

## The History Bee of Vatican City – Preliminary Round

1. The final form of this work is a result of a priestly redaction of a Yahwist source in the early Persian period. The conclusion of this book takes place in the Plane of Moab. This book also sees the death of 14,700 Israelites for 'murmuring' against the authority of Moses and Aaron. Involving the Israelites wandering around the desert for 40 years, for the point, name this fourth book of the Old Testament between Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

ANSWER: Book of **Numbers** (accept ***Bamidbar***; prompt on **Old Testament** before mention)

2. A portion of a work by this man, titled *A Funeral Anthem for Queen Caroline*, was adopted by Mozart for his *Requiem Mass*. Another work by this man was based on the biblical story of Joseph, and was titled *Joseph and his Brethren*, one of his oratorios. This man composed a work often performed around Christmas that contains the line "For unto us a son is born, unto us a child is given." Other compositions by this man include the Halle compositions, composed before his emigration to the United Kingdom. For the point, name this Baroque composer, who wrote secular works like *Zadok the Priest*, as well as *The Messiah*.

ANSWER: Georg Frederic **Handel**

3. This work, created on a block of alabaster, was its creator's first extant work, being created during his teenage years. In this work, the baby looks anachronistically muscular, and is turned away from the viewer. A small image of a sculptor is placed in the upper-left corner of this work, and the titular figure is seated facing perpendicularly from the viewer. For the point, name this relief sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary on the titular architectural feature, created by Michelangelo.

ANSWER: ***Madonna of the Stairs*** (accept ***Madonna of the Steps***)

4. This work was created in response to the sack of Rome in 410 AD by the Visigoths. The concept of New Jerusalem is referred to in this work, and is intended as a consolation for shocked Christians. This work compares New Jerusalem with earthly politics, and opines that the former should be the focus of Christians. For the point, name this theological work by St Augustine of Hippo, which presents the conflict between the Earthly City and the titular concept.

ANSWER: The **City of God** Against the Pagans (or ***De ciuitate Dei contra paganos***)

5. The founder of this Christian sect arrived in the town of Muziris. Members of this Christian sect observed Brahmin customs, like the wearing of the Sacred Thread after the 9<sup>th</sup> Century, and the metropolitan see of this sect was located in the town of Cranganore. Coming in conflict with the arrival of Catholics from Portugal in the 15th century, they observed many Jewish customs as part of their rite. For the point, name this sect of Christians native to the state of Kerala in India, named after a 'Doubting' apostle.

ANSWER: **Mar Thoma** Christians (accept **Saint Thomas** Christians)

6. This meeting was opened with the reading of a declaration which stressed the pastoral nature of the church; that was the declaration *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*. The doctrine *Dignitatis Humanae*, on religious freedom, was passed in the Fourth Period of this Council in a vote of 1997 for and 224 against. Opposed by Traditionalist Catholics, this council introduced the vernacular mass, and created the aesthetic behind modern Christian art and music. For the point, name this most recent Ecumenical council, the second one of which took place in the country where you are now.

ANSWER: **Second Vatican** Ecumenical Council (Accept **Vatican II**)

7. The *fünf Orte*, or the Five States, was formed to oppose the reformation efforts of this man. This participant in the Marburg Colloquy, received his *Magister* degree from the University of Basel, and celebrated his first mass in his hometown, Wildhaus. This man died during the Kappel wars, when defending his hometown of Zürich. For the point, name this Swiss leader of the Reformation who helped create the tune for Psalm 65, the *Kappeler Lied*.

ANSWER: Uldrich (or Hulydrich) **Zwingli**

8. The ninth chapter of this work describes the Feeding of the 5000, amongst the other miracles of Christ. The apocryphal author of this book is venerated as the patron saint for artists, doctors, and students; that man, an Evangelist, was a Hellenistic Jew who was the largest contributor to the New Testament. This gospel, alongside those of Matthew and Mark, are referred to as the Synoptics. For the point, name this second-longest of the four gospels, and the third of the four gospels in order.

ANSWER: Gospel of **Luke**

9. One character from this work, a resident of the City of Destruction, accompanies the main character to the Slough of Despond; that character, Pliable, however, escapes the Slough. The main character, a 'Christian', journeys to the Celestial City in the First Part of this work. This work, a two-part continuous narrative, is sometimes considered to be the first novel in the English Language. For the point, name this 17th Century Christian Allegory authored by John Bunyan.

ANSWER: ***The Pilgrim's Progress*** from this World, to That Which Is To Come

10. The title of this work comes from an Umbrian phrase in St Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*. This work opines that the 'dominant technological paradigm' is the main contributor to human and environmental suffering, and is considered to be the most anti-modern encyclical since the *Syllabus of Errors*. This work, which urges the people of the world to take 'swift and unified action', was released in June 2015. For the point, name this most recent encyclical, and the second encyclical attributed to Pope Francis

ANSWER: ***Laudato Si'*** (accept ***Praise be on you***)

11. One biblical basis for this ritual can be found in the First Epistle to the Corinthians as described by St. Paul. The theological basis for this sacrament was established in the Fourth Lateran Council, alongside the doctrine of transubstantiation. The elements in this sacrament are transformed into 'whole and entire elements' after consecration. For the point, name this rite involving bread and wine.

ANSWER: **Eucharist** (accept **Holy Supper** or **Communion**)

12. DESCRIPTION ACCEPTABLE. The main participant in this event wore a half-shirt, and walked barefoot during this event; before that, he risked the lives of his wife Bertha of Savoy and his son Conrad by forcing them to cross the alps. The purpose of this event was the revocation of an anathema placed on one man, and that man waited in the blizzard for three days and three nights before that took place. For the point, name this event where a Holy Roman Emperor knelt in the snow dressed in a monk's robe, during the Investiture Controversy.

ANSWER: **Road to Canossa** (accept **Humiliation of Canossa**, or **Walk to Canossa**; accept descriptions, like **Henry IV's trek to Canossa**, or **Henry IV kneeling in the snows of Canossa**)

13. The works of John Foxe venerated this woman as a martyr of the English Reformation. Shortly before the death of this woman, she called John Kingston to hear the mass and partake in communion. This woman's early life in France influenced her religious beliefs with that of French humanism; she was also religiously conservative, and devoted to the Virgin Mary. However, this did not stop this woman from committing adultery with Henry VIII. For the point, name this wife of Henry VIII, who desired to marry this person so much that he formed the Anglican Church.

ANSWER: Anne **Boleyn**

14. A creed formed in this ecumenical council is recited as part of the profession of faith in the Latin Rite; this creed was edited by a later council in Constantinople. Canons promulgated in this council include the prevention of self-castration. This council separated the date of Easter from calculations in the Jewish calendar. This council also saw debates between those for and against Arianism, and was organised by Constantine I. For the point, name this ecumenical council which took place in 325 CE, organised in modern-day Iznik, Turkey.

ANSWER: **First Council of Nicea**

15. The name for this work derives from the number of scholars commissioned to translate it; this translation was for the purpose of inclusion in the Great Library of Alexandria, and was commissioned by Ptolemy II. The fact that Jews participated in the creation of this work cast shadows on its credibility by early Christian scholars. This work was replaced by the Vulgate as the work endorsed by the Catholic Church. Although written in Greek, this work uses many Semitisms. For the point, name this earliest translation of the Old Testament, and the earliest part of the Biblical Canon.

ANSWER: **Septuagint** (accept **LXX**, or **The Seventy**)

16. A version of this instrument is used extensively in North Indian classical music as an accompaniment for the main artist; that is the 'pump' version of this instrument, or the harmonium. Recitals named for this instrument featured symphonies written specifically for them, and 'symphonic' versions of these instruments could be used to play a full symphony. Referred to as the 'king of instruments' by Mozart, this instrument was considered to be one of the most complex mechanical devices created before the industrial revolution. For the point, name this keyboard instrument with 'pipe' and 'chamber' varieties found in churches as an accompaniment to choral music.

ANSWER: Church **Organ** (accept Pipe **Organ**, and variations thereof before mention)

17. This man's earliest works included commentaries on the work of Boethius, and were written during his First Paris Regency. This man's condemnation in 1277 damaged his reputation as a theologian; yet, he was elevated by Dante in his *Divine Comedy* in the Heaven of the Sun alongside other theologians. This man's most famous work include his scholastic *Summa Theologiae*. For the point, name this scholastic philosopher, saint, and namesake and founder of Thomism.

ANSWER: St. **Thomas Aquinas**

18. This event was triggered by the publication of the *Exsurge Domine*, a papal bull which found fault with the works of one man, the year prior to the event. Johann Eck acted as a spokesperson of the Emperor in this event. During one man's speech in this event, he declared 'Here I stand, I can do no other', and refused to renounce his beliefs; this led to the issuance of a namesake Edict by Charles V banning support for the subject of this event. For the point, name this event which saw the interrogation of Martin Luther due to his 95 Theses.

ANSWER: 1521 **Diet of Worms**

19. This man's defeat of a Byzantine force near Damietta brought enabled him to become the Sultan of Egypt. This man's siege of the Assassin fort in Masyaf was cut short by a Crusader siege in Mount Lebanon. This man's defeat of the Crusaders at the Battle of Hattin was a turning point in the history of the Crusades. The third crusade was financed by a tithe named after this man in England, levied by Richard the Lionheart. For the point, name this first Ayyubid king of Egypt, and considered to be the most famous Kurd in History.

ANSWER: **Saladin** (accept An-Nasir **Salah ad-Din** Yusuf ibn Ayyub; brownie points from the question writer for those who say the full name)

20. This work was written in a language described as 'Reformed Egyptian' and inscribed on a set of Golden plates. This work refers to Jesus every 1.7 verses, and uses more than a hundred names to describe him. One part of this work details the description of the Nephites; that part is preceded by a part describing the Jaredite civilization in North America, and is known as the Book of Moroni. For the point, name this book compiled by Joseph Smith in the 19th Century, a sacred text of the Latter Day Saint movement.

ANSWER: **Book of Mormon**

21. Descriptions of this event often use gematria to enhance or obscure the intentions of the writer. The Book of Job predicts that the dead wait for this event in the Sheol. The 'Number of the Beast', 666, alongside the word *Taxo*, and *Assumptio Mosis*, are used in conjunction with this event. For the point, name this event, literally meaning 'Revelation', but used to indicate any end of time scenario.

ANSWER: **Apocalypse** (accept equivalents before mention)

22. In a 2016 speech to Liberty University, this man referred to 'Second Corinthians' as 'Two Corinthians'. Norman Peale, the author of *The Power of Positive Thinking*, ministered to this man's family until Peale's death in 1993. Peale's influence has been cited by this man when describing the role of religion in his life. This man felt 'very honoured' by the fact that his daughter converted to Judaism following her marriage to Jared Kushner. For the point, name this current President of the United States.

ANSWER: Donald John **Trump** (accept **Drumpf**)

23. A surah is named for this woman, and she is the only woman referred to by name in the entirety of the Quran. This woman's title of 'Theokotos', or 'God-bearer', was bestowed upon her by the Second Council of Constantinople. The account of this woman's life in the Bible begins with the Anunciation, and ends with the Assumption. For the point, name this Biblical figure, who conceived the Son of God in an Immaculate Conception.

ANSWER: **Virgin Mary** (accept descriptions, like **Mary, Mother of Jesus**)

24. This fan of *milonga* was a supporter of the San Lorenzo de Almagro football club. This man obtained his licentate in philosophy from the Colegio Maximo de San Jose, and took his final vows to become a member of the Society of Jesus in 1973. A devotee of St Therese of Lisieux, this man's had a troubled relationship with his home country's government during the Dirty War. This man was elevated to his highest post in the Papal Conclave of 2013. For the point, name this first Jesuit pope, who is also the first pope from South America.

ANSWER: Pope **Francis** (accept Jorge Mario **Bergoglio**)

25. This type of document is the only document in which the pope will identify himself as a Bishop, Servant of God. This was the sole letter format from the Vatican until Papal briefs were written in the 14th century. The most recent document of this type declared the period 2015-2016 as a holy year. For the point, name this type of document, named for the leaden seal, used to authenticate it, not for a type of livestock.

ANSWER: Papal **Bull**

## **Extras**

1. This geographical feature was named for a Roman deity who was thought to endow newborns with their first abilities; that tutelary deity of this place was Vagitanus. This place was also the site of the Phrygianum, though secondary to that located on Palatine Hill. The remains of that structure were encountered during the renovation of the St Peter's Square on this geographical feature in the 17th Century. For the point, name this geographical feature and namesake of today's competition.

ANSWER: **Vatican Hill** (prompt on Vatican alone)

One painting depicting this event was intended as a companion piece to *Saint John on the Island of Patmos*. This painting was based on descriptions found in Revelation 12:1-4 and 14, and one of Diego Velasquez's earliest works. Another painting of this event 'of El Escorial' was created by Murillo, and the Virgin in that work is bathed in a golden light. For the point, name this event depicted in paintings by Spanish painters like Zurbaran, depicting a conception without original sin.

ANSWER: **Immaculate Conception**

A character in this work is a Judas-figure whom the main character helps despite knowing that he will be betrayed; that character, the Mestizo, finds himself in jail alongside the titular character. This novel, although controversial with the church, 'captured the conscience of the twentieth century man like no other' according to William Golding. This work focuses on a 'whisky priest', and reflects the anti-Catholicism campaigns of the Mexican government in the 1930's. For the point, name this novel, and one of the 'four catholic novels' of Graham Greene.

ANSWER: **The Power and the Glory**