

Bee Round 1 – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Regulation Questions

(3) This body of water's Diego Garcia Island has been the site of controversial American military installations. An island nation once ruled by Queen Ranavalona is located in this body of water, as is another island nation that once held a cabinet meeting underwater near Male (**pr. MAH-lay**). For the point, name this body of water, which contains nations such as Madagascar and the Maldives.

ANSWER: **Indian Ocean**

(2) This monarch is memorialized by the "Wordless Stele (**pr. STEE-lee**)" and this monarch's grandson was the emperor Xuanzong. The emperor Gaozong entrusted much of his governance to this person after he suffered multiple strokes, and his death resulted in this person eventually seizing control, becoming the only empress regnant in Chinese history. The founder of the brief Zhou dynasty during the Tang dynasty, for the point, name this Chinese Empress.

ANSWER: **Wu** Zeitan

(3) The Four Oirats in what is now this country triggered the Tumu crisis when they captured the Zhengtong Emperor. The Battle of Yamen completed a conquest of China by people from this country, resulting in the founding of the Yuan Dynasty. For the point, name this modern-day country whose capital city was renamed Ulaanbaatar during its Communist era.

ANSWER: **Mongolia**

(4) The breaking of the JN-25 code allowed one side to intercept the other at this battle, where Tamon Yamaguchi went down with the *Hiryu*. The USS Yorktown was torpedoed during this battle, where the Japanese lost four aircraft carriers. For the point, name this decisive American naval victory which turned the tide in the Pacific theater.

ANSWER: Battle of **Midway**

(5) Before a controversial budget proposed by Hugh Gaitskell forced this man to resign, he negotiated the end of the occupation of Mandatory Palestine. This man established the National Health Service after winning a shock victory in the 1945 general election. For the point, name this Labour leader who succeeded Winston Churchill and thus attended the Potsdam Conference in his place.

ANSWER: Clement **Attlee**

(6) Legends about this man state that he tricked his brother into a pit of live coals in order to become king, but this man felt great remorse after seeing rivers run red during the Kalinga Wars and converted religions. This ruler later constructed lion-topped rock edicts where laws inspired by dharma were written. For the point, name this Mauryan emperor who became a Buddhist.

ANSWER: **Ashoka** the Great (or **Asoka** the Great)

- (7) This man used a tub of boiling water to kill his wife Fausta. During a civil war with Maxentius, this man, inspired by a vision of the letters chi [kye] and rho in the sky, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge. The Edict of Milan was signed by, for the point, what Roman emperor who renamed Byzantium after himself?

ANSWER: **Constantine** the Great (accept **Constantine I**)

- (8) Following this event, Edmund Andros was deposed in Boston, and this event also removed a leader who lost the Battle of the Boyne. The English Bill of Rights was passed after this event, which was caused by the birth of a Catholic heir to James II. For the point, name this revolt which put William and Mary on the English throne.

ANSWER: **Glorious Revolution**

- (9) This religion's founder legendarily vanished after dying surrounded by flowers in 1539. Uniquely, this religion reveres its scripture as its final and eternal prophet and leader; that text is called the Granth Sahib. Langar halls attached to this religion's Gurdwara temples provide free food to their community. For the point, name this Indian religion whose followers often take the last name Singh and follow the Five Ks.

ANSWER: **Sikhism**

- (10) This man began the Four Modernizations and once summarized his favorable attitude towards capitalism by saying that the color of a cat doesn't matter as long as it catches mice. This leader is generally credited with China's economic rise and transition to a mixed economy during the 1980s. For the point, name this Chinese leader who established Special Economic Zones in an effort to modernize its economy.

ANSWER: **Deng** Xiaoping (pronounced "dung", but accept that or the way it appears to sound)

- (11) The philosopher Empedocles legendarily died by throwing himself into a volcano on this island. Another philosopher was killed on this island after allegedly telling a Roman soldier "do not disturb my circles." Archimedes died on, for the point, what Mediterranean island during the siege of Syracuse?

ANSWER: **Sicily**

- (12) Much of the land that became this state was originally controlled by the Powhatan Confederacy. A Native American was claimed as the ancestor of many of this state's "First Families" through Thomas Rolfe, son of John Rolfe and the Powhatan Pocahontas. For the point, name this first enduring English colony in the New World, now a state with historical sites at Williamsburg and Jamestown.

ANSWER: **Virginia**

- (13) In this year, a remark that "there are 47 percent of Americans who will vote for the President no matter what" hurt the Republican Presidential challenger, who ran on a ticket with Paul Ryan. This year saw the Summer Olympics return to London for the third time, four years after they were held in Beijing. For the points, name this year in which Mitt Romney ran against Barack Obama, who won a second term as US President.

ANSWER: **2012**

- (14) This material is one of the nicknames of a Duke who won the Peninsular War and part of the nickname of a British Prime Minister that won the Falklands War. This was one of the two materials that, according to Bismarck, would solve the great problems of the day. An age named after this material came after the Bronze Age. For the point, name this metal that comes in wrought variety and is used to make steel.

ANSWER: **Iron**

- (15) The current president of this country owns a large confectionary company, which has led to him being nicknamed “the Chocolate King.” A recent leader of this country had his face disfigured after being poisoned with TCDD dioxin. Petro Poroshenko currently leads this country, where carousel voting was one of the fraudulent tactics used by Viktor Yanukovich in an election that caused the Orange Revolution. For the point, name this country where, in 2014, Russia annexed the Crimea.

ANSWER: **Ukraine**

- (16) A writer from this island wrote a work that dismisses finding uses for the elderly since “they are every day dying”; that work was titled “A Modest Proposal For preventing the Children of Poor People From being a Burthen to Their Parents or Country”. That writer from this island also wrote a work in which the title character visits Brobdingnag and Liliput, *Gulliver’s Travels*. For the point, name this island where Jonathan Swift was born in Dublin

ANSWER: **Ireland**

- (17) This event ended plans to create the agricultural empire of New Helvetia. This event was publicized by Samuel Brannan, who ran down streets shouting the news about it. A dry goods business was operated by Levi Strauss during this event, which began after John Marshall made a discovery at Sutter’s Mill. The “49ers” raced to, for the point, what economic boon in which miners flocked to Sacramento to find riches?

ANSWER: **California Gold Rush** (prompt on partial answers)

- (18) This man ordered his secret police to massacre the city of Novgorod after it was accused of working with Poland, and this man once blinded the architect of St. Basil’s Cathedral to prevent him from making anything as beautiful again. The incapable Feodor succeeded this man after this man had killed his son in a rage. For the point, name this Russian tsar known for his cruelty.

ANSWER: **Ivan the Terrible** (accept **Ivan IV**; accept **Ivan Grozny**; prompt on Ivan)

- (19) This man was forced out of a window by his lover Manuela Saenz to avoid assassins in the September Conspiracy. Peninsulares who opposed this man were subject to murder after this man issued the “Decree of War to the Death” during the Admirable Campaign. This man attended the Guayaquil Conference with Jose de San Martin after engineering a victory at Boyaca to secure independence from Spain. For the point, name this general, known as the “Liberator” of South America.

ANSWER: Simon **Bolivar**

- (20) Debris from one tragedy involving this company have been found on La Reunion and Madagascar. Four months later, in another event involving this company, another of its planes was lost due to a surface to air missile launched by Russian forces. One of this company's planes vanished in 2014 and is presumed to have crashed in the Indian Ocean. For the point, name this company whose planes often use Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

ANSWER: Malaysia(n) Airlines

- (21) In 1934, this scientist claimed to have invented a superweapon called the Teleforce which is commonly known as his death ray. He invented a namesake coil and feuded with Thomas Edison in the "War of the Currents". For the point, name this Serbian-American inventor and namesake of an electric car brand

ANSWER: Nikola Tesla

- (22) This event was avenged during the Liberators' Civil War, in which the Battle of Philippi led to the suicide of the perpetrator Cassius. The target of this event had been stopped near Pompey's Theater and stabbed 23 times by a group led by Brutus. For the point, name this 44 BC attack on the Ides of March against a Roman ruler.

ANSWER: assassination (or murder, stabbing, etc.) of Gaius Julius Caesar (prompt on partial answers)

- (23) One of this artist's works contains a self-portrait as St. Bartholomew holding his flayed skin during the Last Judgment. This man's most famous sculpture is a marble depiction of David which is found in Florence. God touches fingertips with the first man in The Creation of Adam by, for the point, what Italian artist who was commissioned to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

ANSWER: Michelangelo Buonarroti

- (24) A civil "War of Two Brothers" weakened this empire and led to the defeat of Huascar. This empire's final ruler was ransomed for a room full of gold. Before this empire fell to the conquistador Francisco Pizarro, it housed large population centers at Cuzco and Machu Picchu. For the point, name this pre-Columbian empire based in Peru.

ANSWER: Incan Empire

- (25) One side took advantage of this battle to launch the Little Saturn attack plan and target Rostov. This battle culminated with Operation Uranus, which led to the encirclement of the Sixth Army and the eventual surrender of Friedrich Paulus. For the point, name this 1942 battle on the Volga that is cited as the Eastern Front's turning point.

ANSWER: Battle of Stalingrad

Extra Question - Only read if moderator botches a question.

- (1) The Caravan of Death began executing political prisoners under this man's regime, and his DINA secret police spearheaded Operation Condor to purge left-wing elements in his country. This man came to power with CIA aid after his predecessor attempted to nationalize the copper industry. For the point, name this successor of Salvador Allende, a dictator of Chile.

ANSWER: Augusto Pinochet