

Academic Bowl Contest V
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Round 3

Toss-Ups:

1. Sam gets killed by Willie Lopez who was hired by Carl because Sam was about to find out about the money Carl was laundering through the bank they both worked for. Sam's ghost hangs around and talks to his almost-fiancee Molly -- a sculptor -- through a psychic played by Whoopi Goldberg, FTP, identify this recent movie also starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze.

A: Ghost

2. Her genius was her ability to depict ordinary people in everyday situations in a way that enabled her viewers to see the remarkable harmony between them and their environment. Living from 1844-1926, she is known particularly for her paintings of women and children, often infants in their mother's arms. FTP, name this American impressionist painter.

A: Mary Cassatt

3. This river has its headwaters in Ethiopia and is the source of Egypt's important seasonal floods. FTP, name this river which flows through Sudan and joins the White Nile in Khartoum.

A: Blue Nile (ask for more information on *early* buzz with "Nile")

4. Together with Aeschylus and Euripedes, he helped found Greek tragedy. Among his seven surviving plays are Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone, and Electra. FTP, name this great Athenian dramatist.

A: Sophocles

5. He has been president of Ford Motor Company, was president of the World Bank from 1968-81, and played an important part in the shaping of US Defense policy, especially in Vietnam. FTP, identify this man -- Secretary of Defense under Kennedy and LBJ.

A: Robert Strange McNamara

6. He died early in 1992 and so did not get to see the resurgence of interest in one of his books. Many have said that he did as much to bring about appreciation and respect for black America with his pen as many civil rights leaders did with their voices. FTP, name this black man who authored a biography of Malcolm X, but is most famous for his classic *Roots*.

A: Alex Haley

7. Predecessors of this man include Dag Hammerskjold, U Thant, and Javier Perez de Quellar. FTP, who is the current Secretary General of the United Nations.

A: Boutros Boutros-Ghali

8. It may be Arizona's fastest growing tourist attraction, but that doesn't help the people working there feel any better. It seems that they're suffering from oxygen deprivation and food production hasn't lived up to expectations either. FTP, identify this experiment in which about a dozen people locked themselves into a completely self-contained environment for two years.

A: Biosphere II

9. He gained control of Southern Italy by heavily defeating the forces sent against him, but 6,000 slaves, members of his army, were crucified along the Appian Way after his death. FTP, name this leader of the Gladiator's War, a slave revolt against ancient Rome, who died in 71 BC.

A: Spartacus

10. Mossbauer, Raman, electron spin resonance, nuclear magnetic resonance, and X-Ray are 5 types of it. It is an essential tool of astronomers, chemists, and physicists who use its results as "fingerprints" to identify things. FTP, name this, the production, measurement, and analysis of spectra.

A: Spectroscopy

11. In Egypt it was used as a symbol of the pharaoh. In Greek mythology it propounded travellers on the road to Thebes with a riddle. When Oedipus answered it correctly she threw herself from her rocky perch. FTP, name this mythical monster of the ancient Middle East portrayed as a lion with a human head.

A: Sphinx

12. They reject the first three caliphs and recognize Ali (Mohammed's son-in-law) and his descendants as rightful successors to Mohammed. They number some 40 million members and are especially opposed to the orthodox sunnites. FTP, name this Islamic sect concentrated principally in Iran and Iraq.

A: Shi'ites

13. A naturally occurring flow of water from the ground, a mechanical device that exhibits elasticity and obeys Hooke's Law, and a season all share the same name. FTP, what is it?

A: Spring

14. Since 1815, the monarchs of the Netherlands, including the current queen Beatrix, have belonged to this line. It has been an important dynasty since the 16th century. FTP, identify this House, which also included William III of England.

A: House of Orange

15. Bruce Dal Canton and Jim Perry in 1973, Joe Decker in 1974, Ross Grimsley in 1975, Ted Power in 1981, Scott Sanderson in 1990, and Jimmy Key in 1991. Each of the 7 of these baseball pitchers was on the losing end of a no-hitter thrown by Major League Baseball's all-time strikeout leader. FTP, name him.

A: Nolan Ryan

16. Belet Huen, Gailalassi, Beli Dogle, Kismayu, Hoddur, Bardera, Baidoa, and Mogadishu are all towns that US forces have delivered aid to in, FTP, what African country?

A: Somalia

17. "The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any election ... shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax." FTP, tell me what amendment, adopted in 1964, I have just quoted.

A: Amendment 24

18. If, our friend, Buford Bumpkins has a batting average of .250 after 80 at-bats and then gets 7 hits in his next 20 at-bats, what, FTP, will be his batting average?

A: .270

19. Ayla is alone in a world of strangers. She is tall, blonde, slender, and smarter than those around her. She is the central figure in a trilogy of novels about what prehistoric life must have been like. FTP, tell me who wrote The Valley of Horses, The Mammoth Hunters, and the Clan of the Cave Bear.

A: Jean M. Auel

20. Discovered in 1797 by Louis-Nicholas Vauquelin, its name comes from the Greek word for color because many of its compounds are colored. FTP, name this metal, element number 24 on the Periodic Table with atomic symbol Cr.

A: Chromium