

1. This thinker argued that individuals develop ethical codes for the general welfare, creating a "tribal self," in an essay on "The Integrative Revolution." This thinker wrote that even inorganic matter possesses a small amount of "mind-stuff" that is measured in terms of the time it takes for a coconut with a hole in it to sink. The commutation relation of the Dirac matrices produced greater social complexity without significant technological or political change, called this thinker's "Algebraic (*) Involution." This thinker contrasted the Moroccan quaternions with the Indonesian outer product. Locals who acknowledged this thinker and his wife after they fled from authorities were critiqued as "live, forced, and momentous." William James' essay "The Will to Believe" responded to this thinker's "thick description" of an illegal gambling practice in *The Interpretation of Cultures*. For 10 points, name this thinker who wrote "The Ethics of Belief: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight."
ANSWER: W. K. Clifford Geertz <Forrest>

2. [Note to players: This one is kinda fucked lol my bad] This novel replaces an instance of the word "eye" with a drawing of an eye, but will no longer use pictograms on system maps following signage changes in the coming years. Goran Sparrman replaces Julie Timm in this novel after Dilsey takes another character to a Black church. A son in this novel drowns himself in the Charles River, which could have been avoided if he took the heavy rail service that extends south to Lakewood and north to (*) Everett. This novel serves as a window into the downfall of the Compson family, who regrettably do not live to see the opening of the 2 Line that runs from South Bellevue to Redmond Technology in its starter phase. For 10 points, name this William Faulkner novel, titled after a line from *Macbeth*, that provides bus and rail transportation across the Seattle metro area.
ANSWER: The Sound Transit and the Fury <Cat>

3. One member of this musical group proclaimed that "ghosting is JIVE" during a Q&A where they performed an improvised melody on five bells in a small European village with a Glock. A plan to work at the San Jose Child Development Center formulated by a member of this band was interrupted when the owner of a gambling website paid hooligans to rush the stage and broke a trophy. A song by this band asks "Dad, what was Nigel supposed to do with your body?" and was written after the completion of a 1v5 (*) ace against Cloud9 that unfortunately did not win the round due to the bomb going off. White sheets, jeans, and a male prostitute holding a doll upside down feature prominently on an album cover released in 2002 by this runner-up at the 2023 Blast.tv Paris Major. For ten points, Angela Seo and Jamie Stewart are members of what Polish in-game leader for MOUZ (formerly known as Mousesports)?
ANSWER: Xiu Xiuhy [shoo-shoohy] (accept answers indicating both Xiu Xiu and siuhy) <Ben>

4. It's not mathematics but the earliest text relating to this profession is the Kahun Papyrus which recommends fumigation and burning crocodile dung. This thinker was labeled a "Moon Criminal" by his contemporary Dan Olsen and delayed the publication of one of his works due to "Reviewer Dibs". J. Marion Sims is widely considered to be the modern founder of this profession, however recent movements have exalted Anarcha Westcott as the mother of this profession. This thinker's most popular work praised Lucas Reilly for his Mental Floss article "The 1925 Cave Rescue That Captivated the Nation", in which Floyd Collins underwent (*) tubal ligation. This thinker bust through a hymen and shouted "give the dysmenorrhea to who Ben, fucking Aquaman!?" in their video "Endometriosis, a measured response". For 10 points, name this British breadtuber, who recently released Plagiarism and You(Tube) who checks for cervical cancer by using a vaginal speculum.
ANSWER: HBomberGuynecologist <Euan>

5. Petroglyphs created by the indigenous people of this land at Preminghana were stolen in the early 1960s by museum workers with a shovel and a rose when the alcohol kicked in. A "Friendly Mission" carried out at this place was a ruse to force several hundred individuals into exile, an act described by Affinity Magazine as an "eye roll and a smirk" that is "retro, raw and rage-filled". Truganini's (*) pleas for a respectful burial directed towards the colonial authorities of this island were interrupted when a blood moon resurrected Jess's

ex-boyfriends, leaving it up to her and Conan to fend them off. The Black War was a period of violent conflict and genocide that ended with British control of this entry on Billboard's mid-year list of the 50 Best Songs of 2020 about a psychotic ex-lover. For ten points, what island state of Australia tells all his friends that he's "...crazy and drive you mad/That I'm such a stalker, a watcher, a psychopath"?

ANSWER: Tasmaniac (accept answers indicating both Tasmania and Maniac) <Ben>

6. A 1990 film adaptation of this work is the only directing credit of its author, who in 2005 released a six-volume collection of these texts on CD-ROM. One character in this work vanishes shortly after another claims there isn't enough action, along with a number of these texts written about exorcisms. This work greatly influenced *The Lion King 1½*, during which a uniquely produced one of these texts is said to contain a (*) treasure map. Two characters in this work watch a play that mirrors their own deaths after being damaged by the conditions of the Ottoman Bank vault. A coin lands on heads 92 times in a row after these texts were discovered by a shepherd throwing a rock into a cave. For 10 points, the English ambassador speaks the title phrase at the end of which Tom Stoppard play, which also features these Jewish manuscripts that were found near a salty body of water?

ANSWER: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Sea Scrolls <Truman>

7. In the 2016 US presidential election, Brady Olson portrayed a candidate named after this phrase that was famously recorded by Jean-François Paillard. This phrase was brought out of its obscure origins as a skit from Dr. Dre's album *The Chronic* after it was prominently featured in the film *Ordinary People*. In a video where WelvenDaGreat asks his dad "did something come in the mail today?", he reveals that he is waiting to receive the Maroon 5 album *Jordi*, whose lead single was criticized for (*) plagiarizing this piece. This piece was originally paired with a gigue ("ZHEEG"), a type of baroque dance characterized by a distinctive 3/8 time and "bofa"-style rhythm. The notoriously repetitive cello part for this piece plays the same eight notes twenty-eight times, which is actually a setup for the punchline of this joke. For ten points, name this Pachelbel work whose opening annotations are written in Sugondese and with last measure annotated "gottem".

ANSWER: Canon in DEEZ NUTS <Fish>

8. [Note to players: this one's also a little fucked up but I couldn't resist] In the original version of this meme, Martin from *SpongeBob* strives to create a Global Marshall Plan while looking into a toilet. This meme endorsed Howard Dean in 2004, claiming that "The entire reason why I got my spintrest for [Dean] is due to omnlander." This meme was part of a political faction called the Atari Democrats, whose priorities included soloing Omniman. This meme never actually claimed he (*) invented the internet, but still saw Ted from *Ted* get fucking ripped in half. For 10 points, name this recent internet meme surrounding the mauling of a figure someone strongly relates to, which won the 2000 election if you only count the legal votes. ANSWER: Oh, that's Al Gore of my comfort character <Cat>

9. In "The Open Society and Its Enemies", Karl Popper criticizes this work due to the inherently totalitarian nature of its concept of Kamikakushi. A certain thinker used this work's method of dialectical logic to analyze the unique nature of the Bath-token-commodity. Scholars of this work have debated whether its creators believed (*) bathhouses run by evil witches were the teleological endpoint of social development, or if they held more in common with the radical politics of their later followers. Contrary to popular belief, this work does not use the formula of thesis, antithesis, Sen-thesis, which was actually invented later by philosopher-witch Johann Gottlieb Yubaba. For ten points, name this work by Studio HeGhibli which draws heavily on Shintoist themes as Chihiro Ogino's dialectical journey through the realm of the Kami unfolds.

ANSWER: The Phenomenology of Spirited Away <Sophie>

10. The name of one area of an attraction with this name was changed from County Fair to Nottingham Village to mark the 1995 Classical Chess championship being held in this location. A park of this name was circled by the "610 Limited" railway, while the presence of this location in an *It's a Wonderful Life* homage

implies a particularly absurd instance of the (*) butterfly effect. The performance of one song from an album of this name was preceded by footage from the episode “Band Geeks” and a *Family Guy* spoof of *Friends* that repeatedly showed this location. 10 people were killed in a crush at an event with this name that generated conspiracies surrounding this location and the melting point of steel beams. For 10 points, Travis Scott’s third studio album is named for what Houston Amusement park that was destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001?

ANSWER: AstroWorld Trade Center [accept “Six Flags AstroWorld Trade Center”; prompt on “Twin Towers” in place of “World Trade Center”] <Truman>

11. In a collaboration with Nathan Landel, this thinker posited the social costs of not performing instrumental play before giving an example involving an Unbound changeling. Susie was the first known one of these animals, and was found on a farm in 1961; 59 years later this thinker released a video which analyzed parallax over lake Minnewanka by using a dramatic descending shot. It's not a pug but under the Dyrevernloven breeding this animal is banned in Norway, due to them suffering from Osteochondrodysplasia. This thinker defended the work of Pink Floyd from Doug Walkers, stating that “It’s not that vague Doug”, kind of like how (*) Taylor Swift implicitly defends Law & Order SVU by having one of these animals named Olivia Benson. For 10 points name this Cumbrian breed of cat, named for its distinctive ears who makes video essays on youtube, such as The Future is a Dead Mall and In Search Of A Flat Earth.

ANSWER: Scottish Folding Ideas <Euan>

12. A description of this activity quotes Auden in that “poetry makes nothing happen” when attempting to express a desire to be heard on mitigating measures that negatively impact their insurance prices. Women are largely excluded in this activity conducted to offer tabuh rah, or “pouring blood”, to a court which only has to employ a lower standard of proof to deny successful completion of this legal challenge. This activity’s comparison to opium smoking, begging, and uncovered breasts in a 1973 example of “thick (*) description” is attributed to an average upfront cost of \$250 leading to savings up to \$531 in insurance over three years. Hiding in a courtyard after a police raid instigated by this activity allowed two American anthropologists a greater sense of solidarity with villagers who resisted 706,773 penalties totaling over \$106 million in fines in 2019. For ten points, Clifford Geertz observed what Hindu tradition on an island of Indonesia famous for being performed in civil court with a lawyer after being pulled over by a Washington State Trooper for excessive vehicle velocities?

ANSWER: Balinese cockfighting a speeding ticket in Washington State (accept answers indicating cockfighting and fighting a speeding ticket) <Ben>

13. This author went to the doctor upon finding a bald spot in his beard, inspiring a virtual reality novel called *Beard Prayer*. This author wrote a novel about the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy businessman who forces her to “[go] in on the verse” after the suicide of her mother. On the cover of a book by this author, he pensively buries his face in his hand while conspicuously flaunting *A Thousand (*) Splendid Suns* on his pinky. In a 2022 novel with chapter titles like “Grateful” and “No Secret,” this author described how *God Did* surgically repair his cleft lip. Assef sexually assaulted this author of *Suffering from Success* after he asserted, “all I do is win, a thousand times over.” This author referenced Amir’s return to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan with his catchphrase, “another one.” For 10 points, what Palestinian-American rapper wrote *The Kite Runner*?

ANSWER: DJ Khaled Hosseini <Forrest>

14. A 1950 earthquake destroyed more than one third of this city, which insinuates a hierarchy within this universe having only one African American who is male. Located on the eastern end of a namesake Knot, this city was formerly known as “checkgate”. Previously inhabited by Killke who built a walled complex on the outskirts, this city was somehow ranked above The Office and The Queen’s Gambit in a 2020 list of Netflix shows. It’s not in India, but the (*) PewDiePie diss track against this city is shaped like a puma, a sacred animal to the indigenous people of this site. Francisco Pizarro was “astonished by the beauty of” the 3D animation that this

city displayed in its version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. For 10 points, name this Incan capital that posts nursery rhymes on YouTube to over 174 million subscribers.

ANSWER: CuzCoComelon [accept close equivalents] <Gavin>

15. [Note to writer: why????] **One part of this work includes 12 parallel lines and inspired an IEEE [I triple E] paper called “StoryFlow: Tracking the Evolution of Stories”. This person had the most watch hours on Twitch in 2022 and won a 2023 Streamer Award for “Best Variety Streamer”. The python module “antigravity” links to one part of this work, in which a character “sampled everything in the medicine cabinet”. After lagging for 6 seconds this person incorrectly called a cheetah “cheeto”. Another part of this work details how to conceal activity on a graph, and another shows a map including a (*) “Desert so harsh they train mars astronauts there” and a “sea of rocky crags and maelstroms”. Despite losing the grand finals to South Korea 4 to 1, this person was named the MVP of the 2017 Overwatch World Cup, but was later suspended from professional play and fined \$2,000 for homophobic remarks against fellow tank player Muma. For 10 points, name this long running nerd ass webcomic written by Randal Munroe, who had over 12 million followers on twitch before moving to kick and got his streaming start as an Overwatch League Pro.**

ANSWER: any plausible mashup of xkcd and xQc <Euan>

16. **One character in this novel is mistaken for his half-brother Sid after claiming to have beaten Mr. Beast 3-0 in Mobile Suit Gundam Extreme vs. 2 XBoost. A man’s body in this novel is shielded from his son by a person whose linktree is attached to the address gigachad.gg. A character in this novel is revealed as a man after fumbling with a sewing needle and posting the “First accurate [Hasan Piker] cosplay” with thigh-highs and (*) cat ears. A pair of con artists in this novel are run out of town on a rail after making their pinned tweet include a male birth certificate from Birmingham. This novel’s narrator decides to take a raft to Cairo with Jim after a March 2024 video announcing she had started HRT and identifies as genderfluid. For 10 points, name this Mark Twain novel about a friend of Tom Sawyer, who travels down the Mississippi with a British streamer who frequently dresses up as an egirl.**

ANSWER: The Adventures of Huckleberry FINN5TER <Truman>

17. **This book’s author later distanced himself from its Dilthey ("dill-tie")-influenced "hermeneutics of facticity," which is the first of six concepts analyzed in Italo Calvino's never-delivered Norton Lectures. This book calls Stendhal a "world-historical author," meaning that he is not meant to be read during the daytime. To translate a word in this book that supposedly "works like a two-stroke motor," Hubert Dreyfus prefers to use "the One" rather than "the They;" that word is the supposedly untranslatable (*) "litost." This book cryptically describes "Sorge" as anxiety over the outcome of the Grand March on Cambodia. The protagonist of this book conducts an affair with a ready-at-hand woman who only wears a hammer during sex. This book references Beethoven's conception of thrownness by repeating the catchphrase, "Es muss dasein?" ("dah-zayn") For 10 points, name this novel about Tomas and Tereza, by Martin Heidegger.**

ANSWER: *The Unbearable Lightness of Being and Time* <Forrest>

18. **One character from this show laments that Hannah from HBO’s Girls “just needs to be loved” while he is tied to a chair to cure him of this process which is indicated by his stable population and large Tajima’s D statistic. This morning, a writer for this show tweeted that a certain plotline “lived on the periphery of the story [he] was involved in telling”, comparing it to the “universal acid” that Daniel Dennett used to describe this phenomenon due to its widespread cross-field proliferation. Two characters cut into the brain of the main characters’ dead grandfather Samuel to test if this phenomenon acts upon machines, as posited by Samuel Butler in Erewhon. (*) Alexander Calvert has been used as an example of the sexy son hypothesis to explain this process, as he plays the son of presidential secretary Kelly Kline and a previously introduced villain. For ten points, name this phenomenon where the hunting of monsters across the continental United States could lead to evolution when paired with random mutation.**

ANSWER: Supernatural selection <Fish/Sofia/Euan>

19. This city's sister recently drowned after accidentally driving her car into a lake that bears its name. This city sent Amtrak over \$1 billion in stimulus during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Empire Builder does not stop here, instead serving Sand Point. This city designated a special liaison for projects specifically in the state of Kentucky, which raised concerns of preferential treatment of this city's white pine timber industry. In this city, people screamed racial slurs at women's (*) basketball players from the University of Utah, paralleling Donald Trump's use of a racial slur against this woman, who served as his Secretary of Transportation. For 10 points, name this city in the Idaho panhandle that is married to Mitch McConnell.

ANSWER: Coeur d'Elaine Chao <Cat>

20. An international counterterrorism force fell apart in 2002 over the use of this term, which equals $-\mu/2\epsilon$ ("negative mu over two epsilon") in astrodynamics. Hugo Chavez described "Washington and its allies" using this term, since it only equals the average orbital distance when the average is taken over the eccentric anomaly. In a 2023 interview, Mike Johnson added Russia and China to a list of countries with orbital parameters described by this term. (*) David Frum coined this term in the runup to the Iraq War, after noticing that it was the arithmetic mean of the longest and shortest distance from an orbit to the focus. This term was first used publicly in a State of the Union speech in reference to Iran, Iraq, and North Korea, centuries after Johannes Kepler related its cube to the square of the orbital period. For 10 points, name this *longest* radius of an ellipse, which was used by George W. Bush to describe foreign countries that sponsored terrorism and sought to develop weapons of mass destruction.

ANSWER: Semi-major axis of evil [generously prompt on major axis of evil, but anything with "minor" in it is a bridge too far] <Cat/Sophie>

21. An unaltered version of this entity circulated in 2021 due to bogus COVID cures, and later this entity's population would become strained due to its use in the COVID vaccine, the outbreak of which forced them to delay a project involving avatars. One of the first public references to this entity was prompted by the song "Wobbly" despite its 10 legs and chelicerae, which surely stabilized it during its first performance as "Festfolket" in Gothenburg. This entity made an appearance two months ago to answer the question "is there quizbowl practice at 7pm in savery???" however, they could not attend as their aquatic arachnid bodies can live on the Eastern coast of America, where they closed out the North American leg of their 1979 tour for Voulez-Vous, but not the western coast where they commenced it. This creature oft-invoked by Cat is notably harvested for their blood— to which humans often say "Gimme Gimme Gimme" and this entity says "SOS"! For ten points, name this suspicious equine "living fossil" of Swedish pop music such as "Dancing Queen."

ANSWER: Transgender horseshoe crABBA <Haylee>

22. One stage of this event features high levels of inhibin production which contribute to the eruption of a battle between gay couples and dancers clad in blue and yellow. A brief spike in basal body temperature during this process causes people to "Experience a Divine Culture". High levels of prolactin production can result in the suppression of this function which prompts an "orgy of celestial (*) joy" after being handed a yellow book. The phrase *istihadha* refers to a person unable to complete some religious rituals due to a disturbance in the regular occurrence of this group's anti-atheist and anti-evolution dances. For ten points, disgraced English TERF J.K. Rowling bemoans in a 2020 tweet a headline that mentions people who experience what bodily process characterized by a "Communist Tsunami" sweeping away "5,000 years of civilization" funded by the Falun Gong new religious movement?

ANSWER: MenstruaShen Yun (accept answers indicating menstruation and Shen Yun) <Ben>

23. In the opening scene of this film, narration over shots of a desiccated corpse describes the history of servicemen being welcomed at a small business. One of the most notorious shots in this film follows a woman

walking into a white house before being accosted by a different woman who explains the house rules. Dirty politicians in this film cause mass unemployment for slaughterhouse workers and (*) sex workers alike, whose dire situations drive them both to murder and to illicit liaisons with local police. For 10 points, name this movie, in which Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds find love even though they can't protect the Chicken Ranch brothel from Leatherface.

ANSWER: The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas Chain Saw Massacre

Surprise! This bonus is one part worth 30 points!

[5*6] Note to players: this answer is made of 6 components, so make sure you have everything! This novel about the clones Tommy and Kathy is a 2015 sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird* that was made into this film starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Louis XIV and his twin brother Philippe that is a Poe short story where Prospero's party is infiltrated by the plague and Simon Pilkings prevents Elesin's ritual suicide by this novel where Sir Thomas' plantation in Antigua supports Fanny Price on the title estate.

ANSWER: **Never Let Me Go Set a WatchMan in the Iron Masque of the Red Death and the King's HorseMansfield Park** <Truman>

Answer the following about the scientific potential of some members of UWQB. For 10 points each:

[10] This common thought experiment named for an Austrian physicist revolves around this Sound Transit enthusiast and professional physics player who may or may not be the reader of this packet.

ANSWER: **Schrödinger's Catherine** Welch [prompt on Schrödinger's Cat with "like yeah, but say her full name just to be sure"]

[10] This other ICT team member, PACE 2023 veteran, and prodigious maker of cat noises was confirmed to exist in March 2013 by CERN and is sometimes called the "God Particle".

ANSWER: **Sophie Higgs Boson**

[10] This former Nebraskan, future craft fair vendor, and current HUB employee moonlights as one of these voltage-controlled devices that can have insulated semiconductors in a subtype called a MOSFET.

ANSWER: **Camber Mayfield-effect transistors** <Truman>