

Humanities Bee – Final Round (V-JV)

Regulation Tossups

(1) This man published *The Last Summer* in 1934, which detailed the experiences of Serezha spending the winter in the Urals and carried an introduction written by this author's sister, Lydia Slater. This author's best-known novel was published after its manuscript was (+) smuggled into Italy in 1957, and this author was forced to turn down the 1958 Nobel Prize in Literature for that novel about a physician named Yuri. (*) For the points, name this Soviet author of *Doctor Zhivago*.

ANSWER: Boris Pasternak (or Boris Leonidovich Pasternak)

(2) This ruler claimed “the generation of prophets has always loved gold” while denouncing Tiresias. This ruler tasked Amphytrion with apprehending the Teumessian fox, which could never be captured. Following a dispute over the body of (+) Polyneices, this ruler ordered Antigone to be put to death. This ruler offered his kingdom and his sister to any man who could defeat the (*) Sphinx. For the points, name this brother of Jocasta, who succeeded Oedipus as king of Thebes.

ANSWER: Creon

(3) During a memorial for Giuseppe Martucci [[mar-TOO-chee]], this man refused to play *Giovinezza*, after which he was beaten by Blackshirts. This man conducted the American broadcast premiere of Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony Number Seven*. This man conducted the premiere of (+) Ruggero Leoncavallo's opera *Pagliacci* [[pah-LYAH-chee]]. A director at La Scala in Milan, (*) for the points, who was this Italian conductor, the first music director of the NBC Symphony Orchestra?

ANSWER: Arturo Toscanini

(4) In 2007, the Clark Art Institute was gifted this artist's painting *The Wheat Field*. One of this artist's paintings, originally titled *Landscape: Noon*, shows Willy Lott's Cottage and is one of his “six-footers,” which were created for (+) Royal Academy summer exhibitions. This artist was commissioned by Francis Slater Rebow to create *Wivenhoe Park*. (*) For the points, name this English landscape artist who created a depiction near Flatford Mill on the River Stour titled *The Hay Wain*.

ANSWER: John Constable

(5) Menehune and Laka are children of this deity, who is said to be capable of appearing as a white dog. Lono-makua is an attendant of this deity, who was chased and killed by Nāmaka after fleeing in a canoe. (+) This deity, who is also known as the earth-eating woman, is said to have created islands such as Molokai and Oahu. Locations such as Kīlauea [[kih-lah-WAY-uh]] and (*) Mauna Kea are sacred to, for the points, what creator of the Hawaiian Islands, a goddess of fire and volcanoes?

ANSWER: Pele [[PEH-leh]]

(6) The National Gallery of Art is home to a copy of this person's *The Last Joke, Bellagio*. An art gallery operated by this person was located at 291 Fifth Avenue in New York City. This person, who published the influential arts journal (+) *Camera Work*, shot a photograph which depicts the different social classes on a transatlantic ship. (*) For the points, name this influential American photographer of *The Steerage* and husband of painter Georgia O'Keeffe.

ANSWER: Alfred Stieglitz

(7) This thinker's first work, *De Logica*, describes Scholastic theology as one movement's "evening star." This thinker developed the idea of "dominion" to ban the church from owning property. He's not Saint Jerome. (+) but this thinker created a vernacular translation of the Vulgate Bible into Middle English, and the ideas of this thinker led to the rise of the Lollards. (*) For the points, name this English theologian, an important figure of the pre-Reformation.

ANSWER: John Wycliffe [[WIH-kliff]]

(8) This author's autographical work *The White Book* features an unnamed author's meditation on the death of a younger sister, following her birth. This author was influenced by the Yi Sang line "I believe all humans should be plants" to write a novel about (+) Yeong-hye's decision to stop eating meat. Another work by this author takes place during and after the Gwangju Democratic Uprising. (*) For the points, name this winner of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature, the author of *Human Acts* and *The Vegetarian*.

ANSWER: Han Kang (accept either underlined portion)

(9) In 1856, this man wrote a song honoring a woman named Annie, declaring "like a flower thy spirit did depart." This composer controversially produced "minstrel" songs, though works by this composer such as "My Old Kentucky Home" (+) are seen as sympathetic to enslaved people. This writer used nonstandard language in works such as "Old Folks at Home," the official state song of Florida, which describes the Suwannee River. (*) For the points, name this American folk composer of "Camptown Races" and "Oh! Susanna."

ANSWER: Stephen Foster (or Stephen Collins Foster)

(10) With Lilly Reich, this architect designed the Barcelona Chair for a namesake pavilion at the 1929 International Exposition. With Mecanoo, this architect designed a public library in Washington, D.C. that was named for (+) Martin Luther King Jr. In Illinois, this architect designed an International Style building raised above the floodplain for Edith Farnsworth. (*) For the points, name this German-American architect who was the last director of the Bauhaus school and co-designed the Seagram Building.

ANSWER: Ludwig Mies van der Rohe [[MEEZ van der ROH-uh]] (or Maria Ludwig Michael Mies; prompt on "van der Rohe")

(11) In the 1950 musical film *Summer Stock*, this person performed a "newspaper dance," creating rhythm with objects like squeaky floorboards. This advocate of "dance for the common man" starred in the 1951 film *An American in Paris*. (+) performing a dance to the song "I Got Rhythm." In another film, this person used objects such as a lamppost and an umbrella while performing in a (*) downpour. For the points, name this American dancer who starred in the 1952 musical film *Singin' in the Rain*.

ANSWER: Gene Kelly (or Eugene Curran Kelly)

(12) This novel properly begins after its protagonist enters the Rongguo House following his mother's death, where he meets the Twelve Beauties of Jinling. Two of those women, Xue Baochai and Lin Daiyu, drive the principal conflict of this novel as the subjects of relationships with (+) Jia Baoyu. This novel, which depicts the end of the High Qing [[CHING]] period, was written by Cao Xueqin [[SHWEH-CHIN]]. (*) For the points, name this member of China's Four Great Classic Novels, which is named for a colorful room.

ANSWER: *Dream of the Red Chamber* (both portions required; or *Dream of Red Mansions*; or *Red Chamber Dream*; or hóng lóu mèng; or *The Story of the Stone*; or shí tóu jì)

(13) This architect won a contest to design the Heydar Aliyev Center. This architect's design of the Al Janoub Stadium, a venue for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, was inspired by the shape of *dhow* boats. This architect designed the terminal building of (+) Daxing International Airport, as well as the London Aquatics Center for the 2012 Olympics, and this architect was nicknamed the (*) "queen of the curve." For the points, name this first woman to win the Pritzker Prize, a British-Iraqi architect who died in 2016.

ANSWER: Zaha Hadid (or Dame Zaha Mohammad Hadid)

(14) "Beacons" for these beings are constructed from symbols and glyphs called *veve* [[veh-veh]]. Possession by these beings is known as "riding," which can take place during Kanzo initiation rituals. These beings serve as divine intermediaries between humanity and the supreme god (+) Bondye [[BON-dyuh]], and examples of these beings include Papa Legba and Baron Samedi, the latter of whom wears a (*) top hat and holds domain over crossroads. For the points, name these spirits which are venerated in Haitian Vodou.

ANSWER: Loa (or Lwa; prompt on "spirit(s)" but do NOT accept or prompt on "gods" or "deities")

(15) In one brass work by this man, known as a "Torso," three cylinders are attached in a manner resembling male reproductive organs. In 1923, this artist created the first version of a work that mixed bronze and (+) marble to represent one animal's motion, whose classification as art was not believed by U.S. customs officials. In 1916, this modernist created a depiction of the "vain" Marie (*) Bonaparte that many deemed obscene. For the points, name this Romanian sculptor of *Bird in Space* and *Princess X*.

ANSWER: Constantin Brâncuși [[BRAN-koosh]]

(16) **The director Satyajit Ray adapted novels by this author into films such as *Ghare Baire* and *Nastanirh*. This author became the first non-European writer to receive the (+) Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 after publishing a collection of poems, which included a preface by W. B. Yeats in its first edition. The music and lyrics for the national anthems of Bangladesh and (*) India were written by, for the points, what author of the poetry collection *Gitanjali*?**

ANSWER: Rabindranath **Tagore** (or Rabindranath **Thakur**; accept **Bhanusimha**; prompt on "Sun Lion")

(17) **In 1921, the Chicago Opera premiered this composer's French-language opera about a curse inflicted on the song of the King of Clubs by Fata Morgana. This composer of *The Love for Three Oranges* was often commissioned to create works for (+) Sergei Diaghilev, such as his *Prodigal Son* and the orchestral *Scythian Suite*. (*) For the points, name this Soviet-Russian composer who created the "Dance of the Knights" for the ballet *Romeo and Juliet*.**

ANSWER: Sergei **Prokofiev** (or Sergei Sergeyevich **Prokofiev**)

(18) **Alongside longtime collaborator Michelozzo, this artist created the Tomb of Cardinal Rainaldo Brancacci in Naples. While he was based in Florence, this man's *Saint George* was sculpted for the Orsanmichele [[OR-san-mee-KAY-leh]] church. (+) This artist created the first full-sized equestrian statue of the Italian Renaissance, and the first since antiquity, (*) *Gattamelata*. For the points, name this Italian sculptor of the Early Renaissance who created a bronze sculpture of David.**

ANSWER: **Donatello** (or **Donato** di Niccolò di Betto Bardi)

(19) **Deryck Cooke attempted to create performable versions of this man's unfinished *Symphony Number Ten*, which featured manuscript comments such as "To live for you! To die for you!" This composer referenced Hans Bethge's [[BAYTH-guhz]] translation of Chinese poems to compose his (+) "Song of the Earth." Biographers of this composer struggle with misleading accounts from his wife, the so-called Alma Problem. (*) For the points, name this Romantic composer who wrote the C minor *Resurrection Symphony* and also created the "Symphony of a Thousand."**

ANSWER: Gustav **Mahler**

(20) **This artist created a sculpture at Miami Beach featuring a palm tree titled *Mermaid*. The AXA Center features a mural by this artist, the five-stories tall *Mural with Blue Brushstroke*. This artist utilized speech balloons and (+) Ben-Day dots in a 1961 oil on canvas painting titled *Look Mickey*, while another of his works features a fighter aircraft firing a rocket at another plane. (*) For the points, name this Pop Art painter who created works like *Whaam!* and *Drowning Girl*.**

ANSWER: Roy **Lichtenstein** (or Roy Fox **Lichtenstein**)

(21) **While fighting against Lyngi's forces, this figure is mortally wounded in front of his wife, *Hjördís*. After sleeping with his sister, this man became the father of *Sinfjotli*, with whom he transformed into an animal. This figure (+) bites off a wolf's tongue after he tricked it into licking his face by smearing it with honey. This son of *Völsung* was the only man capable of removing Odin's (*) sword from the Barnstokkr oak. For the points, name this Germanic hero, the father of Siegfried.**

ANSWER: **Sigmund** (or **Sigmundr**)

(22) A female personification of Greece is depicted by this painter standing on the ruins of Missolonghi after its capture by the Ottomans. Another of this artist's paintings about the Greek War of Independence depicts wartime destruction at the Massacre at (+) Chios [[KEE-ohs]]. In another painting by this man, a boy wielding two pistols marches behind the figure Marianne while a man in a (*) top hat holds a firearm. For the points, name this French painter of *Liberty Leading the People*.

ANSWER: Eugène Delacroix [[DEH-luh-kwah]] (or Ferdinand Victor Eugène Delacroix)

(23) This man wrote all of the tracks except for "I'm Old Fashioned" on the album *Blue Train*, which was recorded at the Van Gelder Studio, while another album by this man features portions like "Acknowledgement," "Resolution," "Pursuance," and "Psalm." (+) In 1958, Ira Gitler coined a term to describe this musician's style, which was called "sheets of sound." (*) For the points, name this jazz saxophonist who led a quartet on the album *A Love Supreme* and released the album *Giant Steps*.

ANSWER: John Coltrane (or John William Coltrane)

(24) This author collected stories such as "The Disk" and "Ulrikke" in *The Book of Sand*. This author described the Chinese spy and professor Yu Tsun, who kills a man named Albert to inform the Germans of a British artillery location. This author of (+) "The Garden of Forking Paths" described one setting as a series of hexagonal rooms containing all possible books. (*) For the points, name this Argentine author who collected stories such as "The Library of Babel" in the collection *Ficciones*.

ANSWER: Jorge Luis Borges [[BOR-hayz]] (or Jorge Francisco Isidoro Luis Borges)

(25) According to Herodotus, this figure was the first to predict a solar eclipse, which interrupted a battle between the Lydians and the Medes. This person formed what is considered the first philosophical school alongside his successors (+) Anaximander and Anaximenes [[ah-nak-SIH-muh-nee]]. Often considered the first Western philosopher, (*) for the points, who is this founder of the Milesian school who believed that nature's existence is based on water?

ANSWER: Thales [[THAY-leez]] of Miletus

(26) Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae* characterizes this concept as "the equation of thought and thing." Friedrich Nietzsche's [[NEE-chuhs]] work named for this concept and its opposite [*in a Nonmoral Sense*] defines this concept as a "mobile army of metaphors, metonyms, and anthropomorphisms." (+) Gottlob Frege [[GOT-lohp FRAY-guh]] first posited the deflationary theory of this concept, which argues that ascribing this concept to a statement has no more value than the statement itself. Aristotle's correspondence theory (*) posits that, for the points, what concept exists when a statement agrees with reality?

ANSWER: truth (accept *On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense*)

(27) **This work was followed by the sequel *Xiyoubu*, which depicts one of its main characters trapped in an alternate world made by the Qing [[CHING]] Fish Demon. The White Dragon Horse, Sha Wujing, and Zhu Bajie serve as servants for this work's protagonist. (+)** A main character from this work was born on Flower Fruit Mountain and learns the art of the Tao and 72 transformations. (*) For the points, name this Chinese novel about a pilgrimage undertaken by the monk Xuanzang with Sun Wukong, the monkey king.

ANSWER: *Journey to the West* (or *Xīyóuji*)

(28) **Scriptures important to this religion include the "Seven Treatises," the Shabuhrgan, and the Arzhang. Following its collapse in the Mediterranean region, this religion briefly survived in China known as "Mingjiao," (+)** where it was the official religion of the Uyghur [[WEE-guhr]] Khaganate. This religion was the original faith of St. Augustine before his conversion. (*) For the points, name this historic religion established by an Iranian prophet who syncretized several tenets of Buddhism, Jainism, and early Christianity.

ANSWER: Manichaeism (accept Mani alone)

(29) **This author, who emigrated to the United States, set several novels, such as *Island Beneath the Sea*, in New Orleans. This author wrote *Kingdom of the Golden Dragon and Forest of the Pygmies* as sequels to *City of the Beasts*. (+)** In this author's debut novel, ghosts haunt the Trueba family during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. (*) For the points, name this author of *The House of the Spirits*, the cousin of a former president of Chile.

ANSWER: Isabel Allende [[ay-YEN-deh]] (or Isabel Angélica Allende Llona)

(30) **This novel features an early antihero named Kaoru. This work's "Uji Chapters" may not have been written by this work's author, but rather the author's daughter, Daini no Sanmi. The titular character of this work is the son of (+)** Kiritsubo and an unnamed consort, and an intentionally blank chapter of this novel suggests the death of its title character, and is titled (*) "Vanished into the Clouds." For the points, name this Murasaki Shikibu work, considered one of the world's first novels.

ANSWER: *Tale of Genji* (or *Genji Monogatari*)

Extra Questions

(1) **This scene was painted on punching bags by Andy Warhol and Jean-Michel Basquiat. A transparent torso floats in front of pentagonal windows in Salvador Dalí's version of this scene, and one depiction of this scene is set on a (+) diagonal axis and was created by Tintoretto. In another version of this scene, painted on dry plaster, knocked-over salt foreshadows Judas's betrayal of the (*) central figure. For the points, name this scene most notably painted by Leonardo da Vinci, depicting Jesus's final meal with his apostles.**

ANSWER: *The Last Supper*

(2) **An author born in this modern country wrote a work of literary criticism doubting the authenticity of the Quran in *On Pre-Islamic Poetry*. This modern country contained the birthplace of blind writer, Taha Hussein, (+) and an author born in this modern country wrote a work following the family of al-Sayyid Ahmad Abd al-Jawad, and that work is *Palace Walk*. (*) For the points, name this modern country where Naguib Mahfouz, the author of the *Cairo Trilogy*, was born.**

ANSWER: **Egypt** (or Arab Republic of **Egypt**; or Jumhuriyyat **Misr** al-'Arabiyyah)