



NATIONAL Humanities Bee

2018 Finals Round 5

1. Voltaire once claimed that the act of "burning [this work] was perhaps as odious as that of writing it." This work argues that moral law cannot be governed, but political, civil, and criminal law can, and it claims that women need to be part of the sovereign of a government to make up what is known as its "general will." The quote "Man is born free; and everywhere he is in chains" appears at the beginning of this work. For the point, name this work written by Jean-Jacques Rousseau titled for a type of political agreement.

ANSWER: The **Social Contract**

2. A memoir about this modern country's revolution includes the sections "Gatsby," "James," "Austen," and "Lolita." An author from this country wrote a graphic novel in which the comic strip "Dialectic Materialism" influences Marji to rebel against the fundamentalist government. A poem from this modern day country states "The moving finger, having writ, writes on" and describes "a jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou;" that Omar Khayyam poem is written in Farsi. *The Rubaiyat* and *Persepolis* are set in, for the point, which nation, the setting of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*?

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of **Iran** (accept Jomhuri-ye Eslami-ye **Iran**)

3. In designing his own house, this architect placed steel panels, chain link fences, and glass panels to form a new exterior around the core of an older Dutch Colonial home. The panels of a stainless steel concert hall designed by this man had to be dulled with a matte to prevent excessive reflection. This architect used limestone and titanium in his design for the Bilbao Guggenheim. L.A.'s Walt Disney Concert Hall was designed by, for the point, what leading modernist architect?

ANSWER: Frank Owen **Gehry** (accept Frank Owen **Goldberg**)

4. This man voiced his opposition to the Vietnam War in "The Responsibility of Intellectuals." With Marcel-Paul Schützenberger, this man organized a hierarchy that created types labeled from zero to three to classify grammars. This man's first work used a fully formal approach to examine grammar and was titled *Syntactic Structures*, in which this man wrote the grammatical but nonsensical sentence "colorless green ideas sleep furiously." For the point, name this former MIT professor considered the father of modern linguistics.

ANSWER: (Avram) Noam **Chomsky**

5. In one play by this author, the news that the baby Astyanax has been killed is brought by Talthybius to Andromache. In another play by this author, Agave mistakes a character's head for a mountain lion's after that character, Pentheus, was torn apart by Maenads. A character created by this playwright of *The Bacchae* and *The Trojan Women* uses poisoned robes to kill Glauce and Creon, and later escapes on Helios's chariot after stabbing her children in order to punish her lover Jason. For the point, name this Ancient Greek tragedian who wrote *Medea*.

ANSWER: **Euripides**

6. A poem in this genre claims "how much better to endure whatever comes" and instructs "strain your wine and prove your wisdom." It's not the Cavalier poets, but another poem in this genre maintains "the age is best which is the first / When youth and blood are warmer," and claims "this same flower that smiles today / To-morrow will be dying." An ode on this concept warns "trust tomorrow e'en as little as you may," and was written by Horace. "To the Virgins, to make much of Time" exemplifies, for the point, what genre named after Horace's call to "seize the day?"

ANSWER: **Carpe Diem** (prompt on "seize the day" before it is read)

7. A massive mirror dominates the right side of a painting by this artist, in which Suzon talks to a customer next to a bowl of oranges. Victorine Meurent modeled for two masterpieces by this artist of *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère* [foh-LEE bayr-ZHAYR]. A painting by this artist shows two formally-dressed men and two naked women enjoying an outdoor meal. This artist depicted a prostitute next to a black servant in a painting that shocked the 1865 Paris Salon. For the point, name this artist of *Luncheon on the Grass* and *Olympia*.

ANSWER: Édouard **Manet**

8. One of this composer's characters sings that she "lived for art" and "lived for love." In one of this composer's operas, the title character jumps off a building after seeing that her lover Mario Cavaradossi is dead. In one of this composer's opera, excerpts from the Star-Spangled Banner represent the character of Lieutenant Pinkerton, husband to Cio-Cio San [cho-cho-san]. For the point, name this composers of operas such as *Turandot*, *Tosca* and *Madama Butterfly*.

ANSWER: Giacomo **Puccini**

9. A character created by this poet "sleeps like a rock or a man that's dead." In another poem, this poet describes objects "older than the blood in human veins" before declaring his "soul has grown deep like the rivers." This author of "The Weary Blues" and "The Negro Speaks of Rivers," wrote a poem in which the narrator wonders if an object "sags / like a heavy load," "explode[s]," or "dries up like a raisin in the sun." For the point, name this prominent member of the Harlem Renaissance, the author of "A Dream Deferred."

ANSWER: (James Mercer) Langston **Hughes**

10. One of these artworks titled *Spirale* sits outside the UNESCO headquarters. An important precursor to these artworks was their artist's elaborate diorama of a circus. Many of these artworks are composed of colored aluminum pieces connected by wire. Marcel Duchamp coined the name of these artworks in reference to their sporadic movements due to air currents. *Lobster Trap and Fish Tail* is one of, for the point, what free-hanging sculptures designed by Alexander Calder?

ANSWER: **mobiles** (prompt on "kinetic sculptures")

11. Halfdan Long-Leg and Aella of Northumbria were executed in a ritual partly named for this substance by having their lungs pulled out through their back. Some of this substance from Kvasir was mixed with honey to form the Mead of Poetry. A Viking ritual sacrifice to Odin is named for an eagle and this substance. After the slaying of Ymir, this substance flowed from his body and formed the seas and the oceans. For the point, name this substance that Loki and Odin mixed to swear an oath of brotherhood.

ANSWER: **blood** (accept **Blood** Eagle)

12. In this opera, an upside-down boat indicates that the fisherman Jake has drowned, but his wife Clara futilely runs out into a hurricane to try to save him. A pentatonic lullaby in this song opens by noting "and the livin' is easy." DuBose Heyward wrote the libretto to this opera, whose dialect-heavy lyrics were written by the composer's brother Ira. The song "Summertime" is featured in, for the point, what American opera composed by George Gershwin?

ANSWER: **Porgy and Bess**

13. These events include the Peshwai, an elaborate procession in which the Naga Sadhus arrive. These events are held every twelve years at each of four different locations, including Haridwar and Allahabad, which also host "half" versions of this event. The four sites for this event are where Vishnu dropped amrita from a pot that gives this event its name. Tens of millions of people bathe in holy rivers, such as the Yamuna and the Ganges, during, for the point, what Hindu pilgrimage?

ANSWER: **Kumbha** Mela (accept Arda **Kumbha** Mela)

14. Upon hearing a work in the same genre by Victor Herbert, this composer was inspired to write his *Cello Concerto in B minor*. This composer's first symphony is given the nickname "The Bells of Zlonice". This composer's visit to Spillville Iowa influenced his *American String Quartet*. This composer used tunes from his native country to write two sets of *Slavonic Dances*. FTP, name this Czech composer whose ninth symphony is known as "From the New World".

Answer: Antonin **Dvořak**

15. After killing twelve serpents, this character is instructed by a woodpecker to shoot arrows at a tuft of hair in order to slay an evil magician. This character is born after Wenonah is seduced by the West Wind Mudjekeewis, despite the warnings of Wenonah's mother, Nokomis. Despite defeating the evil magician Pearl-Father and discovering grain and writing, this character is unable to save his lover Minnehaha during a harsh winter. For the point, name this Native American warrior, the protagonist of a "Song" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

ANSWER: **Hiawatha** (accept The **Song of Hiawatha**)

16. A resident of this structure, which shares its root word with a double-headed axe, was called Asterion by the local populace. Because he knew its design, the builder of this structure was imprisoned in a tower, which he escaped by fashioning a pair of wings from wax and feathers. Ariadne gave Theseus a ball of string so that he could navigate this structure, which was designed by Daedalus to house a monster that is half-man and half-bull. For the point, what structure on Crete with a maze-like design housed the Minotaur?

ANSWER: **Labyrinth**

17. In this novel, Mr Jellyband's pub is the site of a meeting between Antony Dewhurst, Andrew Ffoulkes, and other members of a secret society who are pursued by Citizen Chauvelin. In this novel, Marguerite denounces the Marquis de St Cyr and is shocked to discover that her foppish husband is living a double life. A group of Englishmen rescue French nobles during the French Revolution in, for the point, what novel by Baroness Emma Orczy, in which Sir Percy Blakeney has an alter ego named for the title red flower?

ANSWER: The **Scarlet Pimpernel**

18. Banksy added a drunken soccer hooligan dressed in shorts, two overturned chairs, and a broken sheet of glass to his rendition of this painting. This painting's artist experimented with zinc-based white paint to show the effects of fluorescent lighting and used his wife Jo as the model for a red-haired woman in a red dress in this painting. For the point, name this painting by Edward Hopper in which a white-aproned worker serves coffee to three diner patrons on a dimly-lit street corner.

ANSWER: **Nighthawks**

19. This composer's set of short piano pieces *Songs Without Words* include two Venetian Boat Songs. This composer led a movement to revive the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, specifically the *St. Matthew's Passion*. This composer's visits to the British Isles influenced his *Scottish* symphony and his *Hebrides* overture. For the point, name this composer whose incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* includes the brass heavy "Wedding March".

ANSWER: Felix **Mendelssohn**

20. Ralph Barton Perry published a set of this man's work after his death titled *Essays in Radical Empiricism*. This man claims that blind faith is necessary before finding truth in his essay "The Will to Believe." The term "stream of consciousness" was coined by this man, who was a leader figure of a school of thought created alongside C.S. Pierce and John Dewey. For the point, name this "Father of American Psychology," a noted pragmatist.

ANSWER: William **James**

21. Amergin Gluingel served as both a bard and one of these people. Female members of this class were known as bandrui and included Tlachtga [t'lak-tuh], who gave birth to triplets on the Hill of Ward. Julius Caesar wrote that these people placed criminals inside large "wicker men" and set them on fire in tribute to the gods. Mistletoe was sacred to these people, who were said to have prophetic powers. For the point, name this class of spiritual and legal authorities in ancient Celtic life.

ANSWER: **Druids**

22. The main character of a film by this director wishes to meet the Blue Fairy, which is actually a statue in the underwater ruins of Coney Island. The title character of a movie by this director demonstrates his supernatural powers by reviving dead chrysanthemums. David is among the first group of Mecha robots in a film by this director; in another film directed by this man, an alien phones home for help after it is stranded on the earth by a visiting spaceship. For the point, name this director of *A.I.* and *E.T.*

ANSWER: Steven **Spielberg**

23. Leon Bakst was one of the earliest costume designers for this company, which employed Leonide Massine. A reworking of *Les Sylphides* by this company was choreographed by Michel Fokine. This organization put on *Le Festin*, a collection of short scenes, in its first production season. In 1910, *The Firebird* was completed after this company commissioned Igor Stravinsky to compose it. Sergei Diaghilev was the artistic director of, for the point, what ballet company that was based in Paris, despite its name?

ANSWER: **Ballets Russes** (or the **Russian Ballet**)

24. This text is the basis of the section of Sergei Rachmanioff's *All-Night Vigil* titled "Bogoroditse Devo". The third *Ellens Gesang* from a song cycle based off of Walter Scott's poem *The Lady of the Lake* sets this text to music. One work that uses this text uses Johann Sebastian Bach's *Prelude in C Major* in the background and is by Charles Gounod. Franz Schubert wrote a popular vocal piece using, for the point, what text about the Virgin Mary?

ANSWER: **Ave Maria**

25. A consort of this god had her body cut into 52 pieces after she killed herself in a sacrifice because her father would not accept this god as her husband. This god is the consort of a woman alternately called Daksayani or Sati, though most traditional accounts hold this god's wife to be Parvati. This god, who resides on the peak of Mount Kailash, is often depicted riding the bull Nandi. For the point, name this destroyer god from Hindu mythology, who forms the Trimurti with Vishnu and Brahma.

ANSWER: **Shiva**

26. In one portrait, this artist depicted a red and blue cross on the white robe of Hortensio Paravicino. A man in a blue robe gestures to the sky in this artist's painting of a scene from Revelation alternately titled *The Vision of Saint John* or the *Opening of the Fifth Seal*. The dome-shaped, upper part of a painting by this artist depicts heaven, while the bottom half shows the interment of a Spanish noble. For the point, what artist of *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* is nicknamed for his origins on the island of Crete?

ANSWER: **El Greco** (accept either name of **Domenikos Theotokopoulos**)

27. A man grows to love this literary character while crying gin-scented tears. Tom Parsons is turned in by his children for muttering "Down with [this man]" in his sleep. This man's ruling party imprisons Ampleforth for leaving the word "God" in a Kipling poem. The "sub-human chanting" of this man's initials ends the *Two Minutes Hate*. The image of this rival to Emmanuel Goldstein is printed on posters all over Oceania. For the point, name this Stalin-esque mustachioed figurehead who watches over the characters in *1984*.

ANSWER: **Big Brother**

28. In this religion, the shedding of Damballah's snake skin creates the waters of the world. A deity in this religion allows people to speak with those in Guinea, and another deity in this religion rots bodies in the ground to prevent spirits returning to life as zombies. In this religion, Baron Samedi and Papa Legba are spirits called loas, who serve this religion's supreme god, Bondye. Elements of Yoruba belief systems from West Africa are incorporated into, for the point, what religion popular in Haiti?

ANSWER: Haitian **Voodoo** (accept **Vodou**; accept **Vodun**)

29. During a scene which begins with music to *Deep in the Forest*, this character hears of the death of his mother and Solveig's song. This character's encounter with trolls is depicted in the piece *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. The rising sun while this character is stranded in the desert is depicted in the piece *Morning Mood*. For the point, name this character that appears in a Henrik Ibsen play and a suite by Edvard Grieg.

ANSWER: **Peer Gynt**

30. A cycle of 14 paintings depicting one of these features includes the *Return of the Bucentoro to the Molo on Ascension Day*. The painting *The Stonemason's Yard* depicts one of these features that provide the surname of its artist, Giovanni Antonio. Merchant residences called Fandaco were found along these features. Felix Mendelssohn compiled a volume of songs from the boatmen who worked in gondolas along these features. For the point, name these waterways that provide transportation in Venice.

ANSWER: **canals** of Venice (accept **Canaletto**; prompt on "waterways" or similar answers before read)

31. One of these musical instances which scholars refer to "Redemption through Love" unusually only occurs twice, with the second concluding the work *Götterdämmerung*. Hundreds of these musical instances including Albreich's "death curse" and Siegfried's horn call are found throughout the four operas that make up Wagner's *Ring Cycle*. For the point, give this term referring to a short musical fragment in an opera which represents a person, place or thing.

ANSWER: **leitmotif** (prompt on "theme" or "motif")

32. Alfred, Lord Tennyson referred to this book of the Bible as "the greatest poem of ancient and modern times." In this book, Eliphaz visits the namesake man with Zophar and Bildad. A strong wind collapses a house in this book, killing all of the children of the title man, who receives boils and is forced to sit in ashes after Satan makes a bet with God. For the point, name this book of the Bible about a man who is unquestionably loyal to God even in the face of extreme hardship.

ANSWER: Book of **Job** (accept **Iyov**)

33. In this play, Beneatha receives marriage proposals from both the assimilated George Murchinson and the Nigerian Joseph Asagai. A character's dream of opening a liquor store in this play is ruined when investment money is stolen by Bobo and Willy. Despite pressure from Mr. Karl Lindner to move out of the all-white Clydenbourne Park in this play, the black Younger family decides to stay and fulfill their dream of owning a house. For the point, name this Lorraine Hansberry play with a title taken from Langston Hughes's "A Dream Deferred."

ANSWER: A **Raisin in the Sun**

34. This composer used the song "Back Home Again in Indiana" as basis for his jazz standard "Donna Lee", which he recorded with a quintet for Dial Records. This composer names a variant of twelve bar blues pioneered in his "Blues for Alice". Dizzy Gillespie and this other musician are considered the founders of the bebop genre. For the point, name this saxophonist whose song "Ornithology" references his nickname "Bird".

ANSWER: Charlie **Parker**

35. The worship of this god was conflated with the worship of Apis in the worship of the god Serapis. This god's brother murdered him and cut up his body into many pieces, which were subsequently retrieved by his wife. Two symbols of this deity, the crook and flail, became associated with the power of the pharaoh. This brother of Set fathered Horus after he was resurrected by his wife, Isis. For the point, name this Egyptian god of the afterlife and of the dead.

ANSWER: **Osiris**

36. It's not Russia, but a sculptor from this country designed a statue of Peter the Great that sits atop the Thunder Stone; Catherine the Great commissioned that artist from this country to sculpt *The Bronze Horseman*. A sculptor from this country designed *The Three Shades* and *The Kiss* for his masterwork *The Gates of Hell*, which also inspired his depiction of a pensive man resting his head on his right hand, *The Thinker*. For the point, name this home country of Etienne Falconet and Auguste Rodin.

ANSWER: **France**

37. A poem by this author describes a boy who "subdue[s] his father's trees / By riding them down" and claims "one could do worse than be a swinger of" the title "Birches." The narrator of another poem by this author observes "the easy wind and downy flake" of "the darkest evening in the year" and concludes "I have promises to keep / And miles to go before I sleep." This poet compared his neighbor to "an old-stone savage armed," and claims "good fences make good neighbors." For the point, name this American poet of "Mending Wall" and "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening."

ANSWER: Robert Lee **Frost**

38. On a keyboard, the Phrygian scale starting on this note has no sharps or flats. Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto is in this note's minor key. This note is the mediant of C major. This note's major key has four sharps in its key signature, and its minor key has one sharp. This note is enharmonically equivalent to F-flat. This note's solfège syllable is mi [mee]. For the point, what note is a major third above C?

ANSWER: **E** (do not accept E sharp or E flat)