

# First Quarter

(1) Donald Trump recently claimed that this organization had opened a hotel and that he was "in competition with them." This group was driven out of Tikrit after massacring unarmed Air Force cadets at Camp Speicher. For ten points, name this extremist Islamic terrorist group that arose from an offshoot of Al-Qaeda and which controls territory in Iraq and Syria.

ANSWER: Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or the Islamic State or Daesh

(2) The Ngai Tahu tribe consider this geographical feature to be an ancestor. Tom Fyfe, Jack Clarke, and George Graham were the first to successfully summit this landform. Its South Ridge was renamed after Sir Edmund Hillary. This mountain's original name was believed to have meant "Cloud Piercer" in Maori. For ten points, name this mountain, the highest in New Zealand.

ANSWER: Aoraki or Mount Cook

(3) Carlo Maderno expanded the nave of a building in this city, and the oculus of another building in this city sits at a height equal to its dome's diameter. A fountain in this city includes a dove representing the Pamphili family atop an Egyptian obelisk that overlooks the fountain's depiction of four rivers. The Circus Maximus in this city was once the site of chariot races. For ten points, name city that contains St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon, and a Flavian Colosseum.

ANSWER: Rome (accept Roma; accept Vatican City before "oculus" is read; prompt on "Vatican City" after "oculus" is read)

(4) After winning the Battle of Gonzales, this region entered a war with its southern neighbor. One President of this region, Mirabeau Lamar, created the almost worthless "redback" to combat debt. This region used the Lone Star flag and lost the Battle of the Alamo. For ten points, name this region where Stephen Austin and Sam Houston lived, now a large American state.

ANSWER: Texas (accept Republic of Texas)

(5) Rafael Bombelli is regarded as the "inventor" of these numbers, since he developed the rules for their arithmetic operations. It is useful to color-code graphs of functions that contain these numbers, since those graphs have four dimensions. Euler's formula equates "e to the i theta" to a number of this type. For ten points, give this type of number that has both real and imaginary components.

ANSWER: complex numbers

(6) This civilization's early kings include two of the same name nicknamed "the fisherman" and "the shepherd." Its first king, Alulim, ruled for 28,800 years according to its "King List," written in cuneiform, an early form of writing developed in this civilization. For ten points, name this Mesopotamian civilization home to the cities of Lagash and Ur, whose mythical king, Gilgamesh, is also on the King List.

ANSWER: Sumeria

(7) To extend its shoreline, this city built the Palm Jumeirah, just south of a set of hundreds of small artificial islands in the shape of the world. A three-lobed skyscraper in this city uses spiralling setbacks along its 160 floors. For ten points, name this most populous city in the United Arab Emirates, where oil revenue has spurred urban construction like the Burj Khalifa.

ANSWER: Dubai

(8) This man defended Titus Milo, accused of murdering this person's enemy, Clodius Pulcher. This person proclaimed "O Time, O traditions" in delivering a speech to fend off the Catiline Conspiracy. His hands were placed on the Rostrum and Fulvia pierced this man's tongue with a hairpin after he was beheaded on the orders of Marc Antony, whom he had insulted in orations inspired by Demosthenes. For ten points, name this famous Roman orator of the Philippics.

ANSWER: Marcus Tullius Cicero

(9) Major Sylvain-Raynal managed to defend Fort Vaux for over a week, but the lightly defended Fort Douaumont was captured without a fight. During this battle, the Voie Sacree was used to transport supplies. General Nivelle issued the order "they shall not pass" during this battle, and General Falkenhyn sought to "bleed France white" in this battle. For ten points, name this extremely bloody 9 month long battle during WWI at a French fortress town.

ANSWER: Battle of Verdun

(10) Ahmad Shah Durrani established his capital in this present-day country, from which Babur conquered the Lodi Dynasty. The 1st century Kushan Empire ruled from what is now this country's city of Bagram. Two massive statues of the Buddha in this country's Bamiyan Valley were dynamited in 2001. The Khyber Pass connects this country to its eastern neighbor, Pakistan. For ten points, name this country once ruled by the Taliban.

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

## Second Quarter

(1) Three of this body's first five acts dealt with Soviet occupation of Iran. In July 2015, New Zealand held monthly Presidency status in this organization after replacing Australia in it at the start of the year. Its operation is controversial, as the victorious Allied countries in World War II hold permanent member status and veto power, unlike in the General Assembly where non-binding resolutions are voted on. For ten points, name this 15-member body that orders sanctions and peacekeeping operations for the United Nations.

ANSWER: United Nations **Security Council** (do not prompt on United Nations)

BONUS: This permanent member of the UN Security Council used the veto to oppose a criminal tribunal investigating the Malaysian Airlines disaster in Ukraine.

ANSWER: **Russian** Federation

(2) These entities were controlled through "ingenuity" among other things, utilizing both a mahout and a howdah. Among the most famous use of this weapon was at the Battle of the Hydaspes River by King Porus against Alexander the Great. Hannibal baffled the Romans by crossing the Alps with them. For ten points, name this animal, akin to an ancient tank, which is now hunted for its ivory tusks.

ANSWER: **elephants**

BONUS: Alexander's victory over King Porus at the Hydaspes required one of these military maneuvers, also performed by Julius Caesar - albeit with no immediate enemy - at the Rubicon.

ANSWER: **river crossing**

(3) This civilization's royal city of Ollantaytambo was occupied by Manco Capac II as they opposed the Spanish invasion. They grew from a small kingdom under Viracocha to a colonizing empire under Pachacuti, who lived in an estate at a "Lost City" that was re-discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1912. For ten points, name this South American culture which built cities like Cuzco and Machu Picchu.

ANSWER: **Incan** Empire

BONUS: The Incan empire flourished in this large South American mountain range.

ANSWER: **Andes** Mountains

(4) John Mitchel was sent to Bermuda as punishment for his writings about this event. During this event, people called "soupers" converted to Protestantism in return for aid. The cottier system worsened this event, in which the affected area received shipments of maize known as "Peel's brimstone" and remained a net food exporter to Britain. For ten points, over a million people starved in what event in which the staple crop of an island west of Britain was ruined by blight?

ANSWER: **Irish Potato Famine** [or **Great Famine**, or **Great Hunger**]

BONUS: In response to the Irish Potato Famine, Prime Minister Robert Peel repealed what set of tariffs on imported grain in 1846?

ANSWER: **Corn Laws**

(5) The "X Article" in Foreign Affairs magazine coined this term; that article was written by George Kennen, one of the "Wise Men" advocated this policy as a substitute for rollback. This policy was first performed with the Truman Doctrine, which provided support to those resisting "outside pressures." for ten points, name this political and military policy, implemented by the U.S. during the Cold War to prevent the spread of Communism abroad.

ANSWER: **Containment**

BONUS: Containment was an alternative to this policy, French for "relaxation" and often described as thawing. It advocated for less hostile relations with the Soviet Union.

ANSWER: **Detente**

(6) Following the acceptance of this theory, Koch's Postulates were developed. Girolamo Fracastoro was the first to propose this theory, which Francesco Redi supported by observing 3 jars of meatloaf and eggs over time. The discrediting of spontaneous generation finally led to the widespread acceptance of this theory. For ten points, Galen's miasma theory was replaced by the theory that diseases are caused by what microscopic organisms?

ANSWER: **germ** theory of disease (accept clear-knowledge equivalents)

BONUS: Spontaneous generation was disproven by this French microbiologist who discovered that heating beer killed harmful bacteria.

ANSWER: Louis **Pasteur**

(7) This person's childhood friend the Princess de Lamballe was murdered in the September Massacres, and the Carnation Plot attempted to save this monarch. Axel Fersin was suspected to be the lover of this monarch, who was targeted in many pornographic libelles. This monarch was wrongly blamed in the Diamond Necklace affair, and was derisively called "the Austrian." for ten points, name this Queen of France, who may have said "let them eat cake" and was guillotined after her husband Louis XVI.

ANSWER: **Marie Antoinette**

BONUS: Axel Fersin helped plan the escape of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI from France, but they were recognized at this small town near the border between Montmédy and Saint-Menehould.

ANSWER: **Varennnes**

(8) Abd al-Karim al-Nahlawi led a coup against this President which resulted in the collapse of the United Arab Republic. In 1952 this man and Muhammed Naguib ousted King Farouk as members of the Free Officers Movement. In 1956, this co-founder of the Non-Aligned Movement nationalized the Suez Canal. For ten points, name this second President of Egypt, serving between Naguib and Anwar Sadat.

ANSWER: Gamal Abdel **Nasser**

BONUS: During Nasser's leadership, a lake named for him was created when the Aswan High Dam was built on what river?

ANSWER: **Nile River**

# Third Quarter

## Pre-Colonial Americas

In the history of the Americas, who or what is or was...

(1) The European country that employed conquistadors like Francisco Pizarro?

ANSWER: **Spain**

(2) The modern-day country home to the Aztec empire, the largest country in Central America?

ANSWER: **Mexico**

(3) The modern-day country with capital Lima that was home to the Incan empire?

ANSWER: **Peru**

(4) The Mayan technology whose Long Count form did not actually predict a 2012 doomsday?

ANSWER: Mayan **calendar**

(5) The peninsula jutting into the Gulf of Mexico where Mayan sites like Chichen Itza are found?

ANSWER: **Yucatan** Peninsula

(6) The conquistador who overthrew Montezuma and conquered the Aztecs?

ANSWER: Hernan **Cortes**

(7) The rival city-state of Tlaxcala built on an island in Lake Texcoco?

ANSWER: **Tenochtitlan**

(8) The Incan system of knotted strings used for numerical record keeping?

ANSWER: **quipu**

## The Papacy

In Papal history, what is...

(1) The city-state within Rome ruled by the Pope?

ANSWER: **Vatican** City

(2) The current Pope?

ANSWER: **Francis** (I) or Jorge Mario **Bergoglio**

(3) The disciple of Jesus considered to be the first Pope?

ANSWER: Simon **Peter** or Saint **Peter**

(4) The term for men who claimed to be Pope, like Clement VII during the Western Schism?

ANSWER: **Antipope**

(5) The papal name shared by two 20th century Popes, including one who served only 33 days?

ANSWER: **John Paul**

(6) The term for legal documents, including Exsurge Domine, which are more formal than encyclicals?

ANSWER: papal **bulls**

(7) The Pope who issued Exsurge Domine against Martin Luther, then excommunicated him six months later?

ANSWER: **Leo X**

(8) The 1968 encyclical issued by Paul VI that re-affirmed the rejection of artificial contraception?

ANSWER: **Humanae vitae** (or Of **Human Life**; accept On the **Regulation of Birth**)

## The Amazon River

The Amazon River...

(1) Is found on what continent?

ANSWER: **South America**

(2) Is shorter than what African river that flows through Egypt?

ANSWER: **Nile** River

(3) Enters the Atlantic Ocean in what fifth largest country in the world?

ANSWER: **Brazil**

(4) Is home to the boto, what type of river-dwelling mammal?

ANSWER: **dolphin**

(5) Is sourced in what mountain range?

ANSWER: **Andes** Mountains

(6) Is sourced near Arequipa in what country?

ANSWER: **Peru**

(7) Meets the Rio Negro near what rainforest city of 2 million people?

ANSWER: **Manaus**

(8) Is home to Marajo, which is what kind of fluvial geographical feature?

ANSWER: **island**



# Fourth Quarter

(1) **In August 2015, one of these items was returned to NPR legal correspondent Nina Totenberg and her family 35 years after it was stolen from her father. In 2014, one of these objects named "Lipinski" was stolen in Milwaukee after a performance of Olivier (+) Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time. Wood density and varnish quality have been proposed as explanations for the (\*) brilliant sound of these instruments, which are roughly 300 years old. For ten points, name these instruments, reputed to be the finest-crafted violins in the world.**

ANSWER: **Stradivarius** violin (accept more general descriptions like **Stradivarius** instrument; prompt on violin; prompt on "Strad;" do not accept mentions of violas, cellos, etc.)

(2) **This man described his feud with Jimmy Hoffa in the book The Enemy Within. He sent troops to the University to protect African American James Meredith while serving as (+) Attorney General. He recalled Aeschylus in a speech at Indianapolis after the assassination of a civil rights leader, but was (\*) assassinated himself right after winning the 1968 California Democratic Presidential Primary by Sirhan Sirhan. For ten points, name this younger brother of John F. Kennedy.**

ANSWER: **Robert Francis Kennedy**

(3) **Some structures along this body of water served as shelters for refugees from the Bar Kokhba Revolt. The first known copy of The Community Rule was found here, along with copies of known texts produced by the (+) Essenes. A famous discovery made near this body of water centered on several (\*) caves near Qumran. For ten points, name this body of water near which a large collection of Hebrew writings was found in the 1940s and 1950s, this place's namesake "Scrolls".**

ANSWER: **Dead Sea**

(4) **This group sometimes dressed in women's clothing as their founder's "wives," and carried out their acts using a tool they called "Great Enoch." This group first appeared in (+) Nottingham, and attracted support from croppers in Yorkshire. They were threatened with capital punishment with the (\*) Frame Breaking Act, and E. J. Hobsbawm referred to their sabotage as "collective bargaining by riot." for ten points, what British textile workers in the early 19th century smashed machines that were replacing their labor and now give their name to those who oppose technological progress?**

ANSWER: **Luddites**

(5) **Competitive venues for this game will use molded plastic instead of wood so that players can't "braille." The SOWPODS list is used in this game, whose 2015 (+) French championship was won by Nigel Richards after just nine weeks of preparation. This game, an inspiration for (\*) Words With Friends, uses strategies that involve the Triple Word Score bonuses on corner tiles and "bingoes" for playing 7 tiles at once. For ten points, name this word spelling board game.**

ANSWER: Scrabble

(6) **A poet during this era wrote "In these perilous times - I long to serve my sovereign" in the work "On the River," written during a rebellion led by a Sogdian general. During this (+) dynasty, the poet of an Ezra Pound-translated work, (\*) "A River Merchant's Wife - A Letter" was exiled in the of the An Lushan Rebellion. For ten points, name this Chinese dynasty whose poets included Du Fu and Li Po.**

ANSWER: Tang Dynasty (accept An Lushan Rebellion before "dynasty")

(7) **This country was home to a meeting which led to the formation of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Bandung Conference. The leader of that conference was this country's first president, who advocated for (+) "Guided Democracy" and was later succeeded by Suharto. This country, which executed Australians Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan for drug trafficking, formed the majority of the (\*) Dutch East Indies. For ten points, name this Asian island country, the most populous Muslim country in the world, with capital at Jakarta.**

ANSWER: Republic of Indonesia

(8) **The Duc de Longueville represented the French during the negotiations of this treaty, which included the treaties of Osnabruck and Münster. Despite this treaty, Spain and France did not cease hostilities until the Treaty of the (+) Pyrenees, and Sweden annexed Bremen after the signature of this treaty, which also gave it Western Pomerania. It affirmed the independence of Switzerland and the Netherlands, and it extended the (\*) Peace of Augsburg by allowing Calvinism to be a German state's official religion. For ten points, name this peace treaty that ended the Thirty Years War.**

ANSWER: Peace of Westphalia or Treaty of Westphalia

# Extra Question

Only read if you need a backup or tiebreaker!

(1) **This President faced a war that was sparked by the Caroline Affair, and he was criticized by Charles Ogle in the Gold Spoon Oration. The Free Soil Party picked this man as their Presidential nominee in the election of (+) 1848, but his presidency was plagued by an economic downturn caused by his predecessor's (\*) Specie Circular Act. For ten points, name this President who succeeded Andrew Jackson.**

ANSWER: Martin Van **Buren**

BONUS: What country fought an eight-year war with Iran, using chemical weapons against enemy troops and Kurdish civilians?

ANSWER: **Iraq**