



NATIONAL Humanities Bee

2018 Prelims Round 1

1. The hrossa and the sorns are among the species that Ransom encounters on the planet of Malacandra in this author's *Space Trilogy*. A series of World War II broadcasts in which this author of *Out of the Silent Planet* explains his reasons for believing in Jesus make up his work *Mere Christianity*. Pauline Baynes illustrated many of this man's works, including *The Silver Chair*, which is part of this man's novel series featuring characters like Mr Tumnus and Aslan. The Pevensie children travel to a magical land in, for the point, which author's *Chronicles of Narnia*?

ANSWER: Clive Staples "C.S." **Lewis**

2. Mozart re-orchestrated this work and set it to German text rather than the original English text written by Charles Jennens. This work opens with a French overture titled *Sinfony*. Part 1 of this work includes an instrumental interlude titled *Pifa* or "Pastoral symphony", and follows a choral movement titled "For unto us a Child is born". For the point, name this oratorio by Handel following the life of Jesus Christ that includes the *Hallelujah* chorus.

ANSWER: (Handel's) **Messiah**

3. A monument in this country was slated for construction out of the rock spires nicknamed The Needles, but was moved to a nearby rock face by sculptor Gutzon Borglum. An artist from this country depicted a man holding a whip and balancing himself on a bucking steed in his sculpture *The Bronco Buster*. Daniel Chester French's sculpture *The Minute Man* commemorates a battle fought in this country. For the point, name this country home to Mount Rushmore and the Lincoln Memorial.

ANSWER: **United States** of **America** (accept either underlined portion; accept **US** or **USA**)

4. The sixth book of this work refers to Alcaeus' metaphor of the ship of state. A timocracy is listed as one of the five types of regimes in this work, which analyzes the effects of potential invisibility on one's morals when discussing the Ring of Gyges. This book features a discussion of a city-state known as Kallipolis that is governed by a wise ruler who is termed a philosopher king. For the point, name this dialogue focusing on just government that was written by Plato.

ANSWER: The **Republic**

5. In one story, King Leodegran of Carmelide gave this object to her daughter's husband as a wedding present. In some of the first accounts relating its story, Joseph of Arimathea made this object with twelve spaces and an empty spot to represent the betrayal of Judas. The Siege Perilous was an empty space on this object that was occupied by Galahad after he completed the Grail Quest. For the point, name this piece of furniture used by Arthur's knights, which conferred equal status among all those sitting at it.

ANSWER: **Round Table**

6. In this opera, a character's mouth is locked shut by three ladies after he tells a lie. The main characters of this opera undergo initiation into a cult led by the priest Sarastro. This opera features two very challenging arias for the Queen of the Night. At the end of this opera, the bird catchers Papagena and Papageno get married. For the point, name this opera by Mozart in which Tamino is helped in his adventures by the title enchanted instrument.

ANSWER: The **Magic Flute** (accept Die **Zauberflöte**)

7. Near the start of a movie set during this part of the year, a boy becomes deaf in one ear after he saves his younger brother from drowning in an icy lake. The climax of a movie set during this time period occurs when 21 bags of mail are paraded into a courtroom, thus proving the identity of a Macy's employee. A movie associated with this time period is about George Bailey, who is saved from suicidal thoughts by an apprentice angel. For the point, name this setting of *Miracle on 34th Street* and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

ANSWER: **Christmastime** (accept equivalents such as the **Holiday Season**; prompt on "Winter")

8. In a novel by this author, Leo's Happiness Machine burns to the ground, and Tom and Douglas spend their summer in Green Town. This author of *Dandelion Wine* wrote a novel in which Mildred overdoses on sleeping pills and Clarisse McClellan is killed by a speeding car. A protagonist created by this author runs from the Mechanical Hound after killing Captain Beatty, and was formerly a fireman responsible for burning books. Guy Montag was created by, for the point, which science fiction author of *Fahrenheit 451*?

ANSWER: Ray Douglas **Bradbury**

9. In this book, the staves belonging to a group of sorcerers that include Jambres and Jannes are eaten by a transformed serpent. At the beginning of this book, Shiphrah and Puah disobey the order to kill male babies. In this book, the daughter of Reuel the Midianite marries a man who removes his sandals and is told "I AM that I AM" by a burning bush. The Red Sea is parted and the Ten Commandments are received in, for the point, what second book of the Bible in which Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt?

ANSWER: Book of **Exodus** (accept We'elleh **Shemot**)

10. A character in this musical insists "he'll murder your love / he murdered mine" while lecturing her friend about "A Boy Like That." A group of young men in this pretend to be sent from a judge to a psychiatrist to a social worker in the song "Gee, Officer Krupke." A song in this musical teases, "I'll drive a Buick through San Juan / If there's a road you can drive on" when comparing Puerto Rico and "America." Tony will "never stop saying Maria" despite the conflict between the Sharks and Jets in, ftp, what Leonard Bernstein musical based on *Romeo and Juliet*?

ANSWER: **West Side Story**

11. During a trip to Japan, a player of this instrument recorded the solo album *Dedication*, which includes the piece "Maiden Voyage". A player of this instrument used unusual time signatures in numbers such as "Blue Rondo a la Turk" and "Take Five" from his album *Time Out*. Famous players of this instrument in jazz ensembles include Thelonious Monk, Dave Brubeck, Herbie Hancock, and Duke Ellington. For the point, name this keyboard instrument.

ANSWER: **piano**

12. In order to retrieve some of these objects, Heracles enlists the help of Atlas while he holds up the world in Atlas's place. Melanion used some of these objects to defeat Atalanta in a footrace. Eris threw one of these objects "of discord" onto the ground during the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, sparking three goddesses to ask Paris which of them was most beautiful. Heracles retrieved a group of these objects from the Garden of the Hesperides. For the point, name this fruit that is "golden" in many Greek myths about irresistible temptations.

ANSWER: **apples** (accept golden **apples**)

13. A Frida Kahlo painting of this type shows two seated women with their hearts visible through their dresses who are connected by an elevated blood vessel. Rembrandt created over fifty paintings, etchings, and drawings of this type, often depicting their central subject in a fancy hat. Vincent van Gogh created forty of this type of artwork, one of which shows a man with a bandaged ear who is smoking a pipe. For the point, name this type of work in which an artist depicts themselves.

ANSWER: **self-portrait** (accept double **self-portrait** during the first sentence; prompt on descriptive answers such as "portraits of artists")

14. Adults who follow the Christian denomination of Akurinu wear white versions of this article of clothing. Wise men known as Sayyids often wear this article of clothing in Islam, green examples of which are worn by Sufis. The dastaar is one of these worn by people who follow the Five K's, since these articles of clothes help contain uncut hair. For the point, name this piece of clothing often worn on the heads of Sikhs.

ANSWER: **turbans** (accept **headwraps**)

15. In a work from this country, a woman named "the little flame" receives a story in which a donkey steps on the hand of a boy hiding in a hen house. In other short stories from this country, a woman keeps her lover's head in a pot of basil after he is killed by her brother and Dioneo tells the story of the Patient Griselda. A collection of stories from this country set during the Black Death influence Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. The *Decameron* is set in, for the point, what country's city of Florence?

ANSWER: **Italy** (**Italia**; accept **Italian** Republic or Repubblica **Italiana**)

16. The fourth movement of this composer's fourth symphony is an unusual example of an orchestral passacaglia. Robert Hausmann was one of the dedicatees of this composer's double concerto for violin and cello. Upon receiving an honorary degree from the University of Breslau, this composer wrote the *Academic Festival Overture*. This composer's first symphony is colloquially referred to as Beethoven's tenth. For the point, name this composer of a famous lullaby.

ANSWER: Johannes **Brahms**

17. In a work by this playwright, Ann Deever discovers that her father was framed by Joe Keller for causing the deaths of twenty-one World War II pilots by selling them faulty airplane parts. In another play by this man, a needle is found in a "poppet" made by Mary Warren, and Giles Corey dies while asking for "more weight." *All My Sons* is by this playwright who described John Proctor's hanging and Willy Loman's suicide by car crash in two other plays. For the point, name this American playwright of *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman*.

ANSWER: Arthur Asher **Miller**

18. An artist from this country spent four years in the Deaf Man's Villa, where he created a series of bleak murals including *Fight with Cudgels*. A princess of this country, Margaret Theresa, is shown in a painting whose title translates as *The Ladies-in-Waiting*. A French firing squad points their guns towards a group of captives in this country in the painting *The Third of May 1808*. For the point, name this birthplace of Diego Velasquez and the creator of the *Black Paintings*, Francisco Goya.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Spain** (accept Reino de **España**)

19. In a poem by this man, a water carrier is described as a "limpin' lump o' brick-dust" and a "better man than I" after saving the speaker's life. In another poem, this author advises his son to "meet triumph and disaster / and treat these two imposters both the same" in order to "be a man." This author of "Gunga Din" and "If-" created a character who is taught by Baloo the Bear while being raised by wolves in rural India. For the point, name this British author who wrote about Mowgli in *The Jungle Book*.

ANSWER: (Joseph) Rudyard **Kipling**

20. This man cut off the ear of Malchus, who served the Jewish High Priest, in an olive grove, but was ordered to sheath his sword. This brother of Andrew failed to walk on water because he was afraid, and he denied knowledge of his leader three times before the cock crowed twice. In the book of Matthew, this man was told he would receive the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and be the rock on which Jesus would build his church. For the point, name this disciple of Jesus who is considered to be the first Pope.

ANSWER: Saint **Peter** (accept either name of **Simon Peter**; accept **Simeon**)

21. After saving Mit-sah, this character is taken in by Gray Beaver but is soon drunkenly sold to Beauty Smith. Cherokee nearly strangles this character before Weedon Smith intervenes and purchases him. This character is nicknamed the "Blessed Wolf" for killing escaped convict Jim Hall after being taken from the Yukon to California. For the point, name this wild wolf who becomes domesticated, the title character of a companion novel to Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*.

ANSWER: **White Fang**

22. This god sent his sister to kill Coronis while she was pregnant with this god's son, Asclepius. This father of Aristaeus slew the serpent Python, which had been sent after this god's mother. He was born on the island of Delos after Hera banned this god's mother, Leto, from giving birth on dry land. At Delphi, this god's oracle disseminated prophecies. For the point, name this twin of Artemis, the Greek god of the sun and poetry.

ANSWER: **Apollo**

23. Two characters in this musical work argue with each other about one being unable to swim and the other being unable to fly. In this work, the duck is represented by an oboe, a bird is represented by a flute, and the grandfather of the title character is represented by a bassoon. All the instruments in this work are introduced by the narrator. For the point, name this work by Sergei Prokofiev that tells the story of a boy and a predator.

ANSWER: **Peter and the Wolf**

24. A church in this city contains a Geometrical Staircase designed by French expatriate Jean Tigou and provides views of the surrounding area from its dome via the Stone Gallery and the Golden Gallery. Nicholas Hawksmoor assisted in the reconstruction of 51 churches in this city after it was devastated by a 1666 fire. Christopher Wren designed St Paul's Cathedral in this city. For the point, name this city also home to Westminster Abbey and the British Houses of Parliament.

ANSWER: **London**

25. Two of these animals have names that translate at "one who mocks" and "one who hates." In Norse myth, two of these animals named Hati and Sköll chase the sun and the moon through the sky. The chain Gleipnir bound one of these animals that bit off Tyr's right hand as it was chained by the Norse gods; that one of these animals is foretold to be the killer of Odin. Loki's offspring Fenrir is, for the point, what type of animal that let out a ferocious howl as it was restrained?

ANSWER: **wolves**

26. This artist painted Jesus holding a clear orb in his left hand in the painting *Salvator Mundi*, and painted a baby Jesus playing in the wilderness in *The Madonna of the Rocks*. Two images of a naked man superimposed upon a circle and a square comprise this artist's drawing *Vitruvian Man*. *La Gioconda* is one name of this artist's portrait of an Italian merchant's wife with an enigmatic smile. For the point, name this artist of the *Mona Lisa*.

ANSWER: **Leonardo da Vinci** (accept either underlined name)

27. The librettist Franz von Gernerth wrote words to accompany a piece in this genre. A piece in this genre nicknamed "Emperor" was written for a meeting between Franz Joseph I and Kaiser Wilhelm II. A piece in this genre, *Voices of Spring*, is often performed as a soprano concert aria. *Tales from the Vienna Woods* and *By the Beautiful Blue Danube* are two works of this type of dance's Viennese style. For the point, name this dance in triple meter, of which Johann Strauss II was the "king".

ANSWER: **waltz**

28. One school of this religion was formed that emphasized finding one's kensho. A sacred book of this religion known as the Blue Cliff Record contains 100 anecdotes known as koans. The Rinzai and Soto schools practice this religion, which was created during the Tang Dynasty. This religion was founded as an offshoot of the Mahayana Sect of a larger religion. For the point, name this form of Buddhism popular in Japan.

ANSWER: **Zen** Buddhism (prompt on Buddhism)

29. Some of these things named for Funbo were discovered at Uppsala, and some of these things named for Bryggen were discovered at Bergen. The Franks Casket contains some of the best preserved examples of these things, which use versions of the Futhark alphabets. In legend, Odin hung from a tree for nine days to receive this alphabet. For the point, name these characters used by the Vikings.

ANSWER: **runes** (accept **runestones**; accept **runic** scripts)

30. King Florestan XXIV [24] is the father of the title character of this ballet, which premiered in 1890 at the Mariinsky Theatre. This ballet features figures like the White Cat and Puss-in-Boots. The Lilac Fairy blesses a marriage in this ballet, in which Aurora pricks a spindle to set off a curse laid upon her. For the point, name this Tchaikovsky ballet about a princess who falls into a long slumber.

ANSWER: **Sleeping Beauty**

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31. This character becomes rich after his Brazilian plantations are sold, and sells the boy Xury to a Portuguese captain after escaping slavery in Sallee. After domesticating the parrot Poll and learning how to make bread and pottery, this character rescues a man from cannibals and converts him to Christianity. That man, Friday, accompanies this character as he escapes the "Island of Despair" with the help of some Spaniards. For the point, name this castaway, the title character of a novel by Daniel Defoe.

ANSWER: **Robinson Crusoe** (accept either name)