



NATIONAL Humanities Bee

2018 Semifinals Round 4

1. The Newar people celebrate a version of this festival known as Swanti, and another version known as Tihar is celebrated in Nepal. The first day of this festival is known as Dhanteras and often features a puja dedicated to the goddess Lakshmi. Diyas are special oil lamps that are lit during this festival, which celebrates the return of Lord Rama from exile. For the point, name this "festival of lights" celebrated by Hindus.

ANSWER: Diwali (accept Deepavali; accept Tihar before it is read)

2. This composer wrote two sets of etudes based on star charts. This composer's *Sonatas and Interludes* was a set of 20 pieces influenced by Indian philosophy. This composer scored a piece using 12 radios in the fourth of his five works titled *Imaginary Landscape*. David Tudor premiered a work by this composer by closing the piano lid and letting the ambient noise from the audience prevail. The pioneer of the "prepared piano" was, for the point, this American minimalist composer of *4'33"* [four thirty-three].

ANSWER: John Cage

3. A shapeshifting character in this play is forced into servitude after being saved from a tree, and sings the song "Full Fathom Five" to lure Alonso's son. In this play, the son of Sycorax drunkenly pledges himself as a slave to the bumbling Stephen and Trinculo. Ariel and Caliban are both freed at the conclusion of this play, in which Ferdinand agrees to serve another character in order to marry Miranda. The sorcerer Prospero causes a shipwreck by summoning the title storm in, for the point, which Shakespearean play?

ANSWER: The Tempest

4. This poet described, "stamped on these lifeless things," the "hand that mocked and the heart that fed." The speaker of another poem by this author calls upon the subject to "teach me half the gladness / That thy brain must know." This author, who exclaimed "Hail to thee, blithe spirit!" in a poem addressed to a skylark also described a pair of "vast and trunkless legs of stone" discovered by a "traveller from an ancient land." In that poem, a king exclaims "look upon my Works, ye Mighty, and Despair!" For the point, name this British poet of "Ozymandias."

ANSWER: Percy Shelley (both underlined parts required; prompt on "Shelley")

5. A fresco in this building includes a depiction of Biagio da Casena as Minos with a donkey's ears as revenge for his criticism. This building houses Sandro Botticelli's *Youth of Moses*, and contains a series of nine scenes from the Book of Genesis, concluding with *The Drunkenness of Noah*. *The Last Judgment* is found on the altar wall of this building, which contains an iconic image of God reaching towards the newly-created Adam. For the point, name this building in the Vatican, whose ceiling was painted by Michelangelo.

ANSWER: Sistine Chapel (accept Cappella Sistina; accept Sacellum Sixtinum)

6. After this man died, the warrior Neoptolemus killed this man's son Astyanax by throwing him from the top of city walls and then took his wife Andromache as his concubine. The final scene of the *Iliad* is the funeral of this person, who killed Patroclus after Patroclus donned the armor of Achilles in combat. This man is killed by Achilles, who reluctantly agrees to give his body to his father Priam for a proper burial. For the point, name this Trojan prince and brother of Paris.

ANSWER: **Hector**

7. Paul Manship's sculpture *Prometheus* is made of bronze covered in this material, and is a flagship attraction of Rockefeller Center. A man holding a trident represents the sea while a woman represents the earth in a Benvenuto Cellini sculpture made of this material called *The Salt Cellar*. Ivory and this material comprise chryselephantine statues. This material known for its extremely malleable state when it is at pure, 24-carat levels. For the point, name this precious metal used to make first-place Olympic medals.

ANSWER: **gold**

8. Ignatius Donnelly analyzed ciphers by this philosopher to claim that he authored works attributed to William Shakespeare. This man listed the four idols in a work that offers an approach that is superior to syllogism. This author of *Novum Organum* also created an ideal college of research in a work titled the *New Atlantis*, which was a major source of the scientific method. For the point, name this English philosopher who is known for his work in induction.

ANSWER: Francis **Bacon**

9. This composer's Concerto for Trombone and Military Band is considered the most prominent work for that instrument. Chants from the *Obikhod* were the basis for one of this composer's overtures that celebrate the Easter holiday. This composer used incredibly rapid chromatic sixteenth notes in the flute to represent the transformed son of the Tsar Saltan. For the point, name this Russian composer of *Scheherazade* and the *Flight of the Bumblebee*.

ANSWER: Nikolai **Rimsky-Korsakov**

10. In a myth from this country, the three-legged eight-span crow guided the first ruler of this country, who sailed across a sea to fight his enemies from the east rather than from the west. A sun goddess worshiped in this country hid in a cave to escape from her brother, Susanoo. The *Kojiki* and the *Nihon Shiki* are two accounts of myths from this country, residents of which once believed that their emperor was descended from Amaterasu. For the point, name this country where Shinto developed.

ANSWER: **Japan**

11. In a novel by this author, Fanny Robin dies in childbirth before her lover, Frank Troy, is shot by William Boldwood. In another novel by this author, Mr. Newson purchases Elizabeth-Jane and Susan for five guineas after Michael Henchard drunkenly sells them. This author, who set many novels in the fictional Wessex, wrote about a "pure woman" who is captured at Stonehenge with her lover Angel Clare and executed for murdering her rapist, Alec. For the point, name this English author of *Far From the Madding Crowd*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.

ANSWER: Thomas **Hardy**

12. Serge Koussevitzky claimed that this work expressed the pagan elements of its home country. Robert Joffrey recreated the lost choreography of this ballet, whose characters divide off into two groups just prior to its "Ritual of the Rival Tribes." The first part of this ballet, "The Adoration of the Earth", has an extremely high bassoon solo. For the point, name this ballet composed by Igor Stravinsky that caused a riot in Paris during its 1913 premiere.

ANSWER: **Rite of Spring**

13. The founder of this religion claimed that the "one command [was to] survive" in his book *Excalibur*. Highly dedicated members of this faith are part of its Sea Org. The book *Dianetics* outlines the views of the founder of this religion, whose members undergo a form of counseling known as "auditing." The Lord Xenu detonated hydrogen bombs in the Earth's volcanoes in one of this religion's core stories. Tom Cruise is a follower of, for the point, what religion founded by L. Ron Hubbard?

ANSWER: Church of **Scientology**

14. The painter Laura Knight was a part of this art movement, which included Alfred Sisley's paintings of Molesey Weir and other sites along the River Thames. Along with its immediate successor, the Musée d'Orsay houses paintings from this movement. The painting that inspired the name of this movement shows a sunrise over the port of Le Havre. A founding artist of this movement painted series of natural subjects like *Haystacks* and *Water Lilies*. For the point, name this art movement that included Claude Monet.

ANSWER: **Impressionism**

15. A bandleader known for playing this instrument included a medley to *West Side Story* in his album *Swingin' New Big Band*. The Jazz Messengers were a group led by a player of this instrument, Art Blakey. One jazz album refers to a battle of these instruments performed by Buddy Rich and Gene Krupa. For the point, name this instrument that includes hi-hats, snare, bass, toms and cymbals, the primary percussion instrument of a jazz band.

ANSWER: **drums** (accept **drum kit** or **drum set**; prompt on "percussion" before it is read; prompt on "kit" or "set")

16. A character created by this author wears green glasses to hide his eyes while searching a hotel room, and obtains a fifty-thousand-franc check from the Prefect after recovering a "purloined letter" hidden by Minister D. In another story by this man, Adolphe le Bon is released after the discovery of bloody tufts of grey hair at a crime scene helps the protagonist conclude that the murders of Madame L'Esplanade and her daughter was committed by an orangutan. *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* is by, for the point, what American writer who created C. Auguste Dupin?

ANSWER: Edgar Allan **Poe**

17. The priest Don Pietro is executed by a Nazi at the end of a movie set in this city, in which the director Roberto Rossellini depicted its time as an "Open City" during World War Two. In a movie set in this city, a journalist played by Gregory Peck pretends to have lost his hand after putting it inside the *Mouth of Truth* sculpture. The movie *La Dolce Vita* is set in this city, and includes a scene where Marcello and Sylvia wade into the Trevi Fountain. For the point, what city titles a movie about a princess's Italian "holiday?"

ANSWER: **Rome**

18. A mountain just east of this city known as the Mount of Mercy is where one figure travelling to it delivered his Farewell Sermon. This city's Qishla castle was destroyed in the early 2000s so that hotels could be built in this city's Jawal district, overlooking its central structure. The Tawaf is a practice in this city where people walk seven times around a structure whose eastern side contains the Black Stone. The Masjid al-Haram is located in this city which contains the Kaaba. The destination of the hajj pilgrimage is, for the point, what Saudi Arabian city, the holiest city in Islam?

ANSWER: **Mecca**

19. The surviving score for the middle movement of one of these works consists solely of a Phrygian half-cadence, which in performance, is often improvised over. The fourth one of these works feature one solo violin and two solo recorders, while during the fifth, the solo flute and solo violin fade off to introduce an extensive virtuosic cadenza for the harpsichord. For the point, name this set of six works by Johann Sebastian Bach written for a German margrave.

ANSWER: **Brandenburg Concertos**

20. In an annual festival, the fingers of a virgin martyr were brought from a casket, dipped in the waters of this river, and then burned. This river's tidal flows were the basis of the division of the year into Akhet, Peret, and Shemu, and it was once venerated in ceremonies by the Coptic Church. Ancient peoples believed that Khnum resided on an island in this river named Elephantine. The god Hapi presided over, for the point, what river, whose annual flooding held religious significance to ancient Egyptians?

ANSWER: **Nile** River

21. Elias Lönnrot compiled a Finnish example of a work in this genre called the Kalevala. The Rutulians are an adversary of the central group in another work in this genre, which begins "I sing of arms and the man." That work's central character is loved by the Carthaginian queen Dido. In a work in this genre, a group of men sail to Latium after their city is destroyed by the Greeks. For the point, name this genre of long poem exemplified by Virgil's *Aeneid*.

ANSWER: national **epic** poems

22. A work in this genre has an eighteenth variation with an "inverted" theme in D-flat major. A clarinet glissando starts a piece in this genre that was commissioned by Paul Whiteman. Franz Liszt wrote a set of 19 works in this genre based on music from his native Hungary, of which the second is the most famous. For the point, name this type of work that titles a Rachmaninoff work based on a theme by Niccolò Paganini and a George Gershwin work "in blue."

ANSWER: **rhapsody**

23. This novel's protagonist tells Ackley that he wears a "people shooting hat," and imagines being shot after he is punched and robbed by Maurice. A character in this novel writes about his brother Allie's poetry-inscribed baseball mitt, and cries while watching his sister Phoebe ride the Central Park carousel. This novel's protagonist wanders around New York City railing against "phonies" after being expelled from Pencey Prep. For the point, name this novel about Holden Caulfield, written by J.D. Salinger.

ANSWER: The **Catcher in the Rye**

24. The main characters of the movie *The Lavender Hill Mob* plan to smuggle gold inside miniature replicas of this structure. This structure is prominently visible through the window at the back left of Marc Chagall's *Self Portrait with Seven Fingers*. The Committed of Three Hundred protested the construction of this structure, which debuted at the 1889 World's Fair. This structure is located opposite from the Ecole Militaire on the Champ de Mars. For the point, name this iron structure in Paris.

ANSWER: **Eiffel Tower**

25. An outlining technique within this art form, Opus Vermiculatum, literally means "worm-work." Justinian and Theodora are depicted in this art form in a wall from the Basilica of San Vitale in Ravenna. Alexander the Great wears armor depicting the head of Medusa in an example of this type of art preserved on the floor of the House of the Faun in Pompeii. This art form makes use of many components called tesserae. For the point, name this art form in which pieces of colored tile or glass are assembled to form an image.

ANSWER: **mosaics**

26. One subspecialty of this field was the subject of philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre's book *After Virtue*. Euclidean-style axioms are laid out in a 17th century work named for this field of thought. Lectures from the Lyceum provided the basis for a work in this field partly titled for Aristotle's son Nicomachus. The trolley problem is a thought experiment used in this field of philosophy. For the point, name this field, sometimes known as moral philosophy, that studies the nature of right and wrong behavior.

ANSWER: **ethics** (accept **morality** or **moral** philosophy before it is mentioned)

27. The first bar of Luigi Boccherini's Minuet is an ascending pattern using this musical technique. The second through five bars of Handel's *Water Music* all use this musical technique. "Quarter note, half note, quarter note" and "sixteenth note, eighth note, sixteenth note" are common patterns for this musical technique. This rhythmic technique is the defining feature of ragtime music. For the point, name this rhythmical technique where accents are given to offbeats.

ANSWER: **syncopation**

28. A couple in this musical sing "two millionaires with a dream are we / We'll make our love survive." A song in this musical predicts that "soon a duet will become a trio" in the life of a "Lonely Goatherd," and Max Detweiler invites a group of children to perform at the Kalzberg Festival after hearing them sing "So Long, Farewell." Elsa Schraeder fails to marry Georg [GAY-org] in this musical when he falls for a tutor who teaches his children to sing "do, [doh] a deer, a female deer." FTP, name this musical in which Maria marries Captain Von Trapp and escapes Nazi Germany with his seven children.

ANSWER: The **Sound of Music**

29. This literary character begs Governor Bellingham and John Wilson to be allowed to keep her child, and she is invited to meet the Black Man in the woods with Mistress Hibbins. This character's plan to escape to Europe from Boston falls apart after Arthur Dimmesdale reveals himself to be the father of this woman's daughter, Pearl. For the point, name this woman who is forced to wear a red letter "A" after committing adultery, the protagonist of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*.

ANSWER: **Hester Prynne** (accept either name)

30. A legend recounted by Jean Froissart inspired this artwork, which includes a statue of Jean d'Aire. This work of art includes a depiction of Eustache de Saint Pierre emaciated from starvation and wearing sackcloth. In tribute to the Hundred Years' War, these six bronze sculptures wear nooses around their necks and hold the keys to their city. For the point, name this set of sculptures by Rodin [roh-DAN] that show the officials who surrendered to the English to save the citizens of a French port city.

ANSWER: The **Burghers of Calais** (accept Les **Bourgeois de Calais**)

31. This opera's overture includes a flute and English horn solo in the "Ranz des Vaches" section. A character in this opera is arrested after he is discovered plotting to kill the governor Gesler. A character in this opera tells his son to stay completely still in the aria *Sois immobile*. This opera's overture ends with the galloping "March of The Swiss Soldiers." For the point, name this opera in which the title character shoots an apple off his son's head.

ANSWER: **William Tell**

32. In a play by this author, Natasha is protective of her son Bobik, and Baron Tuzenbach is killed by Solyony in a duel. The title character of another play by this author attempts to shoot the professor Serebryakov. This author wrote about Irina, Masha, and Olga in *The Three Sisters*, and featured the "perpetual student" Trofimov and the deaf servant Firs in another play. In that play by this author, Madame Ranevskaya is forced to sell her estate to Lopakhin, who chops down the title location. For the point, name this Russian playwright of *Uncle Vanya* and *The Cherry Orchard*.

ANSWER: Anton **Chekhov**

33. A character in this work is captured by the Old Man of the Sea after his ship is destroyed by a roc. In this work's frame story, Dun-ya-zad asks her sister to tell her one last story, preventing King Shahryar from executing this work's narrator. Some stories in this work features a sailor who is shipwrecked multiple times and undergoes "seven voyages," and another describes a wish-granting djinn who emerges from a lamp. Sche·he·re·zade tells stories about Sinbad, Ali Baba, and Aladdin in, for the point, what collection of Arabic tales?

ANSWER: One **Thousand and One Nights** (accept The **Arabian Nights**; accept One **Thousand and One Arabian Nights**)

34. In order to cover up one of his relationships, this man ordered that Uriah the Hittite be placed in the front lines of his army. This man took Bathsheba as his wife, and his firstborn son, Amnon, was killed by Absalom. This man was the close friend of Jonathan and succeeded Saul as king. A six-cubit-tall man from Gath was killed and beheaded by this son of Jesse and father of Solomon. For the point, name this King of Israel who defeated Goliath.

ANSWER: King **David** (accept **Dawud**)

35. After Agamemnon offended this goddess, she commanded him to sacrifice his daughter Iphigenia before she would restore the winds to allow him to sail to Troy. In one myth, this goddess turned Actaeon into a stag and then set his own dogs upon him. One account of Orion's death is that this goddess killed him with a bow and arrow. This goddess vowed to remain a virgin at a young age. For the point, name this twin sister of Apollo and Greek goddess of the hunt.

ANSWER: **Artemis**

Extra Tossup – ONLY READ IF A QUESTION IS BOTCHED!

36. Zaha Hadid designed one of these buildings resembling two rocks washed away by a river in Guangzhou, China. European examples of these buildings include the Phoenix in Venice and the Palais Garnier in Paris. Mario Botta renovated one of these buildings in Milan named La Scala, which has electric screens that project the text of librettos and arias in multiple languages. For the point, name these buildings at which spectators might view a performance of *Aida*.

ANSWER: **opera houses**