

Bee Round 3 – Middle School

Regulation Questions

- (1) Backlash against the Treaty of Tientsin helped prompt this conflict, in which a 55-day siege of the International Legations was ended by the arrival of the Eight Nation Alliance. The Empress Dowager Cixi [see-shee] supported a militia group against foreign missionaries in, for the point, what Chinese rebellion led by the Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists?

ANSWER: **Boxer** Rebellion (accept equivalents for Rebellion, like Uprising; accept **Yihetuan** Movement; accept answers mentioning the **Society of Righteous Harmony** movement before “Righteous” is mentioned)

- (2) This river is said to be home to serpents known as “phayas,” which locals believe are responsible for the Naga fireballs that seem to rise out of this river’s water. When this river floods, low tides and flow reversals prompt it to flow into the Tonle [ton-lay] Sap. For the point, name this river that drains into the South China Sea after forming most of Laos’ western border, the longest river in Southeast Asia.

ANSWER: **Mekong** River

- (3) The hero Trophonius named one of these places, another of which was built around an oak tree in Dodona. Gases and vapors from hot springs were used during a ritual at one of these places in which Pythia, a priestess of Apollo, would utter cryptic statements believed to predict the future. For the point, name these Greek religious sites such as Delphi.

ANSWER: **oracles** (accept **Oracle of Trophonius** before “another” is read; prompt on cave before “oak tree” is read)

- (4) This man offered “Comfort, not condolence” to the parents of fallen soldiers, as recorded by Thucydides in a funeral oration after the first year of the Peloponnesian War. This man orchestrated the growth of the Delian League as his city’s empire, moving its treasury to the Parthenon. For the point, name this statesman of the Golden Age of Athens.

ANSWER: **Pericles**

- (5) This stadium’s design moved away from a retractable roof design after a roof collapsed at France’s De Gaulle airport in 2004. This stadium will be the largest venue in use for the 2022 Winter Olympics, though Herzog, Meuron and Ai Weiwei originally designed it for use in the 2008 Summer Olympics. For the point, name this Beijing stadium that resembles a fowl’s resting place.

ANSWER: **Bird’s Nest** (accept Beijing **National Stadium**; accept **Niaochao**)

- (6) This party lost 40 seats in a 1924 election shortly after the publication of the Zinoviev letter, which embarrassed Ramsay MacDonald. This party implemented the National Health Service and other welfare programs under the leadership of Clement Attlee, who defeated Winston Churchill in the 1945 election. For the point, name this left-leaning political party in the United Kingdom.

ANSWER: **Labour** Party

- (7) A colonist from this country was nicknamed “Peg Leg Pete.” According to a popular legend, another colonist from this country purchased Manhattan for the equivalent of 24 dollars. Peter Minuit and Peter Stuyvesant represented, for the point, what country that controlled New York before the British?

ANSWER: **Netherlands** (accept **Holland**; accept the **Dutch**)

- (8) Muckraker Ida Tarbell wrote a lengthy history of one company in this industry, which had been founded by John Rockefeller. This industry grew quickly in the North Sea in the 1870's a decade during which supply shocks in this industry led to economic disruptions in countries dependent on Middle Eastern sources of this commodity. For the point, name this commodity whose sources are exploited alongside natural gas deposits in the Gulf nations, such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

ANSWER: Oil or Petroleum

- (9) This composer of the Hunting Cantata included two viola da gambas but no violins in the sixth and final work in a collection named for a German state. This composer's Musical Offering was based on a melody given to him by Frederick the Great. Felix Mendelssohn revived the music of, for the point, what Baroque composer of the Brandenburg Concertos?

ANSWER: Johann Sebastian Bach

- (10) Major theatres in this 20th century war included the Liaodong Peninsula, the Yellow Sea, and Mukden. Theodore Roosevelt won the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating an end to this war in the Treaty of Portsmouth. The Baltic fleet was crushed at the Battle of Tsushima in, for the point, what war fought between a European and an Asian power in the early 20th century?

ANSWER: Russo-Japanese War

- (11) The casualties in one battle of this war led James Spears to compare its machine gun fire to a hamburger machine. Hill 937 thus became known as Hamburger Hill in this war, during which Company C was commanded by William Calley during the My Lai Massacre. For the point, name this Southeast Asian war from which US forces withdrew shortly before the fall of Saigon.

ANSWER: Vietnam War

- (12) This island was the site of the first Winter Olympic Games held in Asia, which took place in 1972. Together with the neighboring Kurile Islands, this island forms the ancestral homeland of the Ainu people, whose language has been largely displaced by Japanese speakers. For the point, name this island, where fishing and skiing form major industries in and near Sapporo, the northernmost of the four main islands of Japan.

ANSWER: Hokkaido

- (13) This novel exposed the plight of "ragged school" children to wealthy Victorians by praising the generosity of Mr Fezziwig and exposing the regrets of Jacob Marley. This novel's protagonist meets ghosts representing the present, past, and future, who inspire him to help Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. For the point, name this novel by Charles Dickens in which Ebenezer Scrooge discovers the true meaning of Christmas.

ANSWER: A Christmas Carol

- (14) The poet Callimachus catalogued books in this city at a facility where Ptolemy II called for a minimum of 500,000 scrolls to be held in storage. One of the Seven Wonders of the World was located on the small island of Pharos near this city. Euclid studied in, for the point, what Egyptian city, the home of a famous Lighthouse and a library that suffered several devastating fires?

ANSWER: Alexandria

(15) Two of these objects are used to represent the muses Thalia and Melpomene [mel-pom-eh-nee]. The heads of 2 nude women are thought to be representations of these objects from Africa in Picasso's painting, Les Femmes d'Alger (O.J. Version O). For the point, name these objects used in ritual dance traditions in Africa and to cover the faces of ancient Greek actors.

ANSWER: **masks**

(16) After Abbas III was deposed, the Afsharid Dynasty was founded in this country by Nader Shah. This country's capital was moved to Isfahan by Abbas the Great, the fifth Shah of a dynasty that installed Twelver Shia Islam as this country's official religion. The Safavid Dynasty ruled, for the point, what Middle Eastern country that moved its capital in 1796 to Tehran?

ANSWER: **Iran** (accept **Persia**)

(17) From 1935 to 1949, this phenomenon occurred in China because English printing presses outpaced those of Chiang Kai-Shek's government. Eviction of white farmers by Robert Mugabe's government contributed to a major instance of this phenomenon in 1990s Zimbabwe that resulted in the creation of 100-billion-dollar bank notes. For the point, name this phenomenon in which currency is devalued and prices rise.

ANSWER: (hyper)**inflation**

(18) A route used in this industry was established by Jesse Chisholm. Railroad facilities were built for use in this industry in Abilene and Kansas City, which shipped cargo to stockyards in Chicago. The development of barbed wire ended the era of massive drives in, for the point, what industry consisting of western ranches?

ANSWER: **cattle** industry (accept anything to do with **cows**; prompt on meat or livestock industry; prompt on agriculture)

(19) Leonhard Euler worked on, but did not solve, a problem concerning finding a Hamiltonian path for the "tour" of one of the pieces used in this game. IBM's computer Deep Blue won a 1996 match of this game against Garry Kasparov, a Grand Master. For the point, name this strategy game played with knights, pawns, and kings.

ANSWER: playing **chess**

(20) After Pyrrhus deployed this weapon against the Roman cavalry, they were forced to retreat at the Battle of Heraclea. Persian masters of these weapons were called mahouts, and they were used at the Battle of Gaugamela by Darius III, who deployed them as cavalry against Alexander the Great. Hannibal famously crossed the Alps with, for the point, what tusked war animal?

ANSWER: war **elephants**

(21) This country captured parts of Pomerania and broke the power of the Hanseatic League. Its most famous ruler intervened in the Thirty Years' War on the Protestant side until his death at the Battle of Lutzen. For the point, name this home of Gustavus Adolphus, who ruled from Stockholm.

ANSWER: **Sweden**

(22) Robert Clive led this company's forces to victory at the Battle of Plassey. This company lost control of its namesake country after the Sepoy Mutiny with the creation of the Raj. For the point, name this British company that controlled the trade of many spices throughout East Asia.

ANSWER: **British East India Company** ("British" not needed after mentioned)

- (23) A hero acquired one of these objects from an eight-headed beast whose heads were lured into eight gates baited with eight jars of wine. A mirror, a jewel, and one of these objects named Kusanagi are the three sacred treasures of Japan. For the point, name these objects, such as the katana, that were used by samurai warriors in combat.

ANSWER: **swords** (accept **Kusanagi** before mentioned; accept **katana** before mentioned; prompt on grasscutter; prompt on generic terms like blade or weapon, but do not accept or prompt on knives or daggers)

- (24) These figures were jointly granted a title by Pope Alexander VI, who also granted them land with the bull Inter caetera. The conquest of Granada was completed during the reigns of these two monarchs, who expelled their country's Jews with the Alhambra Decree. For the point, name these two Catholic Monarchs of Spain who authorized Christopher Columbus to sail to the New World.

ANSWER: **Ferdinand II** of Aragon **and Isabella I** of Castile (accept in either order; prompt on "Catholic Monarchs" before mentioned)

- (25) This country's history contains a period of history at the end of the Rurik Dynasty, where men known as False Dmitris were prominent figures in the so-called Time of Troubles. Boris Godunov was another early ruler of this country, along with Michael Romanov, whose founded a dynasty in this country that lasted until 1917. For the point, name this country where tsars ruled throughout the 19th century.

ANSWER: **Russia**

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

- (1) In this US state, George Pickett's decision to attend a fish bake led to the fall of the Five Forks railway junction. This state's Henrico County was the site of a diversionary attack at Deep Bottom, as Ambrose Burnside attempted to detonate a mine behind enemy forces and initiate the Battle of the Crater. In this state, the capture of Petersburg was vital in forcing the surrender of the Confederacy. For the point, name this US state where the Confederate capital of Richmond was located.

ANSWER: **Virginia**