simply another form of aggression in an (*) anarchic order. The term "stately quadrille" referred to relations between these entities in the 18th century. The liberal theory of "offensive realism" was espoused in a book titled for the "tragedy" of the politics of these entities by John Mearsheimer. For 10 points, give this two-word term for sovereign states able to project large influence on a global scale.

ANSWER: great powers [prompt on European/world powers; prompt on states or countries; accept *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* or *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*]

11. This character's prayers to Mitra and Varuna brought him a daughter named Ila who was later transformed into a man named Sudyumna. Citing precepts of social justice, B. R. Ambedkar led thousands of followers to burn copies of a text named for this character on December 25, 1927. Within the current White Boar *kalpa* there will be fourteen incarnations of this character. A text named for this character which outlines the precepts of *karma* and the caste system is the most widely-studied authoritative *Dharmashastra* (*) legal document. This character was assigned to dealing with humanity along with his twin brothers, the Ashvins - all three are sons of Saranyu and the sun god Surya. This character was warned by a giant fish of an incoming flood, which he escaped in a boat pulled by that fish, the avatar Matsya. For 10 points, name this first man of Hinduism.

ANSWER: Manu

12. This non-Austrian economist proposed that an "indestructible" current account and money supply could be created via full-reserve banking in a plan he proposed with Simons et al, the "Chicago plan." This economist names a theorem stating that a firm's objective in investment will always be to maximize present value. This economist rejected the notion that equilibrium could be reached as part of his theory that natural economic variation could place too many people in debt and prompt an onslaught of (*) selling, which would lead to a drop in the price level and contraction - that is his "debt-deflation" hypothesis. An equation named for this economist is often written as "quantity one plus r" times "quantity one plus pi" equals "quantity one plus i." For 10 points, identify this economist who names an equation describing the relationship of the nominal and real interest rates.

ANSWER: Irving Fisher

13. Distinguishing between the categories of import and function is central to this thinker's theory of works of modern art, which he viewed as social monads championing abstract "truth-content." This thinker favored the music of Mahler because it shunned "moderate peacefulness" and represented a revolutionary assault on the "starry heavens" of the Viennese music establishment. This thinker characterized the compositions of Igor Stravinsky as regressive, preferring the music of Arnold Schoenberg and his (*) teacher, Alban Berg, since it represented progress. This philosopher's thoughts on aesthetics are collected in books like *Philosophy of Modern Music* and the posthumously published *Aesthetic Theory*. For 10 points, name this thinker who viewed popular music as part of the "culture industry" he attacked with Max Horkheimer in *Dialectic of Enlightenment*.

ANSWER: Theodor W. Adorno [or Theodor Ludwig Wiesengrund]

14. The historian Palladius described this man's reforms as "sweeping the stairs from the top." This man composed the Paschal homily which is commonly read on Easter and sheltered and befriended four Egyptian monks known as the "Tall Brothers" who held Origenist beliefs. Partly on account of the inability of his successor, Arsacius of Tarsus, to control the clergy, this man's supporters were tortured by the soldiers of Emperor (*) Arcadius. This man gave a series of homilies called *Adversus Iudaeos*, which opposed Christians who continued to follow Jewish customs. Empress Eudoxia and Theophilus of Alexandria conspired to depose this man in the Synod of the Oak. For 10 points, name this famed 4th-century Christian orator, who was given a nickname meaning "golden-mouthed."

ANSWER: John Chrysostom

15. This thinker believed that a proper education consists of studying three sorts of things - human, natural, and eternal. This thinker believed that early society was centered around priest-kings who ruled *familii* in opposition to *socii* and that its fables and myths provided cultural unity as "poetic wisdom." This author of *De mente heroica* aimed to present an alternative to (*) Descartes' metaphysics with the notion that truth is verified by the act of making, which is found in his *On the Most Ancient Wisdom of the Italians*. This thinker's most famous work features a frontispiece showing the personification of poetry standing on a globe and outlines his notion that that society goes through ages of gods, heroes, and men in an endless cycle. For 10 points, name this Italian philosopher who wrote *The New Science*.

ANSWER: Giambattista Vico

16. Abraham Anquetil-Duperron traveled extensively to search for a priest who would teach him this language. It's not Sanskrit, but William Erskine and Peter von Bohlen argued that this language grew out of a Prakrit dialect. This language's word for a divine plant, *haoma*, aptly illustrates a sound shift in its language family of the sibilant /s/ sound to an /h/ sound. This language's word for "hundred" lends its name to Indo-European languages whose palatovelar consonants were assibilated, forming the generally eastern (*) *satem* portion of the *centum-satem* isogloss. The main sources on this language are religious texts like the *Fravarane* creed, the *Yasna* liturgy, and the *Vendidad*. For 10 points, identify this widely-studied language variously classified as Indic, Iranian, and Indo-Iranian, which is named for the Zoroastrian sacred texts written in it.

ANSWER: Avestan [or Zend]

17. In pleading for his life, a ruler of these people asks another to "be respectful of Daunus' great age." After an unsuccessful attempt to capture the capital of this group, Lucius Junius Brutus led a coup to oust the ruling monarch, Tarquinius Superbus. Nisus and Euryalus lead a killing spree through a camp of these people. To trick a ruler of these people into safely going to a ship, Juno conjures an apparition of his (*) main rival. The Aborigines and Evander are part of an alliance against the Etruscans and these people. Latinus promises the hand of Lavinia to the prince of these people, who is killed in a duel by Book XII by Aeneas. For 10 points, name this legendary Italic tribe whose king in the *Aeneid* is Turnus.

ANSWER: Rutuli [or Rutulians]

18. This thinker cited the European Coal and Steel community as a model in a famous lecture arguing that a newly created federation would be necessary to reject the colonial mentality. The main character in V. S. Naipaul's *A Way in the World* is generally interpreted as being a portrayal of this thinker, whom Naipaul praised highly. In 1963, this thinker appended a discussion of developments up to Fidel Castro to a book based on the work of (*) Trotsky that examines what he called "the only successful slave revolt in history." This author's autobiography, which features extensive social commentary on cricket, is titled *Beyond a Boundary*. For 10 points, name this author of an influential history of the Haitian Revolution titled *The Black Jacobins*.

ANSWER: Cyril Lionel Robert James

19. An intellectual with this family name advocated abandoning the complicated *pianwen* style of writing in favor of simple *guwen*, which he believed would aid in restoring Confucian character. Another intellectual with this family name wrote a fifty-five chapter treatise on *realpolitik* advocating that rulers master the maintenance of *shi*, or power, through the use of reward and penalty. An intellectual with this family name protested Emperor Xianzong's tolerance of foreign religion and Daoism in the *Memorial on Bone-Relics of the Buddha* and is generally considered the most famous Tang-era prose author. Li Si and a philosopher with this surname known as (*) Feizi were the primary philosophical proponents of Legalism. The dynasty that *succeeded* [emphasize] the first imperial dynasty to adopt Legalism also had this name. For 10 points, give the name of the Chinese dynasty that produced the first emperor to adopt Confucianism as state philosophy, Wudi.

ANSWER: Han [accept Han Feizi or Han Yu; accept Han dynasty or Handy Nasty]

20. In Egil's saga, Thorgerd says that she will refuse to dine until she dines *with this deity* after learning of the death of her brother and of Egil's plan to give up living. The tears of this deity are said to turn into amber when they reach the sea. In a poem from the *Book of the Flat Island*, this deity journeys with the wolf-riding *völva* Hyndla order to discover the lineage of Óttar. This deity possesses a feathered (*) coat that can turn the wearer into a hawk, which is used in one instance to rescue the goddess of apples and youth, Iðunn ["*I-thunn*"], from the giant Thjazi. This goddess would have been married to a giant who built a fortress for Asgard had Loki not mated with and distracted that giant's horse Svaðilfari. This goddess slept with four dwarves in order to obtain the necklace Brisingamen. For 10 points, name this Norse goddess of sex, love, and beauty.

ANSWER: Freyja [accept any number of similar pronunciations, but not "Frigg"]