


Trivia Triviorum

1. Who is Gil Blas?
 2. What learning disorder did W. B. Yeats suffer from?
 3. What was the name of the robot in the movie, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*?
 4. What was the name of John Wayne's first movie?
 5. To which poem do these lines belong: "Adam, Adam, where art thou?/ Heah Marse Lord, Ise a-comin' now./ Stole my apples, I believe?/ No, Marse Lord, but I spec' it wuz Eve?"
 6. What literary character uttered these lines: "Rosa Coldfield, Rosa Coldfield, Henry's done shot that French feller. Kilt him dead as a beef?"
 7. Who wrote, *Goldilocks and the Tree Bears*?
 8. Who wrote, *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*?
 9. Where was Goliath from?
 10. Which Biblical figure had sex with his daughters?
 11. What famous composer invented the "two-manual harpsichord"?
 12. Name the first balloon team to cross the Atlantic.
 13. The Egyptian god, Ra, had a line of sons named by what title?
 14. What was the first broadcasting network?
 15. Who invented basketball?
 16. What is the word for "fear of slime"?
 17. How many bones can be found in the human body?
 18. Which ear did Van Gogh mutilate?
 19. Name the five varieties of twins.
 20. What is the 4-6pm shift on a ship called?
 21. Which nation invented macaroni?
 22. What are the seven basic symbols of Roman numerology?
 23. Who invented the term "Booboosie" in describing the bourgeoisie?
 24. What is the name of the nearest star, other than the sun?
 25. What was the year of the Edsel?
 26. What does the idiom, "l'esprit de l'escalier" describe?
 27. What singer of the 50's cried as part of his act?
 28. What TV actor is king of a Figi island?
 29. What was the Indian princess's name on *Howdy Doody*?
 30. What literary characters name is made up of three names for the buttocks?
 31. Who was lampooned as MacFlecknoe in the poem by the same name?
 32. What does the metaphor "low spark of high-heeled boys" stand for?
 33. What line followed, "Here's lookin' at you sweetheart," in the movie *Casablanca*?
 34. Who first advanced the theory that the world is round?
 35. Who was the first effective discoverer of the refracting telescope?
 36. What is the word for the study of sin?
 37. Name Marilyn Monroe's first husband.
 38. What is "dogwood winter"?
 39. Which important American car manufacturer is family owned?
 40. What was the original title of *Look Homeward, Angel*?
 41. What did Jonathan Swift propose in, "A Modest Proposal"?
 42. Where is the National Weather Center located?
 43. What Italian poet died with his face in a book of Ovid?
 44. What sociologist coined the work "anomie" to describe a modern social malaise?
 45. What is a "three dog night"?
- BONUS SECTION
46. Name three illnesses which plague Alexander Pope.
 47. What is the natural habitat of the Sopwith Camel?
 48. What is the principle ingredient in "bird's nest soup"?
 49. Why is N.C. "first in freedom"?
 50. Translate: 

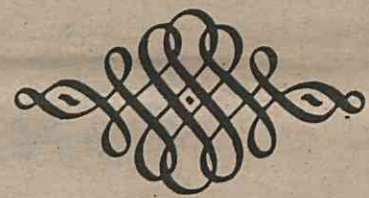
Last Month's Answers:

1 Salmon P. Chase 2 Caligula 3 *The White Rose of Memphis* 4 Albert Einstein 5 Lucretia 6 Oscar Wilde 7 Sally Henderson 8 Simonetta Vespucci 9 mapmaker 10 Eric Clapton 11 The Isley Brothers 12 Committed hari kari 13 faro 14 Bob Zimmerman 15 Sir Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth 16 Andrew Tangman 17 Ralph and Alice Cramden and Ed and Trixi Norton 18 Soupy Sales 19 Ronnie Milsap 20 Maxwell House Coffee 21 Tiberius 22 Affirmed, Seattle Slew, Secretariat 23 Athos, Porthos, Aramis, D'Artagnan 24 nothing 25 Arizona 26 Sam Thompson, in 1894 27 Senate and People of Rome 28 Malcolm Little 29 Columbia University 30 7; *How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* 31 Nellie Belle 32 Continflas, Passepartout 33 Tiberius and Craius 34 Gregor Mendel 35 Dmitri Mendeleev 36 James Warner 37 Rafael Sabatini 38 Dr. John Gorz 39 Harriet Monroe 40 Dean Moriarty, Neal Cassidy 41 John Ruskin 42 Anne Boleyn 43 Cyril 44 *Now Voyager* 45 *Nosferatu* 46 Fala 47 Marvel Comics 48 Sears Tower 49 American 50 Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Asheley, Lauderdale

Math Test For Literature Majors

1. The Cumaean Sibyl offered to sell nine books of oracles to King Tarquin. The King sent her away, so she burned three books and came back offering the rest for the same price as nine. The King turned her away again, so she burned three more books and returned to offer the last three for the original nine-book asking price. The King then superstitiously caved in and bought the books. What percentage was the mark-up?
2. Antonio weighed 167 pounds. If Shylock had carried out his revenge, how much would Antonio have weighed then?
3. Polyphemus ate two of Ulysses' companions for supper. The next morning Polyphemus ate two more of Ulysses' companions for breakfast. That evening Polyphemus again ate two of Ulysses' companions for supper. How many of Ulysses' companions survived?
4. In Boccaccio's *Decameron*, ten people tell one tale apiece each day for ten days. How many tales are told by men and how many by women?
5. Gulliver is twelve times as tall as a Lilliputian. He is twelve times shorter than a Brobdingnagian. How many Lilliputians

- does it take to fill a Brobdingnagian boot?
6. If the Twelve Dancing Princesses appear on three consecutive nights, what is the probability that they will all become engaged in successful marriages?
7. If a two flued harpoon, a one flued harpoon, a one flued toggle harpoon, a toggle harpoon, and a lance harpoon are all stuck in Maby Dick's back, how many flues have the harpooners let fly?
8. Guy de Maupassant wrote three hundred short stories in ten years. How many stories should he be now have written if he were still alive?
9. If three men each pick ten great books to be shipwrecked with on a desert island, and if they do not consult to avoid the more obvious duplications, then how many different titles will their collection comprise?
10. According to Dante, Hell has nine circles. In the ninth circle are four concentric regions. The eighth circle is composed of ten bowges. The seventh circle has three rigns. Knowing that each circle, each region, each bowge and each ring has 360 degrees, can you compute how many degrees there are in hell altogether?



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