

VHSL Regular Season Round 8 First Period, Fifteen Tossups

1. A short-lived communist republic was declared in this now defunct nation after it was invaded by Bela Kun. This country was home to the Charter 77 to protect against rights violations after one leader in this former nation declared the creation of "socialism with a human face." Alexander Dubcek [DOOB-CHECK] was forced out of office after a Soviet invasion of this country. This nation was forced to give up the Sudetenland to Germany. Split in two by the Velvet divorce, for 10 points, name this former nation which was home to the "Prague Spring" movement.

ANSWER: <u>Czechoslovakia</u> [or <u>Ceskoslovensko</u>; prompt on <u>Czech Republic</u>; prompt on <u>Slovakia</u>]

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2. This composer wrote a song cycle that includes the piece "Die alten, bosen Lieder." He also included the song "Ich grolle nicht" in that work, *Dichterliebe*. This composer of the *Fantasy in C* included the section "Traumerei" in his *Scenes from Childhood*. He was inspired by the Archbishop of Cologne's elevation to cardinal to write a five-movement symphony that depicts a certain river valley. His wife Clara premiered his only Piano Concerto. For 10 points, name this German composer of the *Rhenish* and *Spring* symphonies. ANSWER: Robert Alexander **Schumann**

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3. Enrico Fermi proposed that an atom's preferred mode of beta decay depends on whether it has too many or too few of these particles, which are often ejected during spontaneous fission. Carbon-14 dating makes use of the decay of one of these particles, which consists of one up and two down quarks. The number of them in the nucleus is equal to the difference between atomic mass and atomic number. For 10 points, name these particles discovered by James Chadwick, which are slightly heavier than protons and electrically neutral. ANSWER: **neutron**s

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4. This poet wrote about Identity, "the Man," and "the City" in his five-book epic about the New Jersey town *Paterson*. He's not W.H. Auden, but he used short stanzas to describe *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus* in his "Pictures from Breughel." He writes "they were delicious/so sweet/and so cold" as his excuse for eating someone else's plums in "This Is Just To Say." His best-known poem is about an object "glazed with rainwater beside the white chickens," and opens with the line "so much depends on." For 10 points, name this poet who wrote "The Red Wheelbarrow."

ANSWER: William Carlos Williams

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5. This device breaks up tasks into several stages; the first two, fetch and decode, are executed in parallel using a pipeline. Moore's Law describes the number of transistors that can fit on one die. The von Neumann bottleneck occurs because information must travel between the memory and this part of the computer. This device contains an arithmetic logic unit and one or more caches to store instructions and/or data. For 10 points, name these devices that are responsible for doing most of the computing on a computer.

ANSWER: **CPU**s [or **central processing units**]

6. This ruler signed the Treaty of Messina with Tancred of Sicily. This man invaded Cyprus to rescue his betrothed, Berengaria of Navarre. While ruling as Duke of Aquitaine, this man twice revolted against his father, once with the assistance of Philip Augustus of France. This man signed a treaty with Saladin when he joined Philip and Frederick Barbarossa in leading the Third Crusade. While imprisoned in Austria, this man's throne was usurped by his younger brother, John Lackland. For 10 points, name this son of Henry II known as "the lionheart."

ANSWER: **Richard I** [or **Richard** the **Lionheart**ed before it is read; prompt on **Richard**]

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7. This man led his forces from Gilboah to prevent his enemies from taking the Valley of Jezreel. He ordered the murder of eight-five priests of Nob. The taking of his concubine Ripzah led to his son Ihbosheth (IB-oh-sheth) breaking ties with Abner. This man lost the support of a prophet, whose ghost he had conjured by the Witch of Endor. He tried to kill the son of Jesse who had killed the Philistine Goliath. He was first anointed, then rebuked, by the prophet Samuel. For 10 points, name this ruler who was succeeded by David after becoming the first king of the Israelites.

ANSWER: King Saul [or Sha'ul]

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8. This author wrote about Gurov's affair with Anna von Diederitz, who he meets in Yala, in his "Lady with a Lapdog." One play by this author opens with a play performed by Nina, who is shown the title animal by Konstantin Trepylov. One play by this author involves a duel where Solyony kills Tuzenbach, who loved Irina, Vershinin's affair with Masha, and Olga's headmistress position. This author of *The Seagull* and *Three Sisters* wrote a play about Lopakhin's plan to save the title property belonging to the Ranevskayas, which is cut down anyway. For 10 points, name this Russian author of *Uncle Vanya* and *The Cherry Orchard*. ANSWER: Anton Paylovich **Chekhov**

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9. This function is the imaginary part of Euler's formula, and its hyperbolic version is equal to one-half of the quantity "e to the x minus e to the negative x." This function's namesake law states that the ratio of this function of one angle to the length of the side opposite that angle is equal for all three angles, and its multiplicative inverse is the cosecant function. For 10 points, name this trigonometric function, which in a right triangle is equal to the opposite over the hypotenuse.

ANSWER: sine

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10. This country contains the mouth of the Mahanad River in its Orissa state. Port Blair is the capital of the Andaman Islands in this country. This country contains the Thar desert. Although it does not have a Muslim majority, this nation has the largest Muslim population in the world, and even more Muslims lived in this country before it was partitioned. That partition has led to a conflict over whether it or Pakistan controls Kashmir. For 10 points, name this country in which the Ganges runs through Calcutta, whose other countries include New Delhi and Bombay.

ANSWER: Republic of **India** [or **Bharat**]

11. This author wrote about Gilliat's pursuit of Deruchette after Lethierry's marooning on Guernsey in *The Toilers of the Sea*. In another of his works, the goat Djali spells the name of Captain Phoebus, and the title character kills the Frollo brothers. This author wrote about Gavroche, a boy who gets killed picking up ammunition and is the son of the Thenardiers, in a work about Cosette, Inspector Javert, and Jean Valjean. This author also wrote a novel about the gypsy Esmeralda and the deformed Quasimodo. For 10 points, name this French author of *Les Miserables* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

ANSWER: Victor Marie Hugo

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12. Along with some Paiute Indians, members of this group murdered the Fancher-Baker party in the Mountain Meadows Massacre. This group moved west after a failed settlement at Nauvoo in Illinois. It attempted to create the state of Deseret, but its marital practices delayed that settlement's bid for statehood until 1896. This group was led by Brigham Young to the state of Utah. For 10 points, name this religious group which once practiced polygamy, and which was founded when Joseph Smith was shown some golden plates.

ANSWER: <u>Mormon</u>s [or Church of <u>Mormon</u> members; or Church of Jesus Christ of <u>Latter-day Saints</u> members; or equivalents]

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13. Less common varieties of this type of rock include oolite and coqina. Karst topography landscapes are primarily made of this rock or a similar rock with a magnesium component, dolomite. Sinkholes form when these rocks are eroded away by carbonic acid in underground water systems. Often formed by deposits left behind from shelled marine organisms, orogenic (or-AH-gen-ic) events can metamorphise these rocks into marble. For 10 points, name these sedimentary rocks made from calcite, such as chalk.

ANSWER: limestone

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14. The image of a Beadsman praying in the cold opens one of this author's works, in which Angela helps Porphyro elope with his love Madeline. The speaker of one poem by this author of "The Eve of St. Agnes" "saw pale kings, and princes too" who warn him about the danger of "La Belle Dame sans Merci." He noted "thou was not born for death, immortal Bird" in one poem, while another of his poems apostrophizes a "still-unravish'd bride of quietness" and notes that "Beauty is truth, truth beauty". For 10 points, name this author of "Ode to a Nightingale" and "Ode on a Grecian Urn".

ANSWER: John Keats [accept "The Eve of St. Agnes" before "this author" is read]

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15. This man wrote a "Letter from Jamaica" while in exile there, and described the failure of the First Republic in his *Cartagena Manifesto*. This man won victories at Boyaca and Carabobo, but it was his lieutenant, Antonio Jose de Sucre, who won the final victory at Ayacucho, securing independence for Peru. This man wrote the constitution and served as president-for-life of Upper Peru, which was renamed in this man's honor. For 10 points, name this South American hero, known as El Libertador, or The Liberator. ANSWER: Simon (Jose' Antonio de la Santisima Trinidad) **Bolivar** (y Palacios)



1A. The Moho (MOW-hoe) Discontinuity is found at the top of what layer of the Earth, that lays between the core and the crust?

ANSWER: mantle

1B. Name the author of *The Audacity of Hope* and *Dreams From My Father* who was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

ANSWER: Barack Hussein **Obama** II

2A. Name the actress who starred alongside Matthew McConaughey in *Failure to Launch* and played Carrie Bradshaw in the TV show and movie *Sex and the City*.

ANSWER: Sarah Jessica Parker

2B. Which French utopian thinker imagined "phalanxes" of 1,620 people, because he believed that twelve types of passion led to 810 distinct personality types?

ANSWER: Charles **Fourier**

3A. Which Bantu language is the only one of African origin to be one of the official languages of the African Union?

ANSWER: Swahili

3B. *Tides of Darkness*, *Reign of Chaos*, and *The Frozen Throne* are editions of what series of games created by Blizzard Entertainment?

ANSWER: <u>Warcraft</u> [do not accept "World of Warcraft"]

4A. This is a 10-second calculation question. Solve $x^2 - 5x + 6$.

ANSWER: 2 and 3 [both answers required]

4B. This is a 10-second calculation question. Simplify (6x + 24)/(8x + 32).

ANSWER: 3/4

5A. What European country consists of territory on the Peninsula of Jutland and over four hundred islands including Zealand, Funen, and Bornholm?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Denmark** [or Kongeriget **Danmark**]

5B. What term describes animals, such as the platypus and the echidna, that are mammals but lay eggs rather than giving live birth?

ANSWER: monotremes

6A. This is a 20-second calculation question. If a coin is weighted so that it will fall heads 75% of the time when it is flipped, what is the expected number of tails in 15 flips?

ANSWER: 3.75 [or 3 3/4 or 15/4]

6B. This is a 20-second calculation question. Evaluate $3^4 - 4^3$.

ANSWER: 17

7A. In July 2009, Javier (HAH-vee-air) Velasquez was named the prime minister of what South American country, once led by Alberto Fujimori?

ANSWER: Republic of **Peru** [or Republica del **Peru**]

7B. How many lines are in a Shakespearean sonnet?

ANSWER: fourteen

8A. What Eugene O'Neill play features the character of Ephraim Cabot and his three sons Peter, Simeon, and Eben?

ANSWER: **Desire Under the Elms**

8B. Name the man who, in addition to advocating replaceable parts in muskets, developed the cotton gin, a device that removes the seeds from the cotton fibers.

ANSWER: Eli Whitney

9A. This is a 30-second calculation question. Find the period of the function $y = 2 \sin(3x - 4)$.

ANSWER: 2 pi/3 [accept 120 degrees]

9B. This is a 30-second calculation question. Evaluate 6.3 times 19.8.

ANSWER: 124.74

10A. Name the chemical element whose allotropes include fullerenes (FULL-uh-reens), graphite, diamonds, and lonsdaleite (LONZ-dayl-ite).

ANSWER: carbon [or C]

10B. Name the mannerist painting, by El Greco, that shows the Castle of San Servando and the contrast between the blue and white sky and the green and black hills.

ANSWER: View of Toledo



1. This author wrote a poem that ends with the question "How can we know the dancer from the dance?" This author collected "Among School Children" in *The Tower* and described "the loosening thighs" of a mythological figure. This author of "Leda and the Swan" wrote a poem which describes "such a form as Grecian goldsmiths make, compares "an aged man" to "a tattered coat upon a stick," and states "that is no country for old men." This poet of "Sailing to Byzantium" ends another poem with a "rough beast" that "slouches towards Bethlehem to be born," and describes "things fall[ing] apart." For 10 points, name this Irish poet of "The Second Coming."

ANSWER: William Butler Yeats

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2. This character screams "I'm losing my perspicacity!" after coming up with only two synonyms for "relax" during a teachers' strike. Earlier, she takes pity on a classmate and delivers a valentine that says "I choo-choo-choose you." She converted to Buddhism in 2001 after becoming disenchanted with church renovations, six years after becoming a vegetarian. This eight-year-old student of Miss Hoover has been voiced since 1987 by Yeardley (YARD-lee) Smith. For 10 points, name this middle child, the elder sister of Maggie and younger sister of Bart.

ANSWER: <u>Lisa</u> Marie Simpson [prompt on <u>Simpson</u>]

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3. Kupffer cells in this organ break down red blood cells. This organ is the site of hemoglobin metabolism into bilirubin, and the gluconeogenesis pathway occurs here. Blood drained from the gastrointestinal tract enters this organ through the hepatic portal vein. The gallbladder stores bile produced in this organ. Chronic infection with hepatitis C, or chronic alcohol use, can cause cirrhosis, a disease of this organ. For 10 points, name this largest internal organ and largest gland of the body, which serves to detoxify the blood.

ANSWER: liver

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4. While living in Rheinsberg Castle, this ruler spent much of his time in correspondence with Voltaire, whom this man later invited to visit him in his Sanssouci Palace. This man fled a battle his troops eventually won under Schwerin at Mollwitz. That battle occurred after this ruler invaded Silesia in a breach of the Pragmatic Sanction. For 10 points, name this ruler who fought in both the War of the Austrian Succession and the Seven Years' War against Maria Theresa, a Hohenzollern who expanded the size and power of Prussia

ANSWER: <u>Frederick the Great</u> [or <u>Frederick II</u> of Prussia; or <u>Friedrich der Grosse</u>; or <u>Friedrich II</u>; prompt on <u>Frederick</u>; prompt on <u>Friedrich</u>]

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5. This figure was told how to pass Helios's cattle when he visited Tiresias (tie-REE-see-us) in the underworld; there, this figure also saw his own mother, Anticlea (an-tih-CLAY-uh). Hermes demanded the release of this figure from a nymph on Ogygia (oh-JIH-jee-uh). This man angered Poseidon when he blinded Poseidon's Cyclops son, Polyphemus (pah-LIH-fih-mus). He fought against his wife Penelope's suitors alongside his son Telemachus. For 10 points, name this Greek hero, who was held hostage by Calypso on his way home from the Trojan War, and is the namesake of an epic by Homer.

ANSWER: **Odysseus** [or **Ulysses**; accept **Ulixes** before "Poseidon" is read]

6. In one of this author's works, "Betsy from Kansas" and Doreen are guest editors, and crab meat gives a group food poisoning at a lunch for *Lady Day* magazine. One of this writer's poems ends "you bastard, I'm through" after stating "There's a stake through your fat black heart." In this author's only novel, Dr. Gordon and Dr. Nolan are psychiatrists at the mental institution of the main character, a college student named Esther Greenwood. For 10 points, name this poet of "Daddy" and author of *The Bell Jar*.

ANSWER: Sylvia **Plath**

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7. One failed plan of this man led to his being replaced by Liu Shaoqi, although this man later formulated another failed plan with Lin Biao. This man gained control of an army after the Battle of Xiang during the Long March, and this man sought to revitalize his party and increase his country's production in the Cultural Revolution and Great Leap Forward. Some quotations of this man were collected and given to all citizens in the form of the *Little Red Book*. For 10 points, name this man who was a longtime leader of the Communist Party in China.

ANSWER: Mao Zedong

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8. This painting hangs opposite a 1794 Thomas Lawrence painting in The Huntington. The seventeenth-century apparel of this painting's subject is an homage to Anthony van Dyck's portrait of Charles I. The dark sky in the background contrasts with the light face of the subject, who stands with his left arm at his waist and holds a feathered hat in his right hand. The subject is generally thought to be Jonathan Buttall, and is prominently dressed in the titular color. For 10 points, name this portrait by Thomas Gainsborough.

ANSWER: The Blue Boy

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9. One allotrope of this element is often described as a truncated icosahedron, and was discovered by Curl, Kroto, and Smalley. Another allotrope of this element consists of a single layer of hexagonal rings. In addition to the buckminsterfullerene and graphene, this element also forms a three-dimensional lattice that is among the hardest structures known to man, and a soft conductor used in pencil lead. For 10 points, name this element whose allotropes include diamond and graphite.

ANSWER: **carbon** [or **C**]

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10. This author wrote about a character who serves as a fire lookout on Desolation Peak, who accompanies the Buddhist Japhy Ryder. In another novel by this author of *The Dharma Bums*, one character is called the "HOLY GOOF" just after taking a marijuana-filled trip to a Mexico City bordello, and Carlo Marx is visited with Bull Lee in Denver by the central characters, one of who takes on a job as night watchman for merchant sailors in San Francisco. Dean Moriarty and Sal Paradise travel across America by car in this man's best known novel. For 10 points, name this author of *On The Road*.

ANSWER: Jack **Kerouac** [or Jean Louis Lebris de **Kerouac**]

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11. Writers within this philosophical movement included the theorist of "reification" (RAY-if-ih-CAY-shun), Gyorgy Lukacs (jee-OR-jee LOO-kash). This school believes in a process that it calls "dialectical materialism." Another theorist of this movement stressed the need for a "vanguard" to bring about social change and wrote the article *Imperialism*, *the Highest Stage of Capitalism*. This school's concepts include the labor theory of value. For 10 points, name this political philosophy founded by the man who helped Frederich Engels write a certain Manifesto.

ANSWER: **Marxism** [or **communism**]

12. This president was advised by Mary McLeod [MAC LLOYD] Bethune, who started a school for black students in Daytona Beach. The Supreme Court thwarted some of this man's plans in *U.S. v. Butler* and *Schechter v. U.S.*, which led to this man's "court-packing scheme." Members of this man's cabinet included Cordell Hull and Frances Perkins. Agencies begun by this man include the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Works Progress Administration. For 10 points, name this president who defeated Herbert Hoover in the election of 1932 and worked against the Great Depression with his New Deal.

ANSWER: Franklin Delano Roosevelt [or FDR; prompt on Roosevelt]

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13. One novel written in this language is about the Syrian Nacib Saad, who romances Gabriela. Another novel written in this language is often titled *Epitaph for a Small Winner* and center on Bras Cubas posthumously telling his life story. This language originated in a country whose authors wrote *Blindness* and an epic about Bacchus and Neptune's attempt to stop a fleet from arriving in Calicut, India. That work, *The Lusiads*, was written in this language by Luis Camoens and fictionalized the journey of Vasco da Gama. For 10 points, name this language spoken in Brazil.

ANSWER: **Portuguese**

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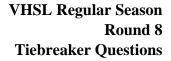
14. One politician with this last name came in second during the 1968 New Hampshire primary. That result caused Robert Kennedy to enter the race and Lyndon Johnson to end his bid for reelection. Another politician of this last name was rebuked by Joseph Welch for his aggressive actions. That politician with this last name gave a speech claiming to have a list of 205 names. For 10 points, give the shared last name of Minnesota and Wisconsin senators Eugene and Joseph, the latter of whom started a search in the 1950s inside the government for Communists.

ANSWER: McCarthy [or Eugene McCarthy or Joseph McCarthy]

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15. This disease can be treated with hydroxyurea, which slows production of affected cells. This disease is caused by a substitution of valine for glutamic acid, and spleen and liver enlargement can occur due to reduced blood flow. It is an example of heterozygote advantage since those with one copy of the affected gene are less likely to contract malaria. For 10 points, name this autosomal recessive disorder in which a defective hemoglobin gene causes abnormally shaped red blood cells.

ANSWER: sickle-cell anemia [or sickle-cell disease; do not accept or prompt on "anemia" by itself]





1. This author memorialized his wife's death in a fireplace accident in his poem "The Cross of Snow." A long poem by this author, written in dactylic hexameter, follows Gabriel Lajeunesse's (lah-zhoo-NESS-ess) travails during the expulsion of the Acadians from Canada. In addition to *Evangeline*, this author wrote about the husband of Minnehaha (mini-HA-ha) and about a man instructed to "hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch/Of the North Church tower as a signal light." For 10 points, name this writer of *The Song of Hiawatha* and "Paul Revere's Ride."

ANSWER: Henry Wadsworth **Longfellow**

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2. Hyaluronidase and other digestive enzymes in the acrosomes of these objects are activated upon binding to the glycoprotein ZP3. When one of these objects crosses the zona pellucida, it prevents all others from doing so. Interaction with one of these objects causes the oocyte to undergo a second meiotic division, which is followed by the zygote stage. These cells are combined with fluid from the prostate gland after being produced in the testes. For 10 points, name these cells that attach to egg cells during fertilization.

ANSWER: sperm cells

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3. This economist wrote a *Treatise on Probability*, and argued against deflation policies in *A Tract on Monetary Reform*. He criticized the Treaty of Versailles in *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*, and wrote about the consumption function in another work. In that work, this man proposed that a combination of tax cuts and increased government spending could counteract a depression. For 10 points, name this British economist who wrote *The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money*.

ANSWER: John Maynard Keynes

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4. On the right side of this painting, tire tracks can be seen in front of a wire fence, and a barn stands among smaller buildings in the background. The central figure wears a pink dress and stares away from the viewer. She is lying in a brown field and looking toward her home, the real-life Olson house located in Cushing, Maine. For 10 points, name this painting depicting the title paralyzed female, a work of Andrew Wyeth.

ANSWER: Christina's World

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5. A common method for calibration in NMR uses the tetramethyl compound of this element. Types of minerals that contain this element bonded to oxygen are known as pyroxenes and olivine. It is used to make a protective shell by diatoms (DYE-uh-tomz). N and P type substances can be made by adding arsenic and gallium to it in a process known as doping. Its dioxide is found in quartz, and this element is useful for making the semiconductors used in computer chips. For 10 points, name this element with atomic number 14 and symbol Si.

ANSWER: **silicon** [accept **Si** before it is read]