

Finals

Finals Phase 1

(1) A poem titled for this phenomenon declares that “Your soul is a chosen landscape.” That poem inspired a musical piece of this same name, the third movement of the *Suite Bergamasque*. Another musical piece titled for this phenomenon begins with an adagio in C sharp minor and is described as “quasi una fantasia.” For the point, name this phenomenon that names a Beethoven sonata and Debussy’s “Clair de lune.”

ANSWER: moonlight (accept Moonlight Sonata; accept Clair de lune before read)

(2) A resident of this modern country finds the remains of her neighbor, Neda Baba-Levy, after a missile destroys her neighborhood in an autobiographical graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi. A poet from this modern country wished for “A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread- and Thou” in his *Rubaiyat*. For the point, name this modern country, the setting of *Persepolis* and home of Omar Khayyam, a Persian poet.

ANSWER: Islamic Republic of Iran (prompt on Persia until it is read)

(3) An artwork by this man depicts a parts-pressing machine symbolically giving life to workers in *Detroit Industry*. This man painted a headless statue of Caesar and a portrait of Lenin in an artwork that was controversially chiseled off a wall in Rockefeller Center, called *Man at the Crossroads*. For the point, name this husband of Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist specializing in murals.

ANSWER: Diego Rivera

(4) A character in this play uses the word “mendacity” to refer to his family’s deceitful nature, and denies having a love affair with Skipper. This play’s central couple try to foil Mae and Gooper’s plans to get Big Daddy’s money. Brick and Maggie Pollitt appear in, for the point, what play by Tennessee Williams whose title refers to Maggie’s feline nickname?

ANSWER: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

(5) This composer wrote an opera in which Ninetta is accused of stealing a silver spoon that was actually taken by a mischievous bird, *The Thieving Magpie*. This composer’s aria “Largo al Factotum” contains iconic repeated cries of the title character’s name; like a famous work by Mozart, that work is based on the story of Figaro. For the point, name this composer of *The Barber of Seville* and the William Tell Overture.

ANSWER: Gioachino Rossini

(6) A character created by this author adopts the name Lucetta Templeman to sound English and carries on an affair with Michael Henchard, who had earlier drunkenly sold his wife and daughter at an auction. In another novel by this author, the title Wessex farm girl is raped by her possible relative, Alec, whom she eventually kills. For the point, name this author of *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and *Tess of the D’Urbervilles*.

ANSWER: Thomas Hardy

(7) At the tomb of Pope Julius II, a sculpture of this man sits at the center front below Mary and the infant Jesus. A sculpture of this man toys with his long beard and, because of the use of the term “cornuta” in the Vulgate, has two horns on his head. A pair of blank tablets are tucked under the arm of Michelangelo’s sculpture of, for the point, what biblical man who recorded the Ten Commandments?

ANSWER: Moses (accept Moshe; accept Musa)

(8) This work’s title character marries a girl who is found in a ditch as a baby and who is named “furrow.” In this poem, written by the sage Valmiki, the title man gets help from Hanuman, a monkey, as he tries to rescue Sita from the abductor Ravana. For the point, name this Sanskrit epic poem sometimes paired with the *Mahabharata*.

ANSWER: Ramayana

(9) Two girls in blue stretch their legs in the Degas painting *Dancers at this equipment*. The use of this equipment usually precedes center practice in ballet rehearsals, and this equipment can mimic the support of a partner. For the point, name this piece of equipment, a rail that helps dancers balance during practice.

ANSWER: barre de danse (prompt on descriptions)

(10) This song commands “blow, blow, blow, blow / listen to the trombones go” and claims that there is “one thing you should know.” Though it was originally recorded by Louis Prima, Benny Goodman popularized an eight-minute-long instrumental version of this song, which is subtitled “With a Swing.” For the point, name this jazz standard that begs, “everybody start to” perform the title action.

ANSWER: Sing Sing Sing

(11) This architect designed Chicago’s Carson Pirie Scott building, and created a gold door arch for his Transportation Building during the 1893 World’s Fair. Along with his partner Dankmar Adler, this man designed the Guaranty Building and the Wainwright Building. For the point, name this architect of many of the first skyscrapers who quipped that “form follows function.”

ANSWER: Louis Henry Sullivan

(12) This mythical woman was assaulted by Ajax the Lesser in the temple of Athena after the Trojan War, and she was killed by Clytemnestra after she was taken prisoner by Agamemnon. This daughter of Priam and Hecuba was cursed by Apollo after she refused his advances. For the point, name this woman who was given the gift of prophecy but was cursed to never be believed.

ANSWER: Cassandra

(13) A performer of this instrument wrote the jazz songs “Minor Tune” and “Nuages.” Django Reinhardt played this instrument, as did the Spanish virtuosos Francisco Tarrega and Andres Segovia. Along with a bass and a piano, this instrument is found in a typical jazz trio. For the point, name this fretted string instrument that usually possesses six strings and whose electric variety is popular among rock musicians.

ANSWER: guitar (accept jazz guitar; accept classical guitar; accept electric guitar)

(14) An early essay of this theory of literary criticism encourages “living the life of Aphra Behn,” and declares that a particular type of writer “invades poetry from cover to cover” but “is all but absent from history.” That essay, “A Room of One’s Own,” reinforces this literary philosophy by describing the fate of William Shakespeare’s fictional sister, Judith, in support of a class of writers like George Eliot and George Sand, who wrote under male pseudonyms to be published. For the point, name this theory of literary criticism that shifts focus from male-dominated literature to the writings of female authors.

ANSWER: **feminism** (accept **feminist** theory; accept **women’s studies**; prompt on descriptions of “female writers”)

(15) This man painted Joanna Hifferman in *The White Girl* and clashed with John Ruskin over this man’s *Nocturne in Black and Gold*, one of many paintings this man titled after “Nocturnes” and “Symphonies.” This man’s painting *Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1* shows an elderly woman in a white headscarf and a black dress, sitting in a sideways-facing chair. For the point, which artist created that portrait of his mother?

ANSWER: James Abbott McNeill **Whistler**

(16) Apollodorus is incorrectly included in a 1787 painting of this event that is set in a dungeon and was painted by Jacques-Louis David. The dialogue *Crito* discusses a possible escape outcome before this event, which took place in 399 BC. This event, the outcome of a trial for corrupting the youth of Athens, involved the drinking of hemlock, a poison. For the point, name this punishment for a prominent Greek philosopher.

ANSWER: the **death of Socrates** (accept clear equivalents; accept **Socrates drinking hemlock** before “hemlock” is read)

(17) One of these animals, Shen-lung, is a bringer of rain and can make lightning with his five-clawed feet. After Fafnir transforms from a dwarf into one of these animals, he is slain by Sigurd, who seeks his horded Rhinegold. In *Beowulf*, Wiglaf’s shield is burned down to the handle by, for the point, what type of fire-breathing mythical reptiles?

ANSWER: **dragons**

(18) One member of this family wrote an operetta about Gabriel von Eisenstein, who had pranked Falke by dressing him as an animal. Another member of this composing family wrote the *Radetsky March*, while his son wrote the aforementioned *Die Fledermaus*, which premiered in their home town, Vienna. For the point, name this family that included two Johanns, the younger of whom wrote *On the Beautiful Blue Danube* and was called the “Waltz King.”

ANSWER: **Strauss** family (accept anything related to a Johann **Strauss**, but not Richard Strauss)

(19) This author’s story “The Ocean Full of Bowling Balls” was leaked on the internet in 2013, and includes a description of a baseball glove inscribed with poetry. This author’s collection *Nine Stories* includes the story of Seymour Glass’s suicide, “A Perfect Day for Bananafish.” For the point, name this author who wrote about Holden Caulfield in *The Catcher in the Rye*.

ANSWER: J(erome) D(avid) **Salinger**

(20) In a film from this country, a father tells his son he can win a tank if he performs actions such as not complaining that he is hungry in order to help him stay alive in a concentration camp. This country is the setting of a film translated as *The Sweet Life* which features a couple playing in the Trevi fountain until dawn. For the point, name this country home to directors like Federico Fellini and Roberto Rossellini, the latter of whom directed *Rome, Open City*

ANSWER: Italy (accept Italian Republic; accept Repubblica italiana)

(21) A woman in this musical undergoes an evil temptation during the song “Wonderful,” but she is saved when she sees a mute man. The main character of this musical struggles over how to express her feelings for Fiyero. This musical’s first act ends with the song “Defying Gravity,” in which the main character first flies on a broom. For the point, name this musical about Elphaba’s origins as the Witch of the West.

ANSWER: Wicked

(22) Odin defeats Vafthruthnir [vaf-throoth-neer] in a riddle contest by asking what Odin whispered to this god’s corpse before this god was burned on his ship Hrinhorni. This god’s brother Hodr was tricked into throwing a spear at him after this god’s mother, Frigg, failed to get a promise from mistletoe not to harm this god. Loki schemed to kill, for the point, what Norse god of light and wisdom?

ANSWER: Baldr

(23) A character in this play warns Brabantio about a threat to his daughter by saying that “an old black ram / Is tuppung your white ewe.” A man in this play describes jealousy as a “green-eyed monster” that plays with those it preys upon. The title character of this play is convinced of his wife Desdemona’s infidelity by his devious friend Iago. For the point, name this Shakespeare play about a title Moor of Venice.

ANSWER: The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice

(24) This figure travels to the Land of Nod and becomes the father of Enoch after his offering of crops is rejected. This man is given a mysterious “mark” to warn others not to kill this man after he is sentenced to wander the earth for luring his shepherd brother into a field. For the point, name this first biblical murderer, who kills Abel.

ANSWER: Cain (accept Qayin; accept Qabil)

(25) This geological feature appears in red in *Fine Wind, Clear Morning* and behind horseback riders in a picture of Sumida River. This feature is also painted blue with a snow-capped top behind the title *Great Wave off Kanagawa* in an ukiyo-e wood block print. Hokusai created, for the point, *Thirty-Six Views of* what iconic mountain in Japan?

ANSWER: Mount Fuji (accept Fuji-yama; accept Fuji-san)

(26) Menander was a playwright in the “new” type of this literary genre, and the “old” type includes the play *Lysistrata*. Aristotle’s *Poetics* argues that this genre explores personal faults that don’t result in destruction, as in *The Birds* and *The Clouds* by Aristophanes. For the point, name this genre of Greek theatrical genre, contrasted with tragedy, that usually had amusing plot points.

ANSWER: comedy (accept Old Comedy; accept New Comedy)

(27) This composer wrote an opera based on Booker T. Washington’s visit to the White House titled *A Guest of Honor*. A song by this composer enjoyed a revival in the 1970s when it was used in the score for the movie *The Sting*. This composer of *Treemonisha* wrote and played many piano pieces in the ragtime genre. For the point, name this composer of “The Entertainer” and the “Maple Leaf Rag.”

ANSWER: Scott Joplin

(28) The narrator of this story sneaks into a room on seven consecutive days, but the lighting is improper for him to accomplish what he wants to do. This story’s narrator is obsessed with an old man’s eye, which he likens to that of a vulture, and tears up some floorboards to expose a body after hearing a pounding sound in his ears like a watch “enveloped in cotton.” For the point, name this story by Edgar Allan Poe in which the narrator murders his landlord.

ANSWER: The Tell-Tale Heart

(29) A building with this name houses Benjamin West’s *The Graces Unveiling Nature* and Michelangelo’s *Taddei Tondo*. Louis XIV [“the fourteenth”] created one of these organizations “of painting and sculpture” that later became part of this organization “des Beaux Arts” [day boh-zahr]. For the point, what name for a school of art includes a “Française” group that governs the rules of the French language?

ANSWER: academy (accept the Royal Academy or Académie Royale; accept Académie des Beaux Arts; accept Académie Française)

(30) This island was divided into ten portions between the sons of Cleito and Poseidon. It appears in both *Timaeus* and *Critias*, works by Plato that discuss how this island nation west of Europe supposedly lay siege to Athens and was submerged by an earthquake. For the point, name this probably mythical city that sank beneath the sea.

ANSWER: Atlantis

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(31) This mythical man learns the location of a plant that grants everlasting youth from the flood survivor Utnapishtim [oot-nah-peesh-teem]. This man journeys to the Cedar Forest to fight the demon Humbaba and battles the Bull of Heaven with his companion, the “wild man” Enkidu. For the point, name this king of Uruk, the namesake of a Mesopotamian epic.

ANSWER: Gilgamesh

(32) This author wrote about Spanish Johnny and Thea Kronborg performing at a ball in Moonstone in her novel *The Song of the Lark*. In a novel by this author, Mr. Shimerda's family avoids his gravesite because he committed suicide, and Jim Burden develops a friendship with a Bohemian immigrant who ends up having ten children as a farmer's wife. For the point, name this author of *My Ántonia*.

ANSWER: Willa Sibert **Cather**

(33) This composer based two sets of songs on the poetry of Friedrich Ruckert, including his *Songs on the Death of Children*. This composer's first symphony, which quotes Frère Jacques in its third movement, is nicknamed *Titan*, and his eighth symphony is nicknamed for its large required ensemble. For the point, name this Austrian composer of the *Symphony of a Thousand* and *The Song of the Earth*.

ANSWER: Gustav **Mahler**

(34) A sculpture of this goddess is now positioned at the top of the Daru Staircase at the Louvre. A sculpture of this goddess that now lacks a head and arms is designed with violently rippling robes to look like she is alighting on the prow of a ship, and is part of a group found on the island of Samothrace. For the point, name this Greek goddess of triumph, who was sculpted as "Winged Victory."

ANSWER: **Nike** (accept Winged **Nike** of Samothrace; accept **Winged Victory** of Samothrace before it is read)

(35) These items are placed on top of food in Korean *jesa* [jeh-sah] ceremonies, and in the ritual of *katsuage* [kah-tsoo-ah-gay], these tools are used to remove bones from cremated remains. In offerings to deceased ancestors, these utensils are left sticking straight up in a bowl of rice. For the point, name these common eating utensils that are used in the funerary traditions of Korea, Japan, and China.

ANSWER: **chopsticks**

(36) In a musical piece of this type, Christopher Knowles's poetry is used in the section "I Feel the Earth Move" and the sections are separated by Knee Plays. Composer John Adams wrote several pieces of this type, including *Doctor Atomic* and *Nixon in China*. Philip Glass's *Einstein on the Beach* is a 20th century American example of, for the point, what type of work in which recitatives [ress-ih-tah-teevs] and arias provide a musical vehicle for a dramatic text?

ANSWER: **operas** (accept **Einstein on the Beach** before "John Adams" is read; accept Philip Glass's **operas**; accept John Adams's **operas** after his name is said)

(37) A chapter of this novel told by a dead woman describes an affair with Whitfield and the birth of Jewel. In this novel, Vardaman declares "my mother is a fish" and Cash describes how to build a coffin. Chapters of this novel are told by Dewey Dell, Anse, and Darl, who are among the family members escorting Addie Bundren's coffin to Jefferson, Mississippi. For the point, name this novel by William Faulkner.

ANSWER: **As I Lay Dying**

(38) A figure in this painting holds a cup toward a woman pouring drinks out of a silver pot. This painting's creator deliberately chose ugly models for this painting's five figures, who gather under an oil lamp around a large serving plate. For the point, name this painting by Vincent van Gogh in which a group of peasants consume the title food.

ANSWER: The Potato Eaters (accept De Aardappeleters)

(39) This writer described a fat "roly poly/eating solely/ravioli" in a set of dummy placeholder lyrics; those lyrics were later incorporated into a song that states "I got music/I got my man/Who could ask for anything more?" This lyricist for the song "I Got Rhythm" worked with DuBose Heyward on the libretto for his brother's opera *Porgy and Bess*. For the point, name this brother of composer George Gershwin.

ANSWER: Ira Gershwin (prompt on Gershwin before said; do not accept or prompt on George Gershwin)

(40) In the First Book of Kings, one of these people sacks Gezer and gives it to Solomon as a dowry. Another of these people shows hospitality to Abraham because he believes Sarah to be Abraham's sister rather than his wife. After the death of the firstborn, one of these people orders Moses and the Israelites to leave his land. For the point, name these biblical rulers of Egypt.

ANSWER: pharaohs (or kings of Egypt; prompt on kings or rulers)

(41) John Houseman and this man co-founded the Mercury Theatre. In a movie directed by this man, a journalist interviews the alcoholic nightclub owner Susan, the second wife of a journalism tycoon. This man starred in that film, saying the cryptic word "Rosebud" as his character dies. For the point, name this director and star of *Citizen Kane* who caused a panic with his 1938 radio broadcast of *War of the Worlds*.

ANSWER: Orson Welles

(42) Daihachi Oguchi played this type of musical instrument, popularizing its taiko performances. In a samba band, the Bateria involves playing these musical instruments. The tabla is a pair of these instruments used in Indian music, often played with the stringed sitar. A steel variety of this instrument was developed in the Caribbean, where the high-pitched bongo variety is also popular. For the point, name this type of instrument that is struck, usually with hands or sticks.

ANSWER: drums (or percussion instruments)

(43) The speaker of this poem hears "the breath / of the night-wind," causing him to contemplate the "naked shingles of the world." This poem describes an "eternal note of sadness" heard by Sophocles. It ends with the image of ignorant armies clashing on a "darkling plain," and it opens with the line "The sea is calm tonight." For the point, name this poem by Matthew Arnold whose title evokes the coast of the English Channel.

ANSWER: Dover Beach

(44) This author wrote *Rosmersholm* and a play about Hjalmar Ekdar, *The Wild Duck*. In another play by this man, a woman forges her father's signature on a bond and is blackmailed by Krogstad while her husband, Torvald, starts his career at a bank. A play by this man ends with Nora Helmer leaving her family. For the point, name this Norwegian playwright who wrote *A Doll's House*.

ANSWER: Henrik Johan Ibsen

(45) The *Departure of the Volunteers* by François Rude is found next to one of these structures, beneath which is the oldest currently-burning eternal flame. Another of these structures, a part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, is made of steel and was designed by Eero Saarinen. For the point, name these structures including Paris's one "of Triumph" and St Louis's "Gateway" one.

ANSWER: arches (accept Arc de Triomphe or Arch of Triumph; accept Gateway Arch)

(46) After Midas showed hospitality to Silenus, this god blessed the king with the golden touch. This god's devotees, the maenads, believed in unrestrained religious ecstasy. This god's mother, Semele, died while pregnant with this "twice-born" god, who was later born from Zeus's thigh. For the point, name this god of wine, the Greek equivalent of Bacchus.

ANSWER: Dionysus (prompt on Bacchus before it is read)

(47) The final part of Beethoven's thirteenth string quartet was originally this type of musical piece, later published separately as his "Grand" type of this piece. Preludes and these contrapuntal pieces are included in J.S. Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier*, and Bach wrote a treatise about "The Art of" these pieces. For the point, name these musical pieces in which a theme is imitated and developed by multiple voices.

ANSWER: fugues (accept Grand Fugue; accept Art of Fugue)

(48) Jorge Luis Borges [HOHR-hay LOO-eez BOHR-hays] wrote about a series of hexagonal rooms that make up this location "of Babel," which contains every possible variation of one million-character texts. In another of these locations, objects in the Restricted Section scream to alert Madame Pince of unauthorized intruders trying to learn about the Dark Arts. Hogwarts contains one of, for the point, what type of location that allows patrons to borrow books?

ANSWER: library or libraries (accept The Library of Babel; accept bibliotecas or La biblioteca de Babel; accept the Hogwarts library)

(49) Khepri was usually depicted with the head of this type of animal. Amenhotep III produced hundreds of amulets showing these animals, which supposedly whispered answers to riddles into the ears of mummified bodies. Egyptians believed that these animals were able to reproduce miraculously by emerging from balls of dung. For the point, name these sacred beetles.

ANSWER: scarab beetles (prompt on beetles before it is read)

(50) A philosophical movement in this country venerates a concept translated either as “impartial care” or “universal love.” A philosopher from this country wondered whether he was a man dreaming of a butterfly or vice versa. A man born in this country provided the content of the *Analects* and espoused the concepts of *li* and *ren*. For the point, name this country whose ancient philosophy was developed by Mozi, Zhuangzi, and Confucius.

ANSWER: ancient China (accept People’s Republic of China or PRC; accept Zhongguo)