

Finals - Elementary School

Regulation

MISSING QUESTION

(Tossup 1) The first MASER was created by Charles H. Townes using this compound. This compound is converted to nitric acid in the Ostwald process. One process for synthesizing this compound typically uses an iron catalyst and is the Bosch-Haber process. This simple 4 element compound is used as a fertilizer. FTP name this compound with formula NH_3 .

ANSWER: ammonia (accept NH3 before mention)

(Tossup 2) A prehistoric large example of one of these bodies was Agassiz. Isle Royale on one of these bodies of water was used to study wolf populations. The kettle type of these bodies can be formed by retreating glaciers. Erosion can create U-shaped examples of these bodies called Oxbow. For the point, name these large, closed bodies of water that include Michigan and Superior.

ANSWER: lake (accept Lake Superior after "Isle Royale")

(Tossup 3) In order to work around the existence of this type of matter, Mordehai Milgrom developed Modified Newtonian Dynamics. The Lambda CDM model formulates this type of matter as "cold." The fact galaxies spin faster than expected given severe underestimates of their mass from calculations led to the formulation of this theorized state of matter. For the point, name this form of matter named for being undetectable by light.

ANSWER: dark matter

(Tossup 4) The rotational analog of this quantity is torque, while this quantity over a given area is called pressure. This quantity can be balanced and analyzed using Free-Body diagrams. The amount of this quantity caused by gravity is called weight, and the net amount of this quantity on a body is equal to its mass times its acceleration. For the point, name this quantity measured in Newtons.

ANSWER: force

(Tossup 5) The dynamics of a spherical one in an incompressible infinite fluid is encoded in the Rayleigh-Plesset equation. According to legend, Donald Glaser got the idea for a chamber of these things to detect particles from watching them foam at the top of a beer glass. They hold together due to surface tension balancing the pressure which can cause them to pop. For the point, name these pockets of air trapped in a liquid.

ANSWER: bubbles

(Tossup 6) In order to provide ventilation for these structures, Cresson Kearny designed an efficient air pump. “Earthquake bombs” were designed as a “buster” to these structures. They’re not block houses, but World War II and the Cold War saw extensive building of these civilian structures, the latter for fear of nuclear fall out. For the point, name these fortified shelters designed to protect people from bombs, nuclear weapons, and enemy attacks.

ANSWER: bunker (prompt on “shelter” until mentioned)

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(Tossup 7) Two varieties of this type of cloud are calvus and capillatus. This is the larger of two clouds that can form a flanking line. This type of cloud is the progression from cumulus congestus clouds due to continued powerful upward air currents carrying water vapor with it. For the point, name these “heaped rainstorm” clouds that are abbreviated Cb and are typically larger than cumulus clouds.

ANSWER: cumulonimbus (do NOT accept or prompt on “cumulus” or “nimbus” alone)

(Tossup 8) Placing several of this type of circuit on a single chip gives the chip “multiple-cores.” Assembly language instructions tell this type of circuit how to behave which it receives from the compilation of code written in a high-level programming language. For the point, name these computer chips commonly abbreviated CPU, which carry out instructions on the computer.

ANSWER: processor (accept microprocessor; accept Central Processing Unit; accept CPU before mentioned)

(Tossup 9) For this disease, Merck announced an EPOCH study to test the beta-secretase 1 inhibitor Verubecestat; the study proved ineffective at lowering neurofibrillary tangles due to hyperphosphorylated tau proteins or at lowering beta-amyloid plaque levels – both of which are features present in the brains of patients suffering from, for the point, what neurodegenerative disease which accounts for around 70% of dementia cases?

ANSWER: Alzheimer’s disease

(Tossup 10) This most common source for this element is the ore sphalerite. This element and copper were stacked together to make the battery precursor, the Voltaic pile. This element names a transcription factor “finger” motif. In galvanization, this element coats a metal surface to prevent rusting. For the point, name this element with atomic number thirty and chemical symbol Zn.

ANSWER: zinc (prompt on Zn before mentioned)

(Tossup 11) This motion is described by the third Euler [OY-ler] angle. The pitch, yaw, and roll of an airplane give the three principle variants of this motion. While undergoing this kind of motion, an object can begin to exhibit nutation and precession. Angular acceleration describes how fast this motion speeds up or slows down. For the point, name this kind of motion where an object goes about one of its axes, exemplified by toy tops.

ANSWER: rotation (accept word forms like rotate or rotating; accept spinning; accept turning; accept synonyms like revolving or whirling or circling)

(Tossup 12) This organ's Merkel cells are a type of oval-shaped mechanoreceptor. Keratinocytes are an important component of this organ. This largest organ of the body is the first line of defense of the immune system and is the main synthesis site of vitamin D due to a reaction with sunlight. For the point, name this organ made up of the dermis, that covers the human body.

ANSWER: skin

(Tossup 13) Predictions for the formula of this substance have included quicklime, because it ignites on contact with water. The Byzantines used this substance, often by launching it from ships, until its formula was lost in the 1200s. For the point, name this ancient weapon that is said to be similar to modern napalm because it can burn while floating on water.

ANSWER: Greek fire (prompt on "fire;" prompt on "wet fire" and similar)

(Tossup 14) This planet's northern hemisphere exhibits storms called the Great White Spot. Gaps named for Maxwell and Huygens are present in a system nearby this planet. This planet's moon Enceladus is known for its high albedo. The probe Cassini explored this planet, whose largest moon is Titan. For the point, name his sixth planet from the sun, known for its large ring system.

ANSWER: Saturn

(Tossup 15) In the Davisson-Germer experiment, electrons fired at this element displayed a diffraction pattern. This element is purified using synthetic gas in the Mond process. Raney names a catalyst of this metal that exists in the Earth's core with iron. This metal sits between cobalt and copper on the periodic table. For the point, name this metal with atomic number twenty-eight and chemical symbol Ni.

ANSWER: nickel (prompt on Ni before mentioned)

(Tossup 16) A close neighbor to this organism is teosinte [tee-oh-SIN-tay]. Barbara McClintock won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering transposons, or "jumping genes," in this model organism. The primary production of renewable ethanol fuel comes from this plant. For the point, name this crop whose fructose is extracted to make a "high fructose" syrup.

ANSWER: corn (or zea mays)

(Tossup 17) This substance is purified using zeolites in the process of cracking. One controversial method of extracting this substance involves the injection of high-pressure fluid to create cracks in rocks; that method is called hydraulic fracturing or fracking. This natural resource is used to make asphalt and plastics. For the point, name this liquid fossil fuel that is used to make gasoline.

ANSWER: petroleum or crude oil

(Tossup 18) Thermally dimorphic fungi can exist as both mold and this other member of the fungi kingdom, which instead grow pseudo-hyphae [HI-fee]. Saccharomyces [SAC-car-O-MY-sees] cerevisiae [SAYR-uh-VEE-see-AY] is a commonly studied model organism in this member of the fungus kingdom. This member of the fungi kingdom forms carbon dioxide bubbles which helps brew beer and causes dough to expand. For the point, name this type of fungi whose baker's variety helps bread rise.

ANSWER: yeast

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(Tossup 19) The statement that every number has a unique prime factorization is the fundamental theorem of this field. The "modular" form of this type of mathematics deals with remainders from division. This type of mathematics names a type of sequence with constant difference. For the point, name this foundational mathematics that deals with operations like addition and subtraction.

ANSWER: arithmetic

(Tossup 20) After hydrogen, this is the most abundant compound in the universe. This compound reacts with water in a shift reaction. A mixture of this gas with hydrogen gas is called synthesis gas. It is formed alongside with water in an *incomplete* combustion reaction. This gas causes oxygen deprivation due to its strong affinity for hemoglobin. For the point, name this poisonous gas with formula CO.

ANSWER: carbon monoxide (accept CO before mention)

(Tossup 21) This state of matter has on average the lowest thermal conductivities. The majority of the members of "HONClBrIF [HUN- KUL - BRIF]" are in this state of matter. The ideal form of this matter is modelled by the law $V \times P = n \times R \times T$. For the point, name this state of matter where the element or compound is free to move around and are not loosely bound together like liquids.

ANSWER: gases

(Tossup 22) 109P/Swift Tuttle is the parent object for one of these events that occurs in August and takes its name from the constellation Perseus. The comet Temple-Tuttle is associated with some of these events that occur in the constellation Leo. The Perseids and Leonids are examples of, for the point, what events where meteors look like "shooting stars" radiating from a single source in space?

ANSWER: meteor shower (or meteor outbursts or meteor storms)

(Tossup 23) Fritz Haber helped develop the use of phosgene and mustard gas during this war giving him the moniker "the father of chemical warfare." Armor plated vehicles with caterpillar tracks such as the Mark I tank first saw use during the Somme offensive of this war. For the point, name this global war which saw the implementation of 20th century technology developed over the decade, fought between Allied and Central powers.

ANSWER: World War I (or WWI; prompt on "The Great War")

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(Tossup 24) Members of Hirundinidae [huh-ROON-din-uh-DAY-ee] use this substance to help build nests. This liquid sourced from *Drosophila* [dro-SOFF-uh-LA] melanogaster was used to discover polytene. The parotid gland is one of three glands that helps produce this liquid. The enzyme amylase is first encountered by sugars in the digestive tract in this liquid. For the point, name this biological liquid that helps prevent plaque, produced by namesake glands in the mouth.

ANSWER: saliva (prompt on “spit”)

(Tossup 25) Because these structures aren't always breeding related, the Humphrey-Parkes terminology was developed. The barbs of these structures extend out of a central rachis. Proto like versions of these structures were found on genus fossils like Archaeopteryx. Plumology is the study of the development and use of these structures. For the point, name these epidermal bird structures which function similarly to hair in mammals.

ANSWER: feathers (accept plumage until “plumology” prompt afterwards)

Extra

(Tossup 1) Developing a fluorophore of this color won Osamu Shimomura, Martin Chalfie, and Roger Y. Tsien the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. A porrin ring with a magnesium center is important to a molecule that gives off this pigmentation in sheet-like membranes embedded in stroma. A fluorescent protein from jellyfish *A. Victoria* shines this color as does chlorophyll. For the point, name this color of plant leaves.

ANSWER: green

(Tossup 2) The structure and distribution of an ecosystem formed by these species titles Charles Darwin's first monograph. Members of these so-called “stony flowers” are hermatypic and obtain their energy from zooxanthellae [zoo-ZAN-thuh-LAY-ee]. Their bleaching is occurring due to ocean acidification. For the point, name these marine invertebrates that are principal to namesake ecosystems known as reefs.

ANSWER: corals