

History Bee Round 2 (Middle School)

Regulation Questions

1. The HMS Juno left Cork Harbor to assist in the aftermath of this event but was called off by the Admiralty. The handling of this event prompted William Jennings Bryan to resign as Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of State. The United States joined World War I in the aftermath of, for the point, what 1915 attack on a British liner by a German U-Boat?

ANSWER: the sinking of the RMS **Lusitania**

2. A ship carrying this commodity lost its sails in a storm off the coast of Japan, eventually bringing the three sailors to the American coast via the Kuroshio Current. Cao Cao [sow sow] of the Wei Dynasty conquered a movement known as the Five Pecks of this commodity during the Three Kingdoms period. The first domestication of this crop occurred in the Yangtze River valley. For the point, name this staple grain that is grown in paddies throughout Asia.

ANSWER: **rice**

3. While living in France, this leader and a group of nationalists from the country he would later lead sent letters to Allied leaders at Versailles, thought their cause was largely ignored. This man would not return to his birth country until 1941, where he would become the leader of the provisional government in what had been French Indochina. Later becoming the Prime Minister and President of North Vietnam, for the point, what revolutionary leader lends his name to the former capital of South Vietnam, then known as Saigon?

ANSWER: **Ho** Chi Minh

4. This man ordered Robert Eichelberger to capture the village of Buna or "not come back alive." This man claimed to have invented the strategy of island-hopping, which he implemented in Operation Cartwheel. Newspapers refused to print a picture of this man towering over Hirohito, claiming that it ruined the Imperial mystique. For the point, name this American general who vowed "I shall return" after being forced to retreat from the Philippines during World War II.

ANSWER: Douglas **MacArthur**

5. In this country, a series of bombings on Easter 2019 were linked to ISIL and killed Christians at St. Anthony's Shrine and other churches around the capital. A rebel from this country, Selvarasa Pathmanathan, was on Interpol's Most Wanted list in connection with the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, a Prime Minister from this country's nearest neighbor. For the point, name this island country where the Tamil Tigers once fought for independence off the coast of India.

ANSWER: **Sri Lanka**

6. This monarch limited the rights of free blacks and expelled Jews from his colonies with his Code Noir. The Grand Alliance was created to combat this king, who later dismantled it and secured Alsace in the Treaty of Ryswick. This king's Edict of Fontainebleau removed the religious rights of Huguenots in his country. The Palace of Versailles was built on the orders of, for the point, what French "Sun King?"

ANSWER: **Louis XIV** (accept *Louis the Sun King* before "Sun King" is read; prompt on Louis)

7. The first traditional holder of this position was Si Inthrahit, who was given a title meaning "glorious prince". Anna Leonowens was known as the teacher of one of these people; that holder of this position was later portrayed in a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical by Yul Brynner. Since 1908, statute has prohibited defamation of holders of this position, often cited as the most restrictive criminal defamation law in the world. For the point, what position has been held by the Chakri dynasty since 1782, the rulers of a state known until 1939 as Siam?

ANSWER: **King of Thailand** (or **King of Siam**)

8. This woman may have assumed a male alter-ego, Smenkhkare [smenk-kah-ray], to rule after the death of her husband at the end of the Amarna Period. With her husband, this woman promoted the monotheistic faith of Aten. For the point, name this wife of Akhenaten who possibly ruled as an early Egyptian pharaoh.

ANSWER: **Nefertiti** (accept **Neferneferuaten**)

9. In the central dogma of molecular biology, this material is transcribed. Okazaki fragments are formed when this material is replicated. A study conducted by Rosalind Franklin and published by Francis Crick and James Watson showed that this material takes the form of a double helix. For the point, name this biological molecule found in the nucleus of the cell that stores genetic information.

ANSWER: **DNA** (accept **Deoxyribonucleic acid**)

10. Prior to European colonial expansion, what is now this country was the site of the southernmost Indo-European language speakers. While its constitution creates Islam as the state religion, this country's language and culture are strongly influenced by the Buddhist period that ended in the twelfth century. President Mohamed Nasheed made headlines in 2009 after holding a cabinet meeting underwater to demonstrate the threat of climate change to this nation. For the point, name this archipelago south of Sri Lanka; the smallest Asian country by both land area and population.

ANSWER: Republic of the **Maldives**

11. In 1985, a statue of this company's mascot was thrown into the Dotonbori River, beginning an eighteen-year curse on the Hanshin Tigers. At Expo '70, this company ran a test site in Japan, where its products have become a traditional Christmas meal. After selling this company, its founder was sued for calling its new products "wallpaper paste" and "a damn fried doughball stuck on some" meat. For the point, name this American fast food chain founded by Harland Sanders, whose blend of eleven herbs and spices is "finger lickin' good."

ANSWER: **KFC** (accept **Kentucky Fried Chicken**)

12. While in Bristol, a supporter of this movement attacked Winston Churchill with a dog whip. The Cat and Mouse Act was passed after supporters of this movement were force-fed during hunger strikes. Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Franchise League in support of this movement. For the point, name this 20th century movement which sought to double the voting population in the United Kingdom.

ANSWER: **women's suffrage** (accept answers related to **women** getting the right to **vote**; prompt on suffrage)

13. Near the start of this event, Jules Brunet served as a military adviser to the breakaway Republic of Ezo. During this event, the national government created the hyojungo, a standardized dialect meant to unify the country. The Boshin War started this event, during which the last Tokugawa Shogun fled Osaka Castle. For the point, name this 1868 event in which the namesake emperor restored imperial power in Japan.

ANSWER: **Meiji** Restoration

14. In 2017, this painting was used as the centerpiece of the "Pity and Terror" exhibition at the Queen Sofia Museum, a celebration of its 80th anniversary. At the top of this painting, a light bulb in a lamp mimics the shape of a human eye. A screaming horse appears in the center of this painting that was created as a reaction to the bombing of a Basque village. The Spanish Civil War is the backdrop for, for the point, what artwork by Pablo Picasso?

ANSWER: **Guernica**

15. During this war, John Pettyjohns won the first ever Victoria Cross for his heroism at the Battle of Inkerman. William Russell chronicled a cavalry attack on troops led by Colin Campbell during this war, and coined the phrase "thin red line." A miscommunication at this war's Battle of Balaclava led to the ill-fated Charge of the Light Brigade. The Siege of Sevastopol took place in, for the point, what 1853 war between Russia and a British-French-Ottoman alliance?

ANSWER: **Crimean** War

16. Land in the Amazon rich in this resource was sold off to Chinese companies by Rafael Correa's Ecuadorian government. Lazaro Cardenas invoked Article 27 of the Constitution of Mexico to nationalize this industry in 1938. Processing of this resource in Venezuela is dominated by PDVSA, which operates wells in the Maracaibo basin. For the point, name this finite resource which has been refined to create fossil fuels.

ANSWER: crude **oil** (accept *petroleum*)

17. Based in Aichi Prefecture, this organization was the first in its industry to sell more than 10 million units of its principal product in one year, which it has done each year since 2012. Subsidiaries of this company include the luxury Lexus division and the electric Ranz lines of automobiles. For the point, name this car company based in Japan which has grown to become the world's largest.

ANSWER: **Toyota** Motor Corporation (accept **Toyota** Jidosha KK)

18. Bela Kun started a short-lived Communist republic in this country. In this country, the Nazi-backed Arrow Cross party overthrew Miklos Horthy, who had been selected as regent following a series of revolutions. The Treaty of Trianon gave much of this country's territory to neighboring Romania in the aftermath of World War I. For the point, name this country that was once in a dual monarchy with Austria.

ANSWER: **Hungary** (do not accept Austria-Hungary)

19. In a ballad, a worker from this country tells his captain that "a man is nothing but a man." That worker from this country supposedly died with a hammer in his hand shortly after beating a machine in a rock-drilling contest. In a story from this country, a companion of Sourdough Sam bestows the name "Babe" on a massive blue ox that he finds and adopts. For the point, name this country that developed folklore about John Henry and Paul Bunyan.

ANSWER: **United States of America** (accept either underlined portion; accept **USA**)

20. Forces from this country under Yigal Allon raised the "Ink Flag" after the 1949 capture of Umm Rashrash. This country's special forces executed Operation Yonatan to rescue hostages being held at Entebbe airport. In 1967, this country launched the preemptive Operation Focus to start an invasion of neighboring Egypt as part of the Six-Day War. For the point, name this Jewish state with cities like Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

ANSWER: **Israel**

21. This war's Battle of Rain led to the death of Count Tilly and his replacement by Albrecht von Wallenstein. This war's Battle of Breitenfeld led many German states to ally with a Protestant coalition, but the Battle of Lutzen led to the death of that coalition's greatest commander, Gustavus Adolphus. For the point, name this European religious conflict that lasted from 1618 to 1648.

ANSWER: **Thirty Years' War**

22. A leader of this country mistakenly believed it had been recognized by the Holy See after Ambrose Dudley Mann mistranslated a letter from Pope Pius IX. Two diplomats from this country were illegally seized from a British ship in the Trent Affair. This country attempted to persuade France and the United Kingdom to support it in a war against its northern neighbor by engaging in cotton diplomacy. For the point, name this rebellious state that was defeated in the American Civil War.

ANSWER: **Confederate States of America** (accept **CSA**; accept The **Confederacy**)

23. This island is home to the 12th Space Warning Squadron, which operates near Saunders Island at Thule Air Base, the US Air Force's northernmost air base. Harry Truman offered to buy this island for one hundred million dollars in 1946; in 2019 via tweet, Donald Trump offered to buy this island, prompting ridicule from the Prime Minister of Denmark. For the point, name this largest island in the world.

ANSWER: **Greenland** (or **Kalaallit Nunaat**)

24. Members of this profession were managed by lanistas who trained them at ludi. Septimius Severus banned women from this profession after watching men cat-call them at the Antiochene Olympic Games. The Third Seville War began after a group of people in this profession fled Capua. In staged damnatio ad bestias, members of this profession clashed with lions. For the point, name this profession whose members often fought each other in the Colosseum.

ANSWER: **gladiators** (prompt on "slaves")

25. The area surrounding this natural feature is the longtime ancestral home of the Havasupai people. In 1869, the Powell Geographic Expedition completed a survey of the Green River and the entirety of this natural feature. Troops under Francisco Vazquez de Coronado became the first Europeans to reach this natural feature in the 1540s. A skywalk overlooks the West Rim of this feature in Eagle Point, Arizona. For the point, name this gorge carved by the Colorado River.

ANSWER: **Grand Canyon**

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

In this century, Europe's oldest alliance, between the nations of Portugal and England, was signed. Timur established his namesake dynasty in Central Asia in this century, and Mansa Musa undertook his hajj to Mecca in this century. Edward III claimed the French throne in this century, starting what would become the Hundred Years' War. The Black Death peaked in, for the point, what century?

ANSWER: **14th** century AD (or *1300s*)