



NATIONAL Humanities Bee

2018 Prelims Round 3

1. A gong strike begins a work by this composer titled "Acknowledgement". This composer names a series of chord changes where the root moves by a major third. This composer wrote a blues work named for the bassist Paul Chambers and a ballad that he named for a nickname of his wife Juanita Grubbs, *Naima*. Some other musicians have described this composer's music as "Sheets of sound". For the point, name this jazz musician of the albums *A Love Supreme* and *Giant Steps*.

ANSWER: John **Coltrane**

2. A painting partly titled for this color hangs opposite Thomas Lawrence's *Pinkie* in the Huntington Library in California and depicts Jonathan Buttall dressed in this color. Tones of this color permeate the paintings *Portrait of Suzanne Bloch* and *The Old Guitarist*. A Thomas Gainsborough painting is titled after a "boy" of this color. A Spanish artist predominantly used this color from 1901 to 1904, predating his Rose Period. For the point, give this color that names a gloomy period of Pablo Picasso's artwork.

ANSWER: **blue** (accept The **Blue** Boy; accept **Blue** Period)

3. Amergin Gluengel 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**

4. In a play by this author, Haemon commits suicide out of grief for his fiance, causing his mother Eurydice to kill herself as well. This author wrote a play in which Creon orders the death of Ismene's sister, who buried Polyneices against his orders. Another character created by this author unknowingly kills Laius at a crossroad and later exiles himself to Colonus. After unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy by marrying his mother Jocasta, the protagonist of this author's Theban trilogy gouges out his eyes. For the point, name this Ancient Greek playwright of *Antigone* and *Oedipus Rex*.

ANSWER: **Sophocles**

5. This author created a character who is accidentally shot by Judge Marmaduke and marries Elizabeth Temple. In addition to creating Oliver Edwards in *The Pioneers*, this author wrote Wah-ta-Wah is saved by Henry March along with the title man, who is nicknamed *The Deerslayer*. This author also wrote a "narrative of 1757" in which Cora Munro falls to her death after Uncas is stabbed by Magua, and Chin-gach-gook helps Hawkeye fight the Hurons. *The Last of the Mohicans* is by, for the point, which author who created Natty Bumppo in *The Leatherstocking Tales*?

ANSWER: James Fenimore **Cooper**

6. The entrance of a character in this opera is marked by an aria that begins "Your toast! I can return it to you." A solo aria in this opera is punctuated with the choir exclaiming "Prends garde a toi." The title character of this opera dies after Don Jose kills her for falling in love with the bullfighter Escamillo, a character known in this opera for singing the "Toreador" drinking song. For the point, name this opera set in Spain about a gypsy girl, composed by Georges Bizet.

ANSWER: Carmen

7. Aeolus gives this man a bag containing three of the four winds to aid him in navigation, but his subordinates think that the bag contains treasure and open it, causing the winds to scatter. In a frame story, this man relates his adventures to the Phaeacians after he is discovered naked on a beach by Nausicaa; afterwards, he returns to Ithaca where he and his son Telemachus slay the suitors of Penelope. For the point, name this man whose ten years of wandering after the Trojan War are the subject of a namesake epic poem by Homer.

ANSWER: Odysseus

8. A statue of this person wears a laurel-crown hat on his head, which may be a reference to the contemporary sexually-charged practice of hat stealing. A bronze statue of this person was the first freestanding nude produced in the Renaissance Era. A marble statue of this person had to be placed outside of the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence because its massive size precluded its placement on a cathedral rooftop. For the point, name this biblical character sculpted at rest by Michelangelo and by Donatello with the severed head of Goliath at his feet.

ANSWER: David

9. The pronunciation of long vowel sounds in this language period shortened during the Great Vowel Shift. John Wycliffe wrote in this language, which developed after the reign of Harold Godwinson. A work written in this language focuses on a group of character fleeing the Black Death, including the Knight and the Wife of Bath. Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* were written in, for the point, what form of English spoken from roughly 1100 to 1500?

ANSWER: Middle English (prompt on "English" before it is read)

10. After being pushed by his love interest's brother, the protagonist of this work wonders if he will always be "on the outside always looking in" in the song "Waving Through the Window." This work's Act One finale asks "Have you ever felt like nobody was there?" before proclaiming "when you're broken on the ground/you will be found." A book by Steven Levenson was the basis for this musical, whose title character helps launch the Connor Project in memory of a teen who committed suicide. Ben Platt starred in the original run of, FTP, what 2016 musical whose title character wears a cast?

ANSWER: Dear Evan Hansen

11. The first movement of this work begins with a low rhythmic ostinato in five-four time where the string player hit their strings with the wooden part of their bow. Colin Matthews added a movement to this work subtitled "The Renewer". The hymn "I Vow to Thee, My Country" was set to a melody from this suite's fourth movement, which is nicknamed "the Bringer of Jollity". For the point, name this suite by Gustav Holst depicting astronomical bodies such as Mars and Jupiter.

ANSWER: The Planets

12. The play of light on an object in this painting was described by Vincent Icke as indicating that the object was likely a counterfeit. This "tronie" is sometimes nicknamed the "Mona Lisa of the North," and is currently housed in the Hague. The subject of this painting may have been modeled by the artist's daughter Maria, and wears a blue and yellow headscarf. For the point, name this Jan Vermeer painting whose subject wears the title piece of jewelry.

ANSWER: Girl With a Pearl Earring (accept Meisje met de parel)

13. This philosopher questioned whether the universe's events were repeating in a cyclical matter in his theory of eternal recurrence. This man answered questions like "Why I Am So Wise," a chapter title in his *Ecce Homo*, shortly before going insane in his late life. In an 1883 work, this man claimed that humanity should be like a transcendent figure known as the "ubermensch." For the point, name this German philosopher who wrote *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*.

ANSWER: Friedrich Wilhelm **Nietzsche**

14. A character in this novel attempts to sell chocolate-covered cotton as food after his syndicate, the M+M Corporation, buys out all of Egypt's cotton. Milo Minderbinder is a character in this novel, in which the protagonist is traumatized after failing to prevent Snowden's death in an airplane. In this novel, Doc Daneeka refuses to send soldiers home for insanity because the act of trying to be sent home from war indicates they must be sane, which is this novel's title paradox. For the point, name this satirical Joseph Heller novel in which John Yossarian tries to escape World War II.

ANSWER: **Catch-22**

15. Marcion of Sinope wrote a work of this type after claiming Irenaeus forged other such works. A logia written in Koine that is thought to have influenced two of these texts is the hypothetical Q-source, which is questioned since it is never acknowledged by St. Jerome. A theory regarding the order of the synoptic ones of these books is known as Marcan priority, whose name is inspired by one of these books written in Aramaic by Mark. For the point, give the collective name for the first four books of the New Testament.

ANSWER: **gospels** (prompt on "books of the Bible;" prompt on "books of the New Testament" until "New Testament" is read)

16. In this novel, Paul Rayley proposes to Minta Doyle shortly before a dinner party where the poet Augustus Carmichael is scowled at for asking for more soup. The housekeeper Mrs McNab maintains a house in this novel after Andrew dies fighting in World War I, and Prue dies in childbirth, in the section "Time Passes." Ten years after being told the weather was too cold, James, Cam, and Lily Briscoe finally visit the title structure. For the point, name this Virginia Woolf novel featuring the Ramsay family.

ANSWER: **To the Lighthouse**

17. Krzysztof Penderecki [KRIS-tof pen-der-ESS-kee] wrote a "Polish" work in this genre. Gabriel Fauré's work of this genre includes a baritone solo in the "Libera Me" movement and a soprano solo in the central "Pie Jesu" [PEE-ay YAY-zoo] movement. Mozart's work of this genre was left unfinished at his death and completed by Franz Xaver Süssmayr. Both Mozart's and Verdi's works in this genre include very stormy "Dies Irae" sections. For the point, name these masses that commemorate the dead.

ANSWER: **requiem** mass

18. Two people who survive this event hide in a forest, where they subsist by consuming the morning dew. During this event, a giant wielding a fiery sword envelops the entire earth in flames. Lif and Lifthrasir survive this event, which begins when Heimdall sounds his horn Gjallarhorn [gee-YAH-lar-horn]. Thor and Jormungandr [YOR-mun-gon-der] will kill each other in combat during this event in one of several climactic battles between gods and monsters. For the point, name this destructive event that leads to the rebirth of the world in Norse myth.

ANSWER: **Ragnarök**

19. Jacques Lipshitz's sculptures *Mother and Child* and *The Harpist* are found in this building. This building uses "corner turning windows" to provide unimpeded views of its natural surroundings through glass. This building used ochre concrete and red steel to reflect colors found in the local Pennsylvania landscape, and it was designed for the businessman Edgar Kaufman. This house uses a cantilevered design to sit perched atop a waterfall along the Bear Run. For the point, name this house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

ANSWER: **Fallingwater** (accept **Kaufman House** before "Kaufman" is read)

20. This figure moved away from classical techniques when creating the "contraction and release" style of movement. A Japanese-American set designer named Isamu Noguchi often worked with this woman, who premiered the Greek-based ballet *Clytemnestra* with her namesake dance company, the oldest in the USA. This woman worked with Aaron Copland to choreograph her most famous work. For the point, name this choreographer of *Appalachian Spring*.

ANSWER: Martha **Graham**

21. Followers of this religion may fast during Paryushana, an annual event that ends with requests for forgiveness. The most sacred texts in this religion are known as the Agamas. A lion is used to represent the last of twenty-four holy figures in this religion who conquered the cycle of samsara; that figure, Mahavira, was the last of the tirthankaras. Strict vegetarianism and nonviolence are principles upheld by members of, for the point, what Indian religion?

ANSWER: **Jainism**

22. In this country, the poet Sogi [soh-gee] was a master of a collaborative form of poetry known as the renga. A novel from this country includes 164 lists of subjects including "Hateful Things" and "Things that Make the Heart Grow Fonder." A protagonist from this country falls in love with a young girl in Kita-yama despite being married to Aoi, and seems to die in a blank chapter named "Vanishing Into the Clouds." *The Pillow Book* of Sei Shonagon [say shoh-nah-gohn] and *The Tale of Genji* are from, for the point, which home country of Lady Murasaki Shikibu [moo-rah-sah-kee shee-kee-boo]?

ANSWER: **Japan** (accept **Nippon**-koku or **Nihon**-koku)

23. These people believed that souls had to pass through nine trials over four years to enter the afterlife, including climbing an obsidian mountain and passing through an icy, blistering wind. These people worshiped a hummingbird god who ruled over war and the sun. These people, who believed in an underworld called Mictlan, performed human sacrifice rituals on captives of war to their god Tlaloc. For the point, name these people who built temples to Huitzilopotchli at Tenochtitlan, the site of present-day Mexico City.

ANSWER: **Aztecs**

24. A painting from this country, *Night-Shining White*, depicts a horse and numerous seal marks of ownership. The artwork often considered to be this country's greatest painting shows the commotion around a river during a spring festival. A collection of over 8,000 ancient terracotta soldiers were unearthed in this country in 1974. This country's scholars practiced the art of calligraphy using brushes made of bamboo and animal hairs. For the point, name this country that mastered porcelain-making during the Ming Dynasty.

ANSWER: **China**

25. This work begins with the low string instruments playing the hymn "O Lord, Save Thy People". This piece became an Independence Day staple after the Boston Pops' performance of it during the bicentennial. Near the end of this piece, the melodies of La Marseillaise and God Save the Tsar clash while being punctuated by canon shots. For the point, name this work by Tchaikovsky whose title refers to the year that the Russian forces defeated Napoleon.

ANSWER: **1812 Overture**

26. A movie set in this city, which was filmed in black and white despite being made in 1979, opens and closes with scenes of its skyline accompanied by George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. In a movie set in this city, Woody Allen portrays a comedian who enters into a complicated relationship with *Annie Hall*. The song "Moon River" appears in a movie set in this city, in which Audrey Hepburn portrays Holly Golightly. For the point, name this setting of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *Manhattan*.

ANSWER: **New York** City

27. During this period, Tarawih is prayed and suhur is consumed in the early morning. A bedung drum signals the end of a daily ritual during this period in Indonesia. A particularly holy day during this period is Laylat al-Qadr, the "Night of Power." Elderly, sick, and pregnant people are exempted from the most stringent of restrictions during this period, which ends at the start of Eid al-Fitr, a feast day. For the point, name this holy month of Islam in which Muslims engage in daytime fasting.

ANSWER: **Ramadan**

28. In this novel, Lord Godalming's fiancée is found sleepwalking in a graveyard after fifty boxes of earth are recovered from the shipwrecked *Demeter*. In this novel, Lucy Westenra's mother dies from a wolf attack and Lucy herself wastes away despite a Dutch doctor's best efforts. Mina Murray becomes possessed by the title character of this novel, allowing her to help Van Helsing, Quincey Morris, and Jonathan Harker stab and kill the title Transylvanian noble. For the point, name this landmark vampire novel by Bram Stoker.

ANSWER: **Dracula**

29. Dietrich Buxtehude was a prolific baroque composer and performer of this instrument. This instrument gives the nickname to Camille Saint-Saen's third symphony. J.S. Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* was written for this instrument. Low notes can be played using this instrument's foot pedals. For the point, name this instrument that makes sounds through wind flowing through large pipes and is often found in churches.

ANSWER: pipe **organ**

30. A group of blue men are held to live off the coast of this country in an area of water called the Minch. Bodies of water in this country were held to contain black, shape-shifting horses that can be defeated by a rope stamped with a cross. Kelpies supposedly lived in the waters of this country, where Apple Maps photography spotted a thirty meter long sea creature in 2014. The Loch Ness Monster is held to live near Inverness in, for the point, what country's Highlands?

ANSWER: **Scotland**

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31. Hans von Bulow called a set of works by this composer to be the "New Testament" of classical music. This composer's works for string quartet include three commissioned by Count Rasumovsky and the *Grosse Fugue*. This composer of the *Emperor* piano concerto originally dedicated his third symphony to Napoleon but renamed it *Eroica*. A setting of the text to "Ode to Joy" is found in the ninth symphony of, for the point, which composer who became deaf late in his life?

ANSWER: Ludwig van **Beethoven**