



# NATIONAL Humanities Bee

## 2018 Prelims Round 2

1. A character in this musical declares "I feel the wind, I breathe again, / and the sky clears, the world is waiting" and swears he will not "forgive them for what they've done" in the song "On Parole." In this musical, a girl sings about a place where "nobody shouts or talks too loud," although she lives in a pub where the cruel Thenardiers [teh-nar-dee-AYZ] "charge 'em for the mice, / extra for the lice." "Master of the House" and "Castle on a Cloud" are from this musical, in which Inspector Javert sings "The Confrontation" with Jean Valjean. For the point, name this musical based on a novel by Victor Hugo.

ANSWER: Les **Miserables** (accept **Les Mis**)

2. These weapons won a battle in which a god had his sinews torn out, got wrapped in a bear skin, and then thrown into a cave. These weapons were used to defeat Typhon, after which their owner buried Typhon under Mount Etna. The Cyclopes forged these weapons for their owner after he killed Campe and freed them from Tartarus. Sky and weather gods often fought with, for the point, what meteorological weapons wielded by Zeus that were often accompanied by a flash of light from the sky?

ANSWER: **thunderbolts** (accept **lightning bolts**; prompt on partial answers, such as "lightning")

3. This composer wrote a six movement suite for solo piano whose fifth movement depicts a shepherd playing the flute. The third movement of this composer's *Suite bergamasque* is based off a Paul Verlaine poem. This composer's twenty-four preludes include ones titled *The Submerged Cathedral* and *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair*. This composer wrote an orchestral piece whose second section is titled "Play of the Waves". For the point, name this French impressionist composer of *Children's Corner*, *La Mer* and *Clair de Lune*.

ANSWER: Claude **Debussy**

4. In a novel by this author, a dictator founds Bokomonism on the island of San Lorenzo and commits suicide using Ice-9 obtained from Felix Hoenikker. This author of *Cat's Cradle* created a character who is shot after refusing to wear handicaps in "Harrison Bergeron." The protagonist of a novel by this author is kidnapped by a flying saucer and taken to Tral-fama-dore, and becomes "unstuck in time" after the firebombing of Dresden. Billy Pilgrim was created by, for the point, what science fiction author of *Slaughterhouse-5*?

ANSWER: Kurt **Vonnegut**, Jr.

5. This artist used the orange and green colors created by urinating onto canvases covered with copper paint in his *Oxidation* series. Valerie Solanis shot this artist while he was at his studio, which was nicknamed The Factory. This man used a screen-printing process to create sets of 32 images that depicted every available variety of a consumer good, including cream of celery and chicken noodle. For the point, name this Pop artist who created many paintings of *Campbell's Soup Cans*.

ANSWER: Andy **Warhol** (accept Andrew **Warhola**)

6. A preserved version of the long-lost Paippalada version of one of these texts was discovered in Odisha in the 20th century; that text includes information on daily rituals, largely unlike the other three of these texts. An invocation of the fire deity Agni begins one of these works, which is divided into ten mandalas and was composed in Sanskrit over 3,000 years ago. The Upanishads are contained within, for the point, what authorless holy texts of Hinduism, including the Rig? ANSWER: **Vedas** (accept Atharva**veda**; accept Rig**veda** after “fire deity” is read; do not accept or prompt on Upanishads)

7. This character discovers a woman who has died from skin suffocation after yellow paint was applied to her entire body; that discovery is made after he uncovers a scheme to cheat a man out of thousands of dollars playing gin. In one movie, this man is sent to Turkey to retrieve a Lektor cipher machine from a supposed Russian defector. In another film, this character confronts Oddjob in Fort Knox after foiling a plot to blow up the U.S. bullion reserve. For the point, what British agent appears in the films *From Russia with Love* and *Goldfinger*? ANSWER: **James Bond** (accept either name)

8. After nine days of plague, a king in this work reluctantly returns his captive Chryses, but angers another character by taking Briseis. In this work, a character is saved by Aphrodite from Menelaus, and another character's body is dragged around a walled city after he is killed in a duel. While wearing another character's armor, Patroclus is killed in this work, inspiring Achilles to return to battle and kill Hector. Paris refuses to give up Helen in, for the point, what epic poem by Homer that chronicles the Trojan War? ANSWER: The **Iliad**

9. Three low and loud brass notes begins the overture to this composer's *The Force of Destiny*. Act 2, scene 2 of an opera by this composer begins with a triumphal march that includes Radames' troops sing "Glory to Egypt." *The Fallen Woman* is an alternate title for one of this composer's operas that ends with Violetta dying of tuberculosis. For the point, name this Italian composer of operas such as *Rigoletto*, *Aida*, and *La Traviata*. ANSWER: Giuseppe **Verdi**

10. This event is the first in John's Book of Signs, and provoked a man to declare "you have saved the best for last." During this event, a mother told servants to do whatever her son asked, which prompted them to bring him six large, stone jars. The Galilean town of Cana was the site of this event, which took place on the third day of a wedding attended by Mary and the disciples. For the point, name this first miracle of Jesus, during which he conjured alcohol for a party. ANSWER: Jesus transforming **water into wine** (accept obvious equivalents; accept the **wedding at Cana** or the **marriage at Cana** until "Cana" is read)

11. Twenty-three years after its completion, this painting's artist revisited its central topic in a work divided into rows and columns of rectangular bricks. A leafless olive tree appears on the left side of this painting, whose background depicts the coast of Catalonia. Ants swarm over a downturned orange object in this painting, and a long-eyelashed, deformed face lies over a pile of rocks. For the point, name this Salvador Dali painting that depicts several soft-textured clocks draped over scenery. ANSWER: The **Persistence of Memory**

12. This philosopher introduced a concept known as the Transcendental Aesthetic in a work that defines the distinction between analytic and synthetic judgments. This man claimed that "man's emergence from his self-incurred immaturity" was the answer to the question "What is Enlightenment?" This man argued that one should according to how one would want others to act in a similar situation in his concept of the categorical imperative. For the point, name this German philosopher who wrote the *Critique of Pure Reason*. ANSWER: Immanuel **Kant**

13. While this man was the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, he argued against copper coinage in *Drapier's Letters*. Jack, Martin, and Peter each represent a different branch of Christianity in this author's *A Tale of a Tub*. He argued that the Irish poor should sell their children to be eaten by the rich in his essay *A Modest Proposal*, and wrote about a man who visits the flying island Laputa and tiny people of Lilliput. For the point, name this author of *Gulliver's Travels*.

ANSWER: Jonathan **Swift**

14. This jazz musician made famous the song "St. James Infirmary Blues". Two of this musician's bands are referenced in the name of his compilation album *Hot Fives & Sevens*. This musician's expertise in scat singing can be heard in his recording of the song "Heebie Jeebies". This musician was the first to record "What a Wonderful World". For the point, name this trumpeter from New Orleans whose nicknames include "Pops" and "Satchmo."

ANSWER: Louis **Armstrong**

15. In the myth of this city's founding, Amulius treacherously usurped the throne of Alba Longa from his brother Numitor. A group of men from this city abducted a group of local women in an incident called the Rape of the Sabine Women. Rhea Silvia and Mars were the parents of this city's founders, who were cast into the Tiber River as infants and were nursed by a female wolf. For the point, name this city legendarily founded by Romulus and Remus.

ANSWER: **Rome** (accept **Roma**)

16. At the beginning of a play, this character is forced to defend himself against accusations of magic use made by Brabantio. A villain later warns this character to "beware...the green-eyed monster" of jealousy. This character is convinced of Cassio's guilt in an affair after finding a handkerchief, and later strangles Desdemona in bed. After Emilia exposes Iago's plot to destroy this character, this character stabs Iago and commits suicide out of guilt. For the point, name this Shakespearean play about the title "Moor of Venice."

ANSWER: The Tragedy of **Othello**, The Moor of Venice

17. This sculpture is flanked in the San Pietro in Vincoli basilica by its creator's sculptures of Leah and Rachel. This sculpture, created for the tomb of Pope Julius II, twines the fingers of its right hand through its flowing, tangled beard. The term "cornuta" from the Vulgate Bible inspired the addition of two horns to the head of this sculpture. For the point, name this Michelangelo sculpture depicting a biblical figure holding the Ten Commandments.

ANSWER: **Moses**

18. The front part of the tongue produces the "coronal" versions of these sounds. Vibrations between the active and passive articulators produce the trill variant of these sounds. These sounds can be plosive or fricative, and require either a full or partial closing of the vocal tract during pronunciation. All but five letters in the English alphabet are pronounced as, for the point, what sounds that are contrasted with vowels?

ANSWER: **consonants**

19. This religious figure's mother fled to the well of Beer-Lahai-Roi, where she was told that this man would be a "wild donkey" who would "live east of all of his brothers." When this religious figure was an infant, his mother ran between Safa and Marwah in a panic, and his cries of thirst were answered with the creation of the Well of Zamzam. This man was born to the barren Sarai's Egyptian handmaiden, Hagar. For the point, name this half-brother of Isaac and son of Abraham who is considered a patriarch in Islam.

ANSWER: **Ishmael** (accept **Ismail**)

20. The slow middle movement of one of the last of these works uses plucked strings to represent slow rainfall. This collection of works form the first third of its composer's *The Contest between Harmony and Invention*. This work's second movement depicts a thunderstorm, while its first imitates bird calls. For the point, name this set of violin concertos by Antonio Vivaldi that includes *Winter* and *Spring*.

ANSWER: The **Four Seasons** (accept Le **quattro stagioni**)

21. A 1935 artwork by this man shows the reflection of his face and a living room in a sphere held by his left hand. A drawing by this artist shows an aqueduct and a water mill in the closed shape of two Penrose Triangles. This artist was inspired by the tiling of the Alhambra to create artwork based on the repetitive patterns of tessellation. *Relativity* and *Waterfall* are two lithographs by, for the point, what Dutch artist who often depicted infinite, gravity-defying staircases?

ANSWER: Maurits Cornelis "M.C." **Escher**

22. James MacGillivray wrote a set of stories about this person in the *Detroit News-Tribune*. This person, who is celebrated in a namesake amusement park in Brainerd, Minnesota, once slept through seven hours of cannon fire. Johnny Inkslinger is sometimes held to be the companion of this man, recording his deeds such as the creation of the Black Hills, the St. Lawrence River, and the Grand Canyon. For the point, name this mythical lumberjack who is accompanied by Babe the Blue Ox.

ANSWER: Paul **Bunyan**

23. This group breaks "right thro' the line" of "Cossack and Russian" despite facing "cannon to the left of them, cannon to the right of them." Despite knowing that "someone had blunder'd," this group causes all the world to wonder as they ride "half a league, half a league / half a league onwards / all into the valley of death." For the point, name this group of 600 men who make a disastrous charge at the Battle of Balaclava in a Tennyson poem.

ANSWER: **Light Brigade** (accept The **Charge of the Light Brigade**; prompt on "the 600" before it is read)

24. This composer's first ballade is in G-minor but starts off with an ascending A-flat major arpeggio. One of this composer's works was inspired from seeing a dog chase its tail. This composer used a stormy C-sharp minor three against four polyrhythm in his *Fantasia-Improptu*. This composer's opus 9 number 2 is a famous E-flat major nocturne. For the point, name this Polish-French composer of many Mazurkas, the "Minute" waltz, and the "Revolutionary" etude.

ANSWER: Frederic **Chopin**

25. This god resides in a hall whose name translates as "shelf of the slain." This god's possessions include a self-replicating ring, Draupnir, and a spear that never misses its target, Gungnir. The ravens Huginn and Muninn travel across Midgard to bring news to this god, who is the father of Baldr and Hodr, and is the husband of Frigg. This god rules over the hall of dead warriors, Valhalla. Wednesday is named after, for the point, what chief god of the Norse pantheon?

ANSWER: **Odin** (accept **Wotan**)

26. The main frieze adorning this building depicts a procession of cavalry and the ritual presentation of the Peplos garment. The Elgin Marbles were taken to England from this building while it was under the control of the Ottoman Empire, who used it as a gunpowder depository. Phidias designed a statue of a goddess once found inside this building, which was the focal point of the Acropolis. For the point, name this Greek temple dedicated to the patron goddess of Athens.

ANSWER: **Parthenon**

27. One ballet by this composer featuring the "Open Prairie Theme" sees its title character killed by Pat Garrett. A speech by Henry Wallace inspired another piece by this composer of *Billy the Kid*. Agnes de Mille choreographed another work by this composer whose "Saturday Night Waltz" sees girls pair off with cowboys at a dance. For the point, name this American composer of *Fanfare for the Common Man* and *Rodeo*.

ANSWER: Aaron **Copland**

28. A prophecy in this novel describes a hearse "not made by mortal hands" and another made from American wood. A talkative character in this novel wishes for "one red cherry" while awaiting death with Flask, and is named Stubb. In this novel, a Gay Head Native American named Tashtego and a Parsee man named Fedallah serve on the Pequod alongside Starbuck and this novel's narrator, who asks the reader to "call me Ishmael." For the point, name this novel by Herman Melville about Captain Ahab's tragic pursuit of the title ocean animal.

ANSWER: **Moby Dick**; or, The Whale

29. Those honored during this holiday include Hannah and her seven sons and Judith. This holiday is celebrated in Kislev, and commemorates a recovery from the actions of Antiochus IV. A shamash is used to celebrate the rededication of the Second Temple and the victory of the Maccabees. Gelt is distributed to children on this holiday during which latkes are eaten. For the point, name this eight-day-long winter holiday that celebrates the "miracle of the oil" with the lighting of a special, nine-branched menorah.

ANSWER: **Hanukkah** (accept **Festival of Lights**)

30. Seeing the term "a battuta" in the middle of a piece means to return to the original value of this quality of the music. The term "rubato" means that this quality of music is "borrowed". BPM is a measure of this quality. To ensure that this quality of music is consistent, performers can use a metronome. The term "rallentando" describes a change in this quality of music, while, "largo" or "presto" describe this quality. For the point, name give this term for describing how fast or slow music is played.

ANSWER: **tempo**

### **Extra Tossup – ONLY READ IF A QUESTION IS BOTCHED!**

31. Anne Vallayer-Coster's paintings about the "attributes" of art forms are this type of painting, as are Jean-Baptiste Chardin's *The Ray* and *The Silver Goblet*. Many Spanish artists used cellars as the setting of this type of painting called a Bodegon. Paul Cezanne painted numerous examples of this type of painting, such as one in which a basket of apples overflows onto a tablecloth next to a bottle of wine and a plate of bread. For the point, name this type of painting that depicts inanimate, ordinary objects.

ANSWER: **still life** (prompt on "genre art")