

International History Bee – Australian Division – Middle School Sample Packet

Instructions: The Bee consists of three rounds, each with 25 questions.

Students are grouped into different random groups in each round, of 5-10 students. When one student gets 8 questions correct in a particular round, they are then finished for that round. However, they get bonus points based on how early in the round they reach their quota of 8.

1. In 1857, the Buckland Valley riot against Chinese miners broke out near this state's town of Bright. This state was where anti-tax protestors formed the Ballarat Reform League and instigated the Eureka Stockade. The chief city of this state was organized after the signing of Batman's Treaty. For the point, name this southeastern Australian state that includes Melbourne.

ANSWER: **Victoria**

2. Timo Boll is a major European player of this sport, and all but three Olympic gold medals for its singles events have gone to China. An American team in this sport once toured China in the 1970's. For the point, the penhold grip is used in what indoor racquet sport alternatively known as ping pong?

ANSWER: **Table Tennis** [accept "**ping pong**" before mention]

3. The Lowe Commission was organized to determine the death toll from this event. A hundred total people died in the sinking of the *Neptuna* and *Peary* during this event, which was performed by the aircraft carriers *Soryu*, *Hiryu*, *Kaga*, and *Akagi*. For the point, identify this February 1942 event, which displaced half the population of a northern Australian city.

ANSWER: Japanese **bombardment of Darwin** (or equivalent answers)

4. This country's "president for life" was one of the founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement and was named Tito. It broke apart in the 1990's in a series of wars on the Balkan Peninsula. For the point, name this country formerly composed of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Serbia.

ANSWER: **Yugoslavia**

5. One of this country's deities had a daughter who fell in love with a cowherd, but only allowed them to meet on a bridge once a year. Sun Wukong is the protagonist of this country's epic called *Journey to the West*. For the point, name this country whose deities include the Jade Emperor and where Taoism also developed.

ANSWER: **China** [or **Chinese** Mythology]

6. In 2010, this politician became the youngest to hold his current position for nearly 200 years after forming his country's first coalition government since World War 2. His deputy is Nick Clegg and he directly succeeded Gordon Brown in his office. For the point, name this man, whose current official residence is Number 10 Downing Street as British prime minister

ANSWER: David **Cameron**

7. The Siege of Kars and the Battle of Alma occurred during this war, which also saw fighting at Inkerman. Florence Nightingale worked as a nurse during this war, whose Battle of Balaclava included the "Charge of the Light Brigade." For the point, name this 1853 war fought on the namesake Black Sea peninsula.

ANSWER: **Crimean War**

8. On this show, Jason Steward and Louis Franklin, two New Zealand-born arts camp counselors, live in "Sprooklyn." Another New Zealander who appeared on this TV show punches out The Collector in one of its "Treehouse of Horror" segments. For the point, Flight of the Conchords and Lucy Lawless guest-starred in episodes of what long-running American cartoon?

ANSWER: *The **Simpsons***

9. This island was united with its current nation after an expedition by an army whose shirts were supposedly red to hide bloodstains. More recently, this island was the first part of its nation invaded by the Allies in World War II, and that invasion was supported by this island's mafia. For the point, name this triangle-shaped island of southern Italy.

ANSWER: **Sicily**

10. The Congress of France meets in this city, while one building here contains the Salons of Mars and Venus, as well as a hall of mirrors. Schloss Schonbrunn in Vienna is partially modeled on this larger royal residence. Louis XIV moved from Paris to, for the point, which French suburb that also lends its name to the treaty that ended World War I?

ANSWER: **Versailles**

11. This man's troops refused to go any further past the Hyphasis River. This young general was undefeated in battles, such as those he fought at Gaugamela and Issus in the 4th century BC. For the point, name this ancient Macedonian conqueror who was known as "the Great".

ANSWER: **Alexander** the **Great** (prompt on Alexander until "the Great" is read, accept **Alexander III**)

12. This man's government watered down the National Insurance Bill, which ultimately caused a breach with his Deputy PM Robert Menzies. With James Fenton, this politician led the group of Labor defectors known as the All for Australia League. For the point, name this founder of the United Australia Party who was Prime Minister from 1932 to 1939.

ANSWER: Joseph **Lyons**

13. Carlos Andres Perez, a president of this nation, was deposed due to the caracazo, who installed Rafael Caldera in his place. Caldera was replaced as president of this nation by a man who developed a political system based on Bolivarism and died in 2013. For the point, name this oil rich country in the north of South America whose capital is Caracas.

ANSWER: **Venezuela**

14. Ivan IV allegedly blinded the architect of one building in this city, and this city was burned down after the Battle of Borodino. Besides housing St. Basil's Cathedral, this city also contains Red Square which houses the Kremlin. For the point, identify this largest city and capital of Russia.

ANSWER: **Moscow**

15. Along with England, this country was defeated at the Battle of Almansa during the War of the Spanish Succession, and the House of Braganza ruled this country until 1910. In 1755, this country's capital was destroyed by an earthquake, and its King Pedro I ruled Brazil. For the point, name this country with a capital at Lisbon.

ANSWER: **Portugal**

16. Ida Tarbell wrote a book about one company in this industry, and the founder of that company donated money to found the University of Chicago and became the richest man in history. For the point, name this industry of John D. Rockefeller, a profitable industry for countries such as Iran and Iraq.

ANSWER: **Oil** industry (accept **Petroleum** industry)

17. This battle's dead including Lt. General Simon Buckner, the highest ranking American officer to fall in the Pacific in World War II. For the point, name this island in the south of Japan where upwards of 200,000 Japanese were killed in the spring and summer of 1945, not to be confused with Iwo Jima.

ANSWER: Battle of **Okinawa**

18. This man's company acquired Harper Collins publishing in the 1980's and The Wall Street Journal in 2007. He became a naturalized American citizen in 1985, where he helped to found the conservative television network Fox News. For ten points, name this Australian business mogul whose tabloid newspaper News of the World closed after a phone hacking scandal in England.

ANSWER: Rupert **Murdoch**

19. A 1932 coup in this city is commemorated by its Democracy Monument. Its Chinatown is located on Yaowarat Road and its largest church is the Assumption Cathedral. Two kings who have ruled in this city include Mongkut and the current king, Rama the Ninth. This city's central shopping area is located at Siam Square. For the point, name this capital city of Thailand.

ANSWER: **Bangkok** [or **Krung ThepMahaNakhon**]

20. This man drove away the Bonus Army from Washington D.C and he was fired as the Commander of U.S. forces during the Korean War. During World War II, he retreated to Australia after his forces were driven from the Philippines, to which he vowed to return. For the point, name this American general who became the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area during World War II.

ANSWER: Douglas **MacArthur**

21. A dolphin species native to this river has recently been declared extinct. This river receives its largest tributary at Wuhan. That river is the Han. It contains the Three Gorges Dam and empties into the East China Sea in Shanghai. For the point, name this Chinese river, the longest river in Asia.

ANSWER: **Yangtze** River [or **Chang** Jiang]

22. This nation is home to a hotel named after its founder, Stamford Raffles, and it separated from a union with Malaysia soon after both became independent from Britain. For the point, Changi Airport has won awards as the world's best by serving travelers in what small wealthy nation off the tip of the Malay Peninsula?

ANSWER: Republic of **Singapore**

23. These people rose up in a namesake revolt led by Wat Tyler. The price of food skyrocketed in late 14th century Britain after the Black Death claimed the life of nearly a third of the people in this class. For the point, identify these people who labored in the fields under the system of feudalism.

ANSWER: **serfs** or **peasants** (prompt on farmers, laborers, etc.)

24. A collection of stories named after residents of this city was written by James Joyce. This city is where you can find the Book of Kells on display at Trinity College. This city was at the center of the Easter Rebellion in 1916 and is home to the largest St. Patrick's Day celebration in Europe. For the point, name this capital of Ireland.

ANSWER: **Dublin**

25. Only one empire in world history has ever succeeded in conquering all the lands bordering this sea. That empire then gave this sea the name "Mare Nostrum", which means "our sea" in Latin. For the point, name this body of water, which immigrants have been crossing on makeshift rafts and landing on the island of Lampedusa off the coast of mainland Italy.

ANSWER: **Mediterranean** Sea