

2015 IHBB Championships: HS History Bee

Round 2 - Prelims

1. The Sekbans led the Jelali revolts against this group, and this group was targeted by the Nizam-i Cedid reforms. Mahmud II suppressed this group following the Auspicious Incident. This group was maintained through the Devsirme (**pr. dev-SHEER-may**), or "blood tax." For the point, name this elite military group primarily made up of converted Christians which served the Ottoman sultans.

ANSWER: **Janissaries** [or **Janissary Corp**; or **yeniceri**] <JB> {II}

2. During this conflict, Camilo Cienfuegos became known as the "Hero of Yaguajay". One side in this conflict set up *Radio Rebelde* to broadcast propaganda. The leader of one side in this conflict had created the 26th of July Movement after a failed attack on the Moncada Barracks. This conflict ended when dictator Fulgencio Batista fled the country. For the point, which conflict saw its namesake island nation taken over by Fidel Castro?

ANSWER: **Cuban Revolution** <TR> {II}

3. A work about the Ten Crimes of this dynasty criticized it using Confucian reasoning. This dynasty's chancellor Li Si standardized the written Chinese script. The statesman Shang Yang made many legal reforms to this dynasty, which helped it end the Warring States period. This dynasty's first emperor unified China, but soon after his death it was overthrown by the Han. For the point, which Chinese dynasty was ruled by Shi Huangdi?

ANSWER: **Qin** Dynasty (pr. "Chin" – do NOT accept pr. "Ching") <TR> {II}

4. **Warning: two answers required.** After Luis Figo left one of these teams for the other, he had a pig's head thrown at him during a game. After one of these teams signed Alfredo di Stefano, he instead played for the other after the interference of their country's dictator. One of these teams' slogan "*Mes Que Un Club*" signifies its support of Catalan culture, while the other was the favorite club of Francisco Franco. For the point, which two Spanish football teams currently feature rivals Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi?

ANSWER: **Real Madrid** C.F. and F.C. **Barcelona** [prompt on **Madrid**] <TR> {II}

5. One area of this city has been nicknamed Little Kurdistan for having the highest population of Kurds in the US. This city is both the namesake of a film directed by Robert Altman and a recent ABC series. It contains the Country Music Hall of Fame and is the site of regular performances at the Grand Ole Opry. For the point, name this large city in Central Tennessee.

ANSWER: **Nashville**, Tennessee <EA> {II}

6. This theory predicts a period of time during which the gravitational force was as strong as the other fundamental forces known as the Planck epoch. The name for this theory was coined by Fred Hoyle, who opposed Georges LeMaitres' idea of it. Evidence for this theory came from the relationship between redshift and distance posited by Edwin Hubble. For the point, name this scientific theory that suggests the universe was born from a singularity.

ANSWER: **Big Bang** [prompt on the "**start of the universe**" or such equivalents] <Ike> {II}

7. This composer's Prelude #20 in C minor was dubbed "Funeral March" by Hans von Bulow. An A major work of his subtitled "Military" was played daily on his home country's radio in protest of Nazi invaders. This pianist, who emigrated to Paris as a young man, popularized a form invented by John Field, the nocturne. For the point, what composer and pianist's mazurkas and polonaises paid tribute to his native Poland?

ANSWER: Frederic Francois **Chopin** <CW> {II}

8. A play titled for this man is sometimes called "the power of God" and was written by Jean Anouilh. This man rejects power, fame, glory and physical safety from four tempters in a T.S. Eliot play in which he is murdered by four knights. Pilgrims journey to visit this man's shrine in a collection of poems by Geoffrey Chaucer. For the point, name this archbishop of Canterbury who was supposedly murdered on orders from Henry II.

ANSWER: Thomas à **Becket** <Ike>

9. Some people with this occupation marked out a certain area of the sky with a *lituus*. The right to hold this occupation was extended to the plebeians by the Lex Ogulnia. These people used a sacrificial knife called a *secespita*. A specific group of these people swore an oath of virginity and maintained a sacred fire in the temple of Vesta. The Pontifex Maximus was the leader of these people. For the point, name this occupation held by the Romans who facilitated religious ceremonies.

ANSWER: Roman **priests/priestesses** [accept **augurs**, **flamines**, or **Vestales/Vestal Virgins**] <CKM> {II}

10. These institutions were the subject of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's Old Deluder Satan Act. These institutions were where the Blue-back Spellers of Noah Webster were used. Maria Montessori developed a new approach to the workings of these institutions. For the point, name these public institutions for which Horace Mann advocated and which were desegregated in the Little Rock Nine case in the USA.

ANSWER: public **schools** [do not accept "colleges" or "universities"] <JB> {II}

11. This calendar year featured the Five Days of Milan, which occurred after Ferdinand II granted the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies a new constitution. The Frankfurt Assembly convened in this year, and Lajos Kossuth's movement for Hungarian independence prompted Metternich to flee Vienna. This was also the year when King Louis-Philippe was deposed and the French Second Republic was established. For the point, name this "year of revolutions" in 19th-century Europe.

ANSWER: **1848** <SH> {II}

12. Following one event known by this adjective, different stamps were affixed to old *koruna* banknotes. During an earlier event known by this adjective, the Civic Forum was established following the resignation of Gustav Husak and the democratic election of president Vaclav Havel. For the point, name this English adjective prefixing a 1993 "Divorce" that split, and a 1989 "Revolution" that liberalized, Czechoslovakia in a gentle way.

ANSWER: **velvet** [or **Velvet** Divorce; or **Velvet** Revolution] <AG> {II}

13. This country saw military campaigns try to capture the city of Tobruk during World War II and the early 21st century. A terrorist attack killed the American diplomat Christopher Stevens in this country's city of Benghazi. For the point, name this North African country, which has suffered much instability since the death of longtime strongman Muammar Qaddafi.

ANSWER: Libya

14. In these treaties, one party received the Asiento, a monopoly on South American slave trade. Britain received Newfoundland and gained parts of Rupert's Land from the French in these treaties. As a result of these treaties, Philip of Anjou became king of Spain but renounced any claim to the French throne. For the point, name this series of treaties signed in 1713 which ended the War of the Spanish Succession.

ANSWER: Peace/Treaty of Utrecht <JZ> {II}

15. This man unsuccessfully offered \$20 million to the cause of Filipino independence. This man denounced "the selfish millionaire" who dies rich in an article explaining why he helped fund numerous libraries across the United States. This author of "The Gospel of Wealth" sold his steel company for \$480 million in 1901 to J.P. Morgan. For the point, name this Scottish American businessman and philanthropist, the namesake of a legendary music hall in New York City.

ANSWER: Andrew Carnegie <MC> {II}

16. Horemheb opposed worship of this deity. According to Sigmund Freud, this deity's chief promulgator was a close relative of Moses. Amarna was the main site of worship of this god, who was symbolized by a disk with rays shooting down from it. For the point, name this unitary solar god briefly imposed by the New Kingdom pharaoh first known as Amenhotep IV.

ANSWER: Aten [or Ra-Horakhty-Aten; or Aton; do not accept or prompt on "Amon" or "Ra"; do not accept or prompt on "Horus"; do not accept "Akhenaten"] <MJ> {II}

17. One battle fought during this war included a heroic charge up San Juan Hill. Some have alleged that this war was encouraged by the Yellow Journalism of Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. One cause of this war was possibly accidental explosion of the *USS Maine* in Havana harbor. For the point, name this war which led to US control of Guam, the Philippines, and Cuba.

ANSWER: Spanish-American War

18. This country established a woman's right to an abortion if her pregnancy is life-threatening in the 1992 "X case." This country became a republic in 1937, following a period of fifteen years in which it was a "Free State," during which the conservative Fianna Fail party was founded. Following its economic boom in the 1990s, this country was called the "Celtic Tiger." For the point, name this predominantly-Catholic country that occupies most of an island west of Britain.

ANSWER: Republic of Ireland [or Poblacht na hEireann] <AG> {II}

19. After joining the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, this man complained to Lord Kitchener about not being sent directly into combat. This man was heavily suspected of being a Nazi sympathizer after he and his wife visited Adolf Hitler in 1937. He gained the title of Duke of Windsor after his brother, the Duke of York, took the name George VI. For the point, what British king abdicated the throne in order to marry Wallis Simpson?

ANSWER: King **Edward VIII** <JL> {II}

20. A nationalist poet from this country took over the city of Fiume (**pr. fee-OO-may**), ignoring the Treaty of Rapallo. Twelve battles in this country were fought alongside the Isonzo River. This country signed an armistice with Austria-Hungary after defeating them at Vittorio Veneto. For the point, name this home country of Gabriele d'Annunzio and setting of the Battle of Caporetto.

ANSWER: **Italy** [or **Italian** Republic; or Repubblica **Italiana**] <KG> {II}

21. This product's copyrighted features include a scar on its right cheek. A variant of this thing in England was called "Action Man." By the late 1960's, this product was marketed as an "Adventurer" to avoid anti-Vietnam War backlash. Hasbro was reluctant to sell this toy because marketers thought boys would not play with dolls. For the point, name this "real American hero" action figure of a miniature soldier.

ANSWER: **G.I. Joe** [or **America's Movable Fighting Man**; prompt on **Joe**] <MC> {II}

22. A statue in Angkor Thom supposedly depicts King Yasovarman as one of these people. Hagioscope windows in churches were designed for these people. A king who was succeeded by Guy of Lusignan, Baldwin IV, was one of these people. Father Damian worked in a colony of these people on the island of Molokai. For the point, name these people who were historically shunned for having a contagious, disfiguring skin disease.

ANSWER: **lepers** [or people with **leprosy**; or people with **Hansen's** Disease] <JB> {II}

23. Stevie Wonder sang "there ought to be a law against anyone who takes offense" to celebrating this holiday. The 1993 Super Bowl was moved from Arizona after that state rejected celebrating this holiday, which was co-celebrated in Virginia with events honoring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson until 2000. For the point, name this American holiday honoring the civil rights leader who gave the "I Have A Dream" speech in 1963.

ANSWER: Dr. **Martin Luther King** Jr. Day [or **MLK** Day; or **Birthday of Martin Luther King** Jr.] <MC> {II}

24. The Synod of Bishops was established at this event, which was opposed by sedevacantists. This council controversially absolved Jews of guilt for the death of Jesus in *Nostra Aetate* (**pr. eye-TAH-tay**). For the point, name this Church council, convoked by John XXIII and continued by Paul VI, which allowed for the use of the vernacular in mass, among other liberalizing reforms.

ANSWER: **Second Vatican** Council [or **Vatican II**] <JZ> {II}

25. This document was given broader application by the case *Gitlow v. New York* in a process called incorporation. Its eighth section protects against cruel and unusual punishment as well as protects the right to bear arms. For the point, name this set of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which shares its name with a 1689 set of rules in post-Glorious Revolution England.

ANSWER: The **Bill of Rights**

26. While king, this man attempted a combined land and water attack to relieve the siege of Chateau Gaillard (**pr. guy-ARD**). His allies lost the Battle of Bouvines, and he lost much of the Angevin Empire to Philip Augustus. He allegedly murdered his nephew Arthur of Brittany and at the Battle of Mirabeau he rescued his mother Eleanor of Aquitaine. For the point, name this son of Henry II and brother of Richard I who was forced to sign the Magna Carta.

ANSWER: King **John** [prompt on **Lackland**] <TR>

27. This ostracizer of Cimon was mentored by Ephialtes (**pr. eff-EYE-ul-teez**). This person spearheaded the adoption of the Megarian Decree, which prompted a conflict where he put trust in the walls of the city and the navy. He gave a famous funeral oration and helped construct the Parthenon. For the point, name this Athenian leader who died of the plague, ending the first portion of the Peloponnesian wars.

ANSWER: **Pericles** <JZ> {II}

28. The Hauteville family were members of this group, who conquered areas like Apulia and Calabria. One of these people named Roger established a kingdom in Sicily, while his brother Robert Guiscard ruled southern Italy. Other members of this group conquered England after winning the Battle of Hastings. For the point, identify this group named for the region ruled by William the Conqueror.

ANSWER: **Normans** <SL> {II}

29. The Alvor Agreement ended another conflict between this nation and its former colony of Angola. Operation Vijay succeeded in conquering one of this nation's overseas territories, the exclave of Goa, and this country gave up its colonies after the failure of the Estado Novo. Antonio Salazar once ruled, for the point, what European country which shares the Iberian Peninsula with Spain?

ANSWER: **Portugal**

30. In Islam, this event is comprised of the Yawm al-Qiyamah and Yawm al-din and includes a battle between Isa and Masih al-Dajjal. Some Christians believe it includes the Battle of Gog and Magog and the appearance of the Whore of Babylon. This concept is the general subject of the field of eschatology. For the point, identify this event which, according to Christianity, may include a rapture and is described in Revelation.

ANSWER: the **end of the world** [accept equivalents like **Armageddon**, the **end of time**, the **end of days**, the **cleansing of the world**, the **end times**, the **renovation of the universe**, or other obvious synonyms indicating the end or remaking of things in general]

Extra Tossup – ONLY READ IF YOU BOTCH A QUESTION!

Among this man's mistresses was Vannozza dei Cattanei, with whom he fathered his most notable children. Johann Burchard claimed that he held the Banquet of Chestnuts. He made a controversial move in adding twelve cardinals to the College of Cardinals, including one of his sons. His enemies accused him of committing incest with his daughter Lucrezia. For the point, what corrupt pope was, like Callixtus III, a member of the Borgia family?

ANSWER: Pope **Alexander VI** [or **Rodrigo Lanzol de Borgia**; prompt on **Borgia**] <JL> {II}