

Bee Round 1 – Middle School

Regulation Questions

- (1) The first of these wars began as a local conflict between a Sicilian tyrant and mercenaries who sought aid from North Africa. Cato the Elder called for the third of these conflicts by repeatedly demanding that an enemy city must be destroyed. For the point, name this series of ancient wars for control of the Mediterranean between Rome and Carthage.

ANSWER: **Punic** Wars (prompt on descriptions of “wars between Rome and Carthage,” or partial descriptions thereof, before “Rome” is mentioned)

- (2) A city in this US state became known as the “Cradle of Liberty” after the American Revolution. This state’s Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector is often considered to be one of the models for Obamacare and was supported by governor Mitt Romney. Charlie Baker currently leads, for the point, what state in New England where the governor does not have an official residence in Boston?

ANSWER: **Massachusetts**

- (3) Until its demise in the early 21st century, this country’s monarchy was the only one in the world in a majority Hindu country. This country is where Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary began their successful climb of the world’s highest mountain. For the point, name this Himalayan country where many climbers of Mount Everest have first set off from its capital of Kathmandu.

ANSWER: **Nepal**

- (4) This region was one of the leading producers of green-glazed celadon during the Goryeo dynasty. A later king of this region’s Choson dynasty is credited with inventing its modern alphabet, hangul. For the point, name this peninsula, ruled in the 15th century by King Sejong.

ANSWER: **Korean** Peninsula (accept North and/or South **Korea**)

- (5) This man founded a treatment center for poliomyelitis in Warm Springs, Georgia where he died in 1945. In one speech, this man condemned an “unprovoked and dastardly attack” and called for Congress to declare war. For the point, name this President who gave the “Day of Infamy” speech on December 8th, 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack.

ANSWER: **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (or **FDR**; prompt on Roosevelt)

- (6) This man established a base after landing on the ship Granma. This man led an unsuccessful attack on the government’s Moncada Barracks, but his later July 26 movement seized control of the country away from Fulgencio Batista in 1959. For the point, name this communist Cuban strongman who died in 2016.

ANSWER: Fidel **Castro**

- (7) One of these events was the brightest observed celestial event in history and occurred in 1006 AD. Another of these events in 1054 AD was recorded by Chinese astronomers and led to the creation of the Crab nebula. For the point, name these events in which stars violently explode.

ANSWER: **supernova** (do not accept or prompt on nova)

- (8) The opening fighting of this war was the Battle of Edgehill. The New Model Army was created during this war, whose opposing sides were nicknamed the Cavaliers and the Roundheads. For the point, name this war that culminated with the execution of Charles I on the orders of Oliver Cromwell.

ANSWER: English Civil War

- (9) Wang Mang attempted to usurp this dynasty by establishing the Xin [shin] line. The Record of the Grand Historian was compiled by Sima Qian [chee-ahn] during this dynasty, whose other achievements include establishing the Silk Road. For the point, name this dynasty that shares its name with China's majority ethnic group and succeeded the Qin [chin].

ANSWER: Han Dynasty

- (10) This region was the source of the Great Heathen Army, which conquered much of England before their defeat at Edington by Alfred the Great. Rulers born in region included Canute the Great and Harald Hardrada, and men from this region sacked Lindisfarne in 793 AD. For the point, name this region, the home of Viking invaders.

ANSWER: Scandinavia (accept Norway; accept Denmark and/or Sweden after "Great Heathen Army" is mentioned; prompt on Northern Europe)

- (11) In this city, a Christian apostle first met the tent-making couple Priscilla and Aquila. A letter addressed to the residents of this city states "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy" and contains a phrase translated as "through a glass, darkly." For the point, name this city, the recipient of two Pauline epistles written while Paul was in Greece.

ANSWER: Corinth (accept First Corinthians; accept Second Corinthians)

- (12) This man's regime replaced a general who deposed Norodom Sihanouk, Lon Nol. From Year Zero onward, this man attacked the "New People" who lived in urban areas and executed them in the "killing fields." The Khmer Rouge was led by, for the point, what genocidal Cambodian dictator?

ANSWER: Pol Pot (accept Saloth Sar)

- (13) In 1912, oncologist Isaac Adler became the first physician to link this plant to one of its most infamous health results. This crop's long history of being grown in Virginia began with John Rolfe. For the point, name this crop that was popularized in England by Sir Walter Raleigh and that can be found in cigarettes.

ANSWER: tobacco

- (14) This book ends abruptly after a character declares "if only there were no other people in the world." The main character of this book shares a brief kiss with Peter van Daan and writes entries into a journal that she dubs "Kitty." For the point, name this book that describes a Jewish girl's experience hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam.

ANSWER: The Diary of Anne Frank (accept The Diary of a Young Girl; accept anything mentioning Anne Frank and a Diary)

- (15) One king of this name was left to die by the Bactrian satrap Bessus and fled from the Battle of Gaugamela in his chariot; that last ruler of this name was dethroned by Alexander the Great. A "Great" ruler of this name launched a failed invasion of Greece in 490 BC. For the point, give this name shared by three Persian rulers, the first of whom lost at Marathon.

ANSWER: Darius (accept Darius I or Darius the Great; accept Darius III)

(16) Attempts to alleviate this event's effects included the formation of an "exclusion zone" and the construction of an iron sarcophagus over the affected area. Backlash against the governmental coverup of this event led to the adoption of glasnost, or openness. For the point, name this 1986 meltdown of Reactor 4 at a facility in Pripyat, Ukraine, the world's first Level 7 nuclear energy catastrophe.

ANSWER: **Chernobyl** disaster

(17) In 2010, this company was purchased by the Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital in the largest leveraged buyout in restaurant history. The predecessor of this company was prefixed with the word "Insta-", in honor of the Insta-machines it was inspired to use by McDonald's. The "imagery of something big" inspired the signature item of, for the point, what fast food chain that sells the Whopper?

ANSWER: **Burger King** (accept **Insta-Burger King**)

(18) This man, who attacked Lavrenti Beria for turning his predecessor into a paranoiac, shouted "we will bury you" during a meeting with Western ambassadors. This man's namesake "thaw" included his Secret Speech denouncing the cult of personality of his predecessor. For the point, name this Soviet premier who succeeded Joseph Stalin in 1953.

ANSWER: Nikita **Khrushchev**

(19) Herbert Morrison recorded live coverage of this event to be played alongside newsreel footage. In response to this event, the Graf Zeppelin II used helium to achieve its buoyancy instead of hydrogen. For the point, name this 1937 disaster in which thirty-six people died when an airship burst into flame.

ANSWER: LZ 129 **Hindenburg** disaster (accept equivalents like **Hindenburg** fire, crash, etc.)

(20) In this city, the Nativity, Passion, and Glory Facades adorn a Gothic and Art Nouveau-styled cathedral that was left unfinished by its architect, Antoni Gaudi. Legend has it that Hannibal himself founded this city, naming it after his own family. The Sagrada Familia is located in, for the point, what city that hosted the 1992 Summer Olympics and is the capital of Catalonia in Spain?

ANSWER: **Barcelona**

(21) To help refugees, Fridtjof Nansen created a passport for this organization, which created the Mandate of Palestine. Japan left this organization after it invaded Manchuria in 1931, and Henry Cabot Lodge prevented the United States from joining this organization. Woodrow Wilson heavily promoted, for the point, what international organization to promote peace that was created after World War I?

ANSWER: **League of Nations** (or **LN**; accept La **Societe des Nations** or **SDN**)

(22) The Supreme Court cases of *Eichman v. U.S.* and *Texas v. Johnson* dealt with the desecration of these objects, which is currently a protected form of free speech. Betsy Ross supposedly convinced George Washington that these objects should have five-pointed, not six-pointed stars. For the point, name this American symbol whose stripes represent the 13 colonies.

ANSWER: American **flags** (accept colloquial names, like **Old Glory** or the **Star Spangled Banner**)

(23) This man was the presumptive heir to Franz Joseph, his uncle, who was the second-to-last Habsburg to rule in Europe. The Black Hand orchestrated this man's death in Sarajevo. Gavrilo Princip assassinated, for the point, what archduke whose 1914 death led to an invasion of Serbia and the First World War?

ANSWER: Archduke **Franz Ferdinand** of Austria

(24) This body of water is home to a British naval base in the Chagos Archipelago that has been suspected of having a CIA prison on Diego Garcia. This body of water was the primary site of a disaster that killed several hundred thousand people along the shores of this ocean in December 2004. For the point, name this ocean that Portuguese explorer Vasco de Gama entered after rounding the Cape of Good Hope at the southern end of Africa.

ANSWER: **Indian** Ocean

(25) An alliance based on this peninsula included cities like Cora, Tusculum, and Alba Longa and signed the Treaty of Cassius with a nearby empire in 493 BC. The southern part of this peninsula was once known as Magna Graecia for its Greek colonies and was defended by Pyrrhus of Epirus. For the point, name this peninsula home to the Etruscans and other peoples conquered by the early Romans.

ANSWER: **Italian** peninsula (accept **Italy**)

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

(1) After a group known as "Jennie May" planned this structure as part of a riverfront revitalization project, FDR authorized it in 1935 as the US' first National Historic Site. Eero Saarinen designed this centerpiece of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to honor Lewis and Clark. For the point, name this curved monument on the Mississippi River near St. Louis.

ANSWER: **Gateway Arch** (accept descriptions of the **St. Louis Arch**; prompt on the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial before mentioned)