

Fall League History Bee - Round 1 (Middle)

Regulation Tossups

(1) A revolt of this force burned the Scutari Barracks due to reforms known as Nizam-I Cedid [[NEE-zahm-EE seh-DEED]], or the "New Order." In a modernization effort, this force was disbanded following the Auspicious Incident by Mahmud II. The *devshirme* system originally recruited young, Christian boys into this military corps, which was tasked with protecting the sultan in battle. For the point, name this elite, musket-wielding corps of Ottoman infantry.

ANSWER: **Janissaries** (or **Janissary** Corps; accept **Yeniceri**)

(2) This man used the cousin of Amerigo Vespucci [[veh-SPOO-chee]], Simonetta, as the model for the title nymph in *The Death of Procris*. Cosimo, Piero, and a young Lorenzo D' Medici all appear in this man's artwork *Adoration of the Magi*. This man became a fervent member of the "Weepers," followers of Friar Savonarola [[sah-voh-nah-ROH-lah]], and willingly destroyed several of his own works of art. For the point, name this artist of *The Birth of Venus* and *Primavera*.

ANSWER: Sandro **Botticelli** (or Alessandro di Mariano di Vanni **Filipepi**)

(3) During this period, the heretical sect of self-whipping acolytes known as the "Flagellants" peaked in popularity. One theory states this period began after Hanseatic contacts in the fur trade travelled to the Republic of Novgorod. Under Casimir the Great, the effects of this period were lessened in Poland, because the Jewish community spread hygienic practices like handwashing. Up to half of Europe's population was killed by, for the point, what 14th century blight?

ANSWER: **Black Death** (accept The **Plague** or the **Great Mortality**; accept Bubonic **Plague**; prompt on references to time period such as "14th century" or "1346 to 1353")

(4) In a Kalidasa play in this language, the celestial nymph Urvasi is turned into a vine. The likely-fictional Kaurava and Pandava families battle in the dynastic Kurukshetra [[koo-rook-SHEH-trah]] War in an epic poem in this tongue. A subset of this language, which arose in the late Bronze Age, is known for its use in the Vedas. The *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* were written in, for the point, what ancient sacred language of the Indian subcontinent?

ANSWER: **Sanskrit** (accept Vedic **Sanskrit**)

(5) Using the *numeri* auxiliary system, this general introduced Eastern mounted archers and cataphracts into the Legion. This proponent of "Strength through Peace" rebuilt the Pantheon following its partial destruction during a 114 fire. This man accepted Antoninus Pius as his successor on the condition that he appoint Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus as his heirs. A wall crossing Roman Britain was built by, for the point, which of the "Five Good Emperors"?

ANSWER: **Hadrian** (accept Caesar Trajanus **Hadrianus**; do not accept "Trajan" alone)

(6) This man's forces met disaster against Marinid sultan Salah ibn Salah at the 1437 Battle of Tangiers, after which this man's brother, Ferdinand, was given as a hostage. This royal supposedly based his efforts out of a villa on the Sagres [[SAH-greesh]] peninsula, from which he funded several caravel voyages to the Bay of Arguin [[ahr-GEEN]], Madeira [[muh-DEEH-ruh]], and the Azores [[uh-ZORZ]]. For the point, name this fifteenth-century Portuguese prince, often credited with jumpstarting the Age of Exploration.

ANSWER: Prince **Henry the Navigator** (or Infante Dom **Henrique, o Navegador**; or **Infante Dom Henrique** [note: in Portuguese, "the Navigator" title is not typically attached to Henry's name])

(7) Shortly before this operation, Prime Minister Paul Reynaud [[ray-NOH]] declared Leopold III a "traitor" for surrendering after the Battle of the Lys [[LEESS]]. The Ministry of Shipping scoured the River Thames for private naval vessels to lease, later becoming known as the "Little Ships of" this operation. Winston Churchill's "We Shall Fight on the Beaches" speech called this military operation a "Miracle of Deliverance." For the point, name this "evacuation" of 300,000 Allied soldiers shortly before the Fall of France.

ANSWER: **Dunkirk** Evacuation (accept Operation **Dynamo**; accept descriptive answers involving the evacuation of **Dunkirk**)

(8) *Protostrator* Manuel Kamytzes [[kam-ITE-zeez]] harassed soldiers en route to this war while they were unable to cross from Thrace into Anatolia. During this war, the weight of his horse's armor led to the drowning of Emperor Frederick Barbarossa while crossing the Saleph [[SAH-leff]] River. Following this war's Battle of Jaffa [[JAH-fah]], Richard the Lionheart and Saladin agreed to peaceful terms. For the point, name this 12th century "Crusade" prompted by the Saracen [[SAY-ruh-sen]] capture of Jerusalem.

ANSWER: **Third** Crusade (accept the **King's** Crusade)

(9) It's not Afghanistan, but *mujahideen* [[moo-jah-hih-DEEN]] guerillas in this nation's Mayu Peninsula agitated for the right to be annexed by a western neighbor. Mao's support of the "Red Flags" in this nation led to its president, Ne Win, cutting off relations with China. This nation's Tatmadaw [[TAT-mad-aw]] armed forces overthrew the government of Aung San Suu Kyi [[CHEE]] in 2021. The repression of the Rohingya [[row-HIN-gah]] people occurred in, for the point, what nation also known as Burma?

ANSWER: **Myanmar** (accept Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**; or Pyidaunzu Thanmăda **Myăma** Nainngandaw; accept **Burma** before mentioned)

(10) Plumber Max Hödel [[HUH-del]] attempted to kill a monarch with this name after he was expelled from the Social Democratic Party. The second ruler of this name from the House of Hohenzollern became a figurehead in the final years of his reign, conceding power to Erich Ludendorff and Paul von Hindenburg. That monarch of this name dismissed longtime chancellor Otto von Bismarck two years into his reign. The Kaiser at the beginning of World War One had, for the point, what regnal given name?

ANSWER: Kaiser **Wilhelm** (accept **Wilhelm** I or **Wilhelm** II; accept **William** in place of **Wilhelm**)

(11) Mining rights for this substance led to a conflict between the Duke of Ferrara [[fer-RAH-rah]] and Pope Sixtus IV in a 15th-century conflict named for it. France's acquisitions from the Albigensian [[al-beh-JEN-zee-un]] Crusade led to the establishment of a crown tax named the *gabelle* on this substance. The Song dynasty perfected large, artificial evaporation ponds for extracting this substance. The land word *salary* may be derived from, for the point, what mineral used to preserve food?

ANSWER: **Salt** (accept **Salt** War; or Guerra del **Sale**; accept Table **Salt**; accept **Sodium Chloride**; or **NaCl**)

(12) A princess and a warrior from this culture were supposedly transfigured into the stratovolcanoes Popocatepl [[poh-poh-kah-TEH-pill]] and Iztaccihuatl [[ees-stah-keh-HWAH-til]]. Known as the "hand-made mountain," the abandoned Great Pyramid of Cholula was a pilgrimage site for these people. Within the "Sacred Precinct" of these people was the Templo Mayor complex, which was simultaneously dedicated to Huitzilopochtli [[hweet-zee-loh-POACH-tee]] and Tlaloc. For the point, name this Mesoamerican people who worshiped Quetzalcoatl [[KWEH-tsuhl-KWAH-tul]] and built Tenochtitlan [[teh-nohtch-TEET-lahn]].

ANSWER: **Aztec** (accept **Mexica**; or **Nahuatl**)

(13) This monarch's sister Berenice [[beh-reh-NEE-kay]] IV died at the hands of her father after he paid Aulus Gabinius [[OW-looss gah-BIH-nee-ooss]] to reclaim his throne. While visiting a Triumvir in Cilicia, this ruler dressed as a nude Aphrodite on a golden barge sailing down the Cydnus [[SID-nooss]] river. This mother of Caesarion supposedly killed herself with asps before being captured by Octavian. For the point, name this last Ptolemaic ruler, a queen of Egypt and paramour of Mark Antony.

ANSWER: **Cleopatra** VII Philopator

(14) The first Japanese people to visit this kingdom was the crew of the *Inawaka-maru*, who broke isolationist policy. Sanford Dole's provisional government succeeded this kingdom, nearly going to war with the U.S. during Black Week after planters refused to reinstate Queen Lili'uokalani [[leh-LEE-oh-kah-LAH-nee]]. Kamehameha [[kah-MEH-hah-MEH-hah]] the Great's conquests of islands including Moloka'i and Oahu formed, for the point, what Polynesian kingdom that was annexed into the United States?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Hawaii** (or **Hawaiian** Kingdom; accept Aupuni Mō'ī o **Hawai'i**)

(15) This man openly decried the Social Democratic Party's plan to align with the Lassalleans in the "Gotha Program." While critiquing Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*, this thinker called faith the "Opium of the Masses." This thinker's text *Theories of Surplus Value* was published by his frequent collaborator, Friedrich Engels, after this man's death. *Capital* and *The Communist Manifesto* were written by, for the point, which influential 19th-century German thinker?

ANSWER: Karl **Marx** (or Karl Heinrich **Marx**)

(16) During this war, the carrier *Oriskany* nearly sank after a soldier accidentally lit a flare and threw it in a locker, causing a fire that killed 44 sailors. During this conflict, naval trawlers attempted to drop supplies to sites along the Bờ Đê [[BOH-DEH]] River including Nha Trang to get past U.S. personnel. Operation Custom Tailor was a dedicated naval bombardment of Haiphong Harbor during this war. For the point, name this 1955-1975 Southeast Asian conflict?

ANSWER: **Vietnam** War (or Chiến tranh **Việt Nam**)

(17) Human settlement of this country likely originated with Austronesians sailing on outrigger canoes from what is now Indonesia. Following the Franco-Hova War in this nation, Queen Ranavalona III granted the port of Diego-Suarez and the surrounding bay to France. Radama I encouraged the modernization of this nation's Malagasy [[mah-lah-GAY-see]] language by using the Latin alphabet. Lemurs are endemic to, for the point, what African island nation and former French colony?

ANSWER: Republic of **Madagascar** (Repoblikan'i **Madagasikara**)

(18) While extracting this commodity, peasants developed the *Yangge* [[YAHNG-GUH]] style of folk song during the Song Dynasty. A Taoist state ruled by the "Celestial Masters" during the Three Kingdoms period required that adherents donate "Five Pecks" of this commodity. In legend, Guan Yin gave this food to the Chinese people to end their starvation. Paddies are used to grow, for the point, what chief grain of East Asia?

ANSWER: **Rice** (accept **Baifan**)

(19) This man's illegitimate son, William, served as the final colonial governor of New Jersey. This man organized the militia which halted the marauding Paxton Boys's march on Philadelphia. This diplomat, who secured French intervention in the American Revolution, also invented conventional bifocals. For the point, name this American Renaissance man and Founding Father who served as the United States's first Postmaster General.

ANSWER: Benjamin **Franklin**

(20) This nation's Almirante Brown Antarctica base was burned down by a scientist after he was ordered to stay the winter. This country's National Reorganization Process led to a period of state terrorism known as "La Guerra Sucia" [[soo-SEE-ah]], or the Dirty War. The "Shirtless Ones" dominated post-war politics of this nation under the leadership of Juan Perón. Perón ruled from Buenos Aires in, for the point, what South American nation?

ANSWER: **Argentina** (accept **Argentine** Republic; or República **Argentina**)

(21) During the August Movement, this figure gave the "Do or Die" speech, advocating for an end to violent resistance during the Second World War. American vice-consul Herbert Reiner captured this man's assassin following an attack at the Birla House. The British Raj's taxes on a certain good led to this man organizing the Salt March to Dandi. The term *Mahatma* was bestowed upon, for the point, which Indian freedom fighter?

ANSWER: Mohandas **Gandhi** (accept Mahatma **Gandhi**; or Mohandas Karamchand **Gandhi**)

(22) Composer Charles Hubert Parry wrote one of these works at the behest of British Poet Laureate Robert Bridges to strengthen wartime resolve during World War One. One theory claims that the composition of one of these works began as Martin Luther entered the Diet of Worms [[DEE-et "of" VURMS]] in 1521. That work of this type is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." The biblical Book of Psalms is a collection of these songs supposedly written by King David. For the point, name these religious songs written in adoration of God.

ANSWER: **Hymns** (prompt on descriptive answers)

(23) It's not Bangkok, but the Dusit Thani [[DOO-sit TAH-nee]] building in this city is meant to represent hands performing a traditional Thai greeting. This city's man-made archipelago known as "The World" remains largely undeveloped due to the 2008 financial crisis. In 2009, this city became home to the largest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa. For the point, identify this city, the namesake of one of the seven emirates that make up the UAE.

ANSWER: **Dubai** (or **Dubayy**)

(24) One of these structures named for Emperor Domitian inspired the Statius [[STAY-shee-us]] poem *The Elements of Balance*. The *Quattuorviri* [[KWAH-twohr-VEE-ree]] was a quartet of magistrates appointed by the Republic who oversaw the maintenance of these structures. The *cursus publicus* was a courier system under Augustus which used these constructs to quickly deliver mail. Rome and Brundisium were connected by, for the point, what type of construct known as the *Via Appia*?

ANSWER: **Roads** (accept more specific answers like Roman **Roads**; accept synonyms like **Causeways**; accept **Via** Appia before mentioned)

(25) An early musical component added to this genre by Afro-Creole musician "Jelly Roll" Morton was known as the "Spanish Tinge." Ornette Coleman was an early pioneer of this genre's "Free" form, releasing *The Shape of [this genre] to Come* in the late 1950s. The interwar years in the United States are sometimes known as "The Age of" this musical style. For the point, name this improvisational genre of music whose practitioners include Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

ANSWER: **Jazz** (accept Free **Jazz**; accept *The Shape of **Jazz** to Come*; accept The Age of **Jazz**)

Extra Questions

During this journey, a bluff along the Missouri River was named for officer Charles Floyd, who died of a ruptured appendix. This expedition constructed Fort Clatsop on the Columbia river shortly before reaching the Pacific Ocean. The hiring of trapper Toussaint Charbonneau [[shar-bah-NOH]] led to this group recruiting the Shoshone [[shoh-SHOH-neh]] translator Sacagawea [[sah-kah-juh-WEH-ah]]. The Corps of Discovery undertook, for the point, what "Expedition" to explore the Louisiana territory?

ANSWER: **Lewis** and **Clark** Expedition (accept the **Corps of Discovery** Expedition before mentioned)