

Packet 5

American Quiz Bowl League — N1

1. **Pablo de Sarasate** [sah-rah-SAH-tay] wrote a violin fantasy based on this opera. This opera's aria "Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre" [VOH-truh toast, zhuh poe voo luh ROND-ruh] includes the refrain "Toréador, en garde!" This opera's title character sings the (*) "Habanera" and seduces toreador Escamillo [ess-cah-MEE-oh] before being stabbed by Don José. For 10 points, name this opera about the title gypsy, by Georges Bizet [bih-ZAY].

ANSWER: Carmen <Sheidlower>

<Fine Arts — Opera>

2. **A member of this class named Saigo Takamori committed suicide after the failed Satsuma Rebellion. This class employed ashigaru during the Sengoku period. The (*) bushido was the code of conduct of this class, whose status fell after Emperor Meiji took away their right to publicly wear their katanas.** For 10 points, name this Japanese warrior class.

ANSWER: samurai <Sheidlower>

<History — World>

3. **This thinker wrote the *Summa Contra Gentiles* [SOOM-mah CON-truh GEN-till-es] and labeled the Muslim philosopher Averroes [AV-er-oh-ez] as "The Commentator." In his most famous work, this thinker outlined the first cause argument and the (*) unmoved mover argument.** For 10 points, name this Scholastic philosopher who presented five proofs of God's existence in his *Summa Theologica*.

ANSWER: Saint Thomas Aquinas <Kulkarni>

<Philosophy — Theology>

4. **A tone poem from this country depicts a Witches' Sabbath on St. John's Eve and is titled *Night on Bald Mountain*. A composer from this country wrote the interlude *Flight of the Bumblebee* for his opera *The (*) Tale of Tsar Saltan*.** For 10 points, name this country home to the Mighty Handful, which included Modest Mussorgsky and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov [RIM-skee KORE-suh-koff].

ANSWER: Russia <Benti>

<Fine Arts — Great Composers and their Works>

5. **Ultra shortcuts can be performed in this game franchise by exploiting its checkpoint system. After falling off in games in this franchise, players are rescued by Lakitu. A game in this franchise for the Wii features tracks like (*) Mushroom Gorge and Wario's Gold Mine.** For 10 points, name this racing franchise named for an Italian plumber.

ANSWER: Mario Kart [accept specific iterations like Mario Kart Wii or Mario Kart 8 Deluxe; prompt on Super Mario Bros.] <Bowman>

<Trash - Video Games>

6. **Delta waves appear during the N3 stage of this process. A disruption of breathing during this process is its namesake "apnea." Brain waves are desynchronized during the (*) REM portion of this process. Blue light makes it hard for humans to enter this process.** For 10 points, name this process of which doctors recommend getting eight to ten hours.

ANSWER: sleep [prompt on NREM or REM by asking "What larger process is that a part of?"] <Kodali>

<Science - Biology>

7. **The protagonist of a novel by this author aids the convict Abel Magwitch and falls in love with the daughter of Mrs. Havisham. In another novel by this author, the title character joins the (*) Artful Dodger and Fagin after impertinently pleading, “Please sir, I want some more.”** For 10 points, name this author of *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*.

ANSWER: Charles Dickens <Benti>

<Literature - British>

8. **The Chapman cycle describes the formation of this molecule. Elastomers like rubber are “cracked” by the attack of this molecule. A stratospheric (*) “hole” in Earth’s polar regions has been depleted of this molecule. For 10 points, name this molecule with formula O₃ whose “layer” in the atmosphere absorbs harmful radiation.**

ANSWER: ozone [accept O3 before mention] <L>

<Science - Other>

9. **This president dispatched the Great White Fleet and won the Nobel Peace Prize for ending the Russo-Japanese War. This president used his (*) “big stick” diplomacy to begin building the Panama Canal. This “trustbusting” president founded the Bull Moose Party. William McKinley was succeeded by, for 10 points, what president depicted on Mount Rushmore?**

ANSWER: Theodore Roosevelt [or Teddy Roosevelt; prompt on Roosevelt] <Jai>

<History - American>

10. **A book about these locations opens with the story of Jarvious Cotton and discusses a racial caste system. That work about these places is Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow*. “Zero-tolerance” school policies may contribute to a (*) “pipeline” from schools to these places. Sociologists study mass incarceration at, for 10 points, what facilities that hold inmates?**

ANSWER: prisons [or jails; or penitentiaries] <Sheidlower>

<Social Science - Sociology>

11. **The birth of Erichonius resulted from Hephaestus trying to rape this goddess. Tiresias was blinded after seeing this goddess naked. One of this goddess’ symbols is an olive branch, and she was born from her father’s (*) head. After insulting this daughter of Metis, Ariadne was turned into a spider. For 10 points, name this Greek goddess of wisdom.**

ANSWER: Athena <Chen>

<Mythology - Greco-Roman>

12. **A painting by this artist shows an old man cradling his face in his hands in *At Eternity’s Gate*. This painter depicted five peasants surrounding the title food under lantern light in *The (*) Potato Eaters*. His most famous painting was inspired by the view from his window at the Saint-Remy asylum. For 10 points, name this Dutch painter of *Starry Night*.**

ANSWER: Vincent Van Gogh <Benti>

<Fine Arts - Painting>

13. **J. J. Thomson hypothesized that these particles are surrounded by a sphere of positive charge in the plum pudding model, but Bohr’s planetary model predicted they filled discrete energy levels called (*) shells. For 10 points, name these negatively-charged particles that exist in a namesake “cloud” surrounding the nucleus of an atom.**

ANSWER: electrons <Jai>

<Science - Physics>

14. **The narrator of this poem asks if there is “balm in Gilead” before requesting a figure’s return to a “Plutonian shore.” A creature in this poem perches on a “bust of Pallas” and laments his “lost Lenore” while repeatedly cawing (*) “Nevermore.” Set once upon a “midnight dreary,” for 10 points, name this poem about a title bird by Edgar Allen Poe.**

ANSWER: “The Raven” <Kulkarni>

<Literature - American>

15. **The first compound containing these elements included the hexafluoroplatinate ion, and they have the highest ionization energy. These Group 18 elements have a full (*) valence shell of electrons and occupy the far right column of the periodic table. For 10 points, name these gaseous elements like helium and argon that are named for being unreactive.**

ANSWER: noble gases [or inert gases] <Bowman>

<Science - Chemistry>

16. **This empire fought the “Flower Wars” with its Triple Alliance. This empire drove an invading army out of its capital in La Noche Triste. The capital of this civilization was founded after an (*) eagle was on top of a cactus and was called Tenochtitlan. For 10 points, name this empire in modern-day Mexico that was conquered by Hernán Cortés.**

ANSWER: Aztec Empire <Kulkarni>

<History - World>

17. **In the Book of Numbers, Balaam’s donkey sees one of these creatures and refuses to move. One of these creatures appeared on the Night of Power and commanded a figure to recite five verses. That being revealed the (*) Quran to Muhammad. For 10 points, name these beings such as Michael and Gabriel, who are commonly depicted with halos in Christianity.**

ANSWER: angels [or malak or mala’ikah; accept archangels] <Prasad>

<Religion - Christianity>

18. **In a play by this author, Jim O’Connor breaks a unicorn figurine found in Laura Wingfield’s titular *Glass Menagerie*. In another play, this writer depicted a woman who is raped by Stanley while visiting his wife, Stella Kowalski, in (*) New Orleans’s French Quarter. Blanche DuBois appears in, for 10 points, what playwright’s *A Streetcar Named Desire*?**

ANSWER: Thomas Lanier “Tennessee” Williams III <Chen>

<Literature - American>

19. **This country seeks to build a 106-mile-long linear city in the desert. Many European countries boycotted arms sales to this country after reports of war crimes in Yemen. A 2021 investigation concluded that this country’s Crown Prince (*) Mohammad bin Salman ordered the death of Jamal Khashoggi. For 10 points, name this country whose capital is Riyadh.**

ANSWER: Saudi Arabia <Bowman>

<Current Events - Rest of World>

20. **Keweenaw Peninsula is found on this body of water. The SS Edmund Fitzgerald sank in this body of water while transporting iron ore from (*) Duluth. This lake drains southeast through St. Mary’s River and it features Isle Royale. Michigan’s Upper Peninsula is found south of this lake. For 10 points, name this largest of the Great Lakes.**

ANSWER: Lake Superior <Bowman>

<Geography - North American>

TIEBREAKER:

This one-time lover of Rosaline is lectured about Queen Mab by one of his friends. This character stabs his wife's cousin, Tybalt, causing his banishment. This character seeks aid from Friar Lawrence to plan his wedding with a girl he had met at a (*) ball in Verona. For 10 points, name this Montague, who in a Shakespeare tragedy, loves Juliet.

ANSWER: **Romeo** Montague [prompt on Montague] <Ganeshan>
<Literature - British>