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Round 8

- 1) **This religious figure persuaded his father Azar to abandon worship of idols, and threw stones at the tempter Shaitan. This man begged God to save his nephew's hometown if he could find ten righteous men within it. This uncle of (*) Lot built the Kaaba with his son Ismail, and he nearly sacrificed his other son, Isaac, in a test of faith. For ten points, name this biblical husband of Sarah, the namesake of a group of religions including Islam and Judaism.**

ANSWER: Abraham (accept Abram; accept Ibrahim; accept Abrahamic religions)

Bonus 1) This woman often joked that her middle initial, "P," stood for "Pay It No Mind." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this "Saint of Christopher Street" and friend of Sylvia Rivera. This woman, a key figure in New York City's L·G·B·T·Q rights movement until her death in 1992, is often cited as "throwing the first shot glass" in a 1969 riot.

ANSWER: Marsha P. Johnson

[10m] Marsha Johnson was one of the key figures in the pro-civil rights riots that were sparked by a June 28, 1969 police raid at this Greenwich Village [GREH-nitch "village"] bar.

ANSWER: Stonewall Inn (accept Stonewall Riots)

[10e] In the 1980s, Johnson became known for her work caring for patients who had developed this disease after contracting H·I·V. The first "Walk" to raise money for this disease was co-organized by Johnson in 1985.

ANSWER: AIDS (accept acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; accept HIV/AIDS)

- 2) **Walter Baade discovered a “window” to easily view the center of this object, which is a boxy, peanut-like bulge about sixteen lightyears across. The second image of the Event Horizon Telescope was the supermassive black hole (*) Sagittarius A* [sah-jih-TAY-ree-us AY-star] at the center of this object. The Orion Arm spirals out from the bar at the center of this object, which will collide with Local Group neighbor Andromeda in four and a half billion years. For ten points, the Solar System is in what galaxy?**

ANSWER: Milky Way (prompt on descriptions of "our galaxy")

Bonus 2) A five-portrait series of this man in a mountainous landscape features stark differences in the color of his cloak and horse. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this French emperor who was depicted in that equestrian painting series crossing the Alps above rocks inscribed with his name and Hannibal's.

ANSWER: Napoleon (accept Napoleon Bonaparte; accept Napoleon the First, accept Napoleon Crossing the Alps)

[10h] *Napoleon Crossing the Alps* is by this French Neoclassical artist, whose other paintings include *The Death of Marat* and *The Oath of the Horatii* [hoh-RAY-shee-"eye"].

ANSWER: Jacques-Louis David [dah-VEED]

[10m] Another David [dah-VEED] painting depicts *The Death of* this man, who is depicted speaking to his students and accepting the hemlock that he must drink for "corrupting the youth of Athens."

ANSWER: Socrates (accept The Death of Socrates)

- 3) **A poem by this writer calls on the audience to "have the courage / to look [upon] the / Rock, the River, the Tree, your country." This poet asks, "does my haughtiness offend you?" in a poem that declares, "I am the dream and the hope of the slave." This author wrote about a creature whose (*) "wings are clipped" but who still "sings of freedom." For ten points, name the American poet of "On the Pulse of Morning" and "Still I Rise," who used another of her poems to title her first autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.**

ANSWER: Maya Angelou (accept Marguerite Annie Johnson)

Bonus 3) The model created by this process can be used to interpolate or extrapolate, depending on whether your prediction falls within or outside the initial dataset. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this statistical process, an analysis that creates an estimated relationship between dependent and independent variables.

ANSWER: **regression** (accept elaborations like "**regression** analysis")

[10e] This adjective names the simplest form of regression. Appropriately, this six-letter term also names the type of equation, usually written in "Y equals M X plus B" form, used to plot the regression's estimate.

ANSWER: **linear** (accept **linear** regression; accept **linear** equation)

[10h] When performing the most common version of linear regression, the line of best fit is chosen to minimize the sum of the squares of these values. This term describes the difference between the observed data point and the estimated value for that data point according to the model.

ANSWER: **residuals** (do not accept or prompt on "error")

- 4) **This ruler built the Great Hypostyle Hall at Karnak and improved trade relations with the Land of Punt, though much of the primary source evidence for that and other deeds was defaced to give the credit to other rulers. This regent for Thutmose the Third was commonly depicted with a (*) false beard, and died in 1458 B.C.E. For ten points, name this Eighteenth Dynasty pharaoh of Egypt, a queen who lived a century before Nefertiti.**

ANSWER: **Hat-shep-sut**

Bonus 4) In this short novel, a vacationing author collapses on a beach after learning about an outbreak of cholera. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this novel in which Gustav von Aschenbach becomes obsessed with a young Polish boy named Tadzio.

ANSWER: **Death in Venice** (accept Der **Tod in Venedig**)

[10m] *Death in Venice* is an early work by this German author of *The Magic Mountain*.

ANSWER: Thomas **Mann** (accept Paul Thomas **Mann**)

[10e] Because of the fame he earned writing *The Magic Mountain*, Mann was able to escape from Germany in 1939 and give radio speeches against this fascist party led by Hitler.

ANSWER: **Nazi** Party (accept **National Socialist German Workers'** Party)

- 5) **Arthur Janov proposed a "primal" approach to this practice. Genuineness, empathic understanding, and unconditional positive regard are the three "core conditions" of Carl Rogers' (*) client-centered approach to this practice, as described in books like *On Becoming a Person*. Psychoanalysis may be used in, for ten points, what practice in which a patient talks with a psychologist in the aim of improving their mental health?**

ANSWER: **therapy** (accept word forms like **therapist**; accept **psychotherapy**; accept primal **therapy**; accept primal scream **therapy**; prompt on "screaming;" prompt on "psychoanalysis" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 5) *Tiktaalik*, a fish with four fins whose sturdy bones could have supported the body, is often cited as this type of fossil. For ten points each,

[10m] Give this term for a fossil that exhibits traits common to both an ancestor species and a descendant species, illustrating a possible evolutionary history.

ANSWER: **transitional** fossils (do not accept or prompt on "missing link")

[10h] Two years after the publication of *On the Origin of Species*, Darwin's theories were bolstered by a fossil discovery of this genus, named for the Greek for "ancient wing." This transitional fossil relates dinosaurs and birds.

ANSWER: **Archaeopteryx** [ar-kee-YOP-tay-riks]

[10e] Transitional fossils are discussed by Stephen Jay Gould in an essay collection titled for this animal's "peculiar thumb." The World Wildlife Fund's logo is this bamboo-eating bear.

ANSWER: **panda** bear (accept The **Panda's Thumb**)

- 6) **This good names a system led by John McDonald, a Missouri revenue collector whose crimes were investigated by Benjamin Bristow. A century earlier, an unpopular tax on this good led to John Neville's (*) house being attacked by hundreds of militiamen, requiring President George Washington to personally ride in to quell the uprising. An 1870s "ring" of corruption and a 1790 "rebellion" are each named for, for ten points, what distilled liquor?**

ANSWER: **whiskey** (accept **Whiskey** Ring; accept **Whiskey** Rebellion)

Bonus 6) This historical play's title character sarcastically grumbles that, "now is the winter of our discontent / made glorious summer" by his brother, Edward the Fourth. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this play by William Shakespeare in which the title York king of England declares that he will be a villain since, because of his hunchback, people assume he is one.

ANSWER: **Richard the Third** (accept The Tragedy of **Richard the Third**)

[10m] Shakespeare also drew from English history for a play about this semi-legendary king, who brings about his own downfall when he fails to trust Cordelia, the only one of his three daughters who truly loves him.

ANSWER: **King Lear** (The Tragedy of **King Lear**)

[10e] Shakespeare used Roman history as the inspiration for a play about this man *and Cleopatra*. This Roman Triumvir lost the Battle of Actium while opposing Octavian.

ANSWER: Mark **Antony** (accept **Marcus Antonius**; accept **Antony and Cleopatra**)

- 7) **A team in this city traded for Owen Caissie in the 2026 offseason, sending Edward Cabrera to the Cubs. Quarterback Carson Beck led this city's university to a national title game, where they lost to (*) Indiana in 2026. Lionel Messi left Europe to play soccer for a club in this city. The ACC's Hurricanes play in Coral Gables for the University of, for ten points, what south Florida city, home to baseball's Marlins and basketball's Heat?**

ANSWER: **Miami** (accept **Miami** Marlins; accept University of **Miami**; accept Inter **Miami**; accept **Miami** Heat)

Bonus 7) This metal is deposited in the Kroll process when its tetrachloride reacts with magnesium. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this metal that acts as a strong solid on its own and forms a dioxide that is a useful white coating and paint. Lightweight alloys of this metal are used in aircraft.

ANSWER: **titanium** (accept **T·I**)

[10e] To ensure the titanium is pure, the Kroll process essentially must be run under this experimental condition, in which pressure is nearly zero.

ANSWER: **vacuum**

[10h] If your vacuum isn't perfect, you'll probably just make this simple ionic compound, with formula $T \cdot i \cdot 3 \cdot N \cdot 2$, instead of getting pure metal.

ANSWER: **titanium nitride** (listen carefully; do not accept or prompt on "titanium nitrate" or "titanium nitrite")

- 8) **While teaching at Tanglewood, this composer wrote a symphony that references another of his pieces with an ascending "F, B flat, long F" by the horns. Isamu Noguchi and Martha Graham did set design and (*) choreography, respectively, while this composer wrote music for a 1944 work that includes "Simple Gifts," a Shaker hymn. For ten points, name this American composer of *Fanfare for the Common Man*, as well as music for *Appalachian Spring* and other ballets.**

ANSWER: Aaron Copland

Note: Copland's Third Symphony includes a facsimile of *Fanfare for the Common Man*.

Bonus 8) Give the following about the conquests of Swein Forkbeard, for ten points each.

[10m] Swein Forkbeard claimed the throne of Denmark in 986 by revolting against this man, his father. This man names a modern wireless technology with a runic logo.

ANSWER: Harald Bluetooth (accept Harald Gormsson)

[10e] Bluetooth also ruled this country, which Forkbeard took from Olaf the First in the year 1000 by allying with Swedish forces and this country's jarl [yarl], Eric Hakonsson. Olaf had made Nidaros this country's capital, which is now Oslo.

ANSWER: Norway (accept Kingdom of Norway; accept Norge; accept Kongeriket Norge)

[10h] Forkbeard died in 1014 after conquering England and ruling it for only five weeks, interrupting this house's leader Æthelred the Unready. This Anglo-Saxon kingdom, formerly led by Alfred the Great, first unified England.

ANSWER: Wessex (accept House of Wessex; accept Kingdom of Wessex)

- 9) **Schrödinger's equation is a special case of a second-order PDE named for these things. An envelope outlines how these things move through space. The "standing" type of these things don't (*) change in shape over time. These things add by interference, and if their displacement is in a different direction than their propagation, they are described as transverse. For ten points, sine curves are used to represent what oscillations that have peaks and troughs?**

ANSWER: wave (accept more specific answers like light waves or sound waves)

Bonus 9) A story from one of this modern country's native religions describes the woman Luun·pa warning her people about the attack of the demon-dog Kur·pa·ny near Uluru. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this enormous island in Oceania where Aboriginal people developed stories about billabongs and the Outback.

ANSWER: Australia (accept Commonwealth of Australia)

[10m] Many Aboriginal religions describe an ancient life-giving serpent who brings precipitation and is named for this weather phenomenon.

ANSWER: rainbow (accept Rainbow Serpent; do not accept or prompt on "rain")

[10h] In some stories, the Rainbow Serpent lived during a "time" named for this action, when Australia was occupied by heroes and legendary figures.

ANSWER: dream (accept The Dreaming; accept Dreamtime)

- 10) **This poem's speaker rides on the back of Geryon and crosses through the concentric ditches of the Malebolge [mah-leh-BOLJ] to reach a frozen lake. In this poem, Judas Iscariot struggles in the mouth of a (*) fallen angel. Before entering the title location, this poem's protagonist meets his guide, Virgil, in Limbo. For ten points, name this first section of the *Divine Comedy*, in which Dante Alighieri travels through the Renaissance Catholic Hell.**

ANSWER: Inferno (accept Divine Comedy or Divina Comedia before "first section" is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 10) The modern names of several places on Africa's Atlantic coast are inspired by their histories involving the end of slavery. For ten points each,

[10e] The American Colonization Society supported this West African republic as a safer home for freed slaves than pre-Civil War America. This country's capital of Monrovia was named for A·C·S supporter James Monroe.

ANSWER: Liberia (accept Republic of Liberia)

[10m] This country, Liberia's northwestern neighbor, was established as a British colony for resettling freed slaves. Its capital is Freetown.

ANSWER: Sierra Leone (accept Republic of Sierra Leone)

[10h] The name of this African country's capital is also Freetown, after translating from French, the language of its European colonizing power.

ANSWER: Gabon (accept Gabonese Republic; accept République gabonaise)

- 11) **This value is the continued fraction in which every number is one. A pentagon with side lengths of one has diagonal lengths of this value. If a rectangle has width one and length equal to this number, it can be (*)** divided into a one-by-one square and a rectangle similar to the original. The ratio between consecutive Fibonacci numbers approaches, for ten points, what aesthetically important number, roughly equal to one point six one eight and symbolized phi [fee]?

ANSWER: **golden ratio** (accept **golden mean**; accept **golden proportion**; accept **golden number**; accept **mean of Phidias**; prompt on "phi" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 11) Two years before this law's namesake was ready to actually publish its discovery, he briefly explained it in Latin as "ut tensio, sic vis," then arranged those letters alphabetically and published that as a cryptic claim. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this physical law. The Latin phrase "Ut tensio, sic vis" translates to "as the extension, so the force."

ANSWER: **Hooke's Law** (accept Robert **Hooke**)

[10m] Hooke's Law is a direct proportion, so the force F can be found using this mathematical operation on the spring constant k and the compression distance x.

ANSWER: **multiplication** (accept **product**; accept **times**; accept elaborations like "F equals **k times x**" or "F equals **negative k times x**", etc.)

[10e] Anagram secrecy wasn't unique to Hooke; this Italian astronomer of the early 1600s made findings with his refracting telescope and published anagrammed results that stumped Johannes Kepler, among others.

ANSWER: **Galileo** (accept Galileo **Galilei**)

- 12) **Soldiers guarding this structure infamously shot, then refused to aid, Peter Fechter [FESH-ter]. "My God, Help Me to Survive This Deadly Love," depicting Leonid Brezhnev and Erich Honecker kissing, was (*)** graffitied onto this structure in 1990. This "Anti-Fascist Protection Rampart" included several locations, like Checkpoint Charlie, where Allied border crossings took place. November 9, 1989 began the symbolic "fall" of, for ten points, what barrier that divided a German city during the Cold War?

ANSWER: **Berlin Wall** (accept **Berliner Mauer**; accept **Anti-Fascist Protection Rampart** before it is read after the powermark)

Bonus 12) Answer the following about religious texts in Buddhism, for ten points each.

[10h] A "canon" of texts in Thera-vada Buddhism [tay-rah-VAH-dah "Buddhism"] is named for being written in this ancient language.

ANSWER: Pali (accept Pali Canon)

[10m] The Pali Canon includes a "Pitaka" or "basket" that contains these religious texts. "Lotus " and "Diamond" are two texts of this type, whose name means "sayings."

ANSWER: sutra (accept sutta; accept Sutta Pitaka; accept Lotus Sutra; accept Diamond Sutra)

[10e] The Sutta Pitaka is one of this many "baskets" in the Tri-pitaka, a collection of religious texts. This is also the number of sacred "Jewels" in Buddhism.

ANSWER: three

- 13) **This country is home to the poet of *Nox*, who translated Sappho in the book *If Not, Winter*, Anne Carson. Bliss Carman and Duncan Campbell Scott were among this country's Confederation Poets. A poem by this country's John (*) McCrae, titled "In Flanders Fields," popularized the use of poppies to commemorate soldiers in Commonwealth nations. For ten points, name this home country of 2013 Nobel laureate Alice Munro, found north of the United States.**

ANSWER: Canada

Bonus 13) Kyle Chandler gave the pep talk "Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose" as Coach Eric Taylor in this show, which is about to join a frankly ridiculous number of TV shows set in Texas to get a reboot, revival, or spinoff. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this critically acclaimed TV show about the Dillon Panthers and Texas high school football.

ANSWER: Friday Night Lights

[10m] This animated sitcom about propane salesman Hank Hill is set in Arlen, Texas. It ran for thirteen seasons before being revived on Hulu in 2025.

ANSWER: King of the Hill

[10e] Medford is the setting for *Georgie and Mandy's First Marriage* and *Young Sheldon*, each of which were spinoffs of this massively popular CBS sitcom.

ANSWER: The Big Bang Theory

- 14) **An activity series table measures how likely an element will undergo this type of reaction. The halves of these reactions occur in two compartments connected by a salt bridge and filled with saline in a (*) galvanic cell. Electroplating is this type of reaction that draws current to the cathode in a battery. For ten points, what type of reaction involves the transfer of electrons and is known by a five-letter portmanteau name?**

ANSWER: **redox** reaction (accept **oxidation-reduction** reactions; accept **reduction-oxidation**; accept **reduction** or **oxidation**; accept word forms like **reducing** or **oxidizing**; accept **electron transfer** before "transfer" is read in the last sentence; prompt on "single-replacement (reactions)")

Bonus 14) In a short story by this author, Tom Walker makes a deal with Old Scratch to receive riches in exchange for his soul. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this American author who collected "The Devil and Tom Walker" in *Tales of a Traveller* and wrote *Tales of the Alhambra*.

ANSWER: Washington **Irving**

[10m] Another short story collection by Washington Irving is named for this fictional historian, who supposedly collected stories about Rip Van Winkle and Ichabod Crane.

ANSWER: Geoffrey **Crayon** (accept The **Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon**, Gentleman)

[10e] *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon* contains "Rip Van Winkle" and this short story, in which Ichabod Crane is scared away by Brom Bones pretending to be the Headless Horseman.

ANSWER: The **Legend of Sleepy Hollow**

- 15) **An artist from this movement was repressed by her husband Felix, who developed its traits of "Japonism." Another artist of this movement took Rococo inspiration for her painting *Woman at Her Toilette*. An artist from this movement bought a (*) Manet [mah-nay] painting that may have inspired her work *The Boating Party*. Marie Bracquemond, Berthe Morisot, and the artist of *The Child's Bath*, Mary Cassatt, were the "Three Grand Dames of," for ten points, what art movement sparked by Claude Monet [moh-nay] in France?**

ANSWER: **Impressionism** (accept word forms like **Impressionists**)

Bonus 15) An "Ancestral" precursor group of these people lived during several "Basketmaker" periods between fifteen hundred and three thousand years ago. For ten points each,

[10h] Give this name that is shared by the people and settlements of Taos, Zuni, Hopi, and other Native Americans who lived between the sixteenth century and present day.

ANSWER: Pueblo (accept Pueblo people; accept Puebloans; accept Ancestral Puebloans)

[10m] Pueblo cultures often built homes and buildings out of this sun-dried mudbrick material.

ANSWER: adobe

[10e] This modern-day state was the site of the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, in which Popé [po-PAY] led a combined Pueblo army to temporarily drive the Spanish out of Santa Fe.

ANSWER: New Mexico

- 16) **This body of water had a reverse storm surge during 2024's Hurricane Milton, which made landfall just south of it. Apollo Beach hosts a power station whose warm water discharge creates a popular manatee habitat in this body of water. The Sunshine (*) Skyway Bridge rises hundreds of feet over, for ten points, what bay whose metropolitan area includes Clearwater, Saint Petersburg, and its namesake city on the west coast of central Florida?**

ANSWER: Tampa Bay (prompt on "Gulf of Mexico" before "bay" is read after the powermark)

Bonus 16) This country's literary prizes are named for authors like Naoki Sanjugo [nah-oh-kee sahn-joo-goh]. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this country where a prize for short fiction is named for the author of "Rashomon," a story set near the south gate of Kyoto.

ANSWER: Japan (accept Nihon-koku; accept Nippon-koku)

[10h] Rashomon is by this Japanese author who wrote about conflicting witness reports of a samurai's death in the short story "In a Grove."

ANSWER: Akutagawa Ryunosuke [ah-koo-tah-gah-wah] (accept Ryunosuke Akutagawa)

[10m] This Japanese author has been nominated for the Akutagawa Prize [ah-koo-tah-gah-wah "prize"], and has won other prizes for his novels *A Wild Sheep Chase* and *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*.

ANSWER: Murakami Haruki [moo-rah-kah-mee] (accept Haruki Murakami)

- 17) **During one campaign, this politician flew home to ensure that the mentally disabled Ricky Ray Rector was executed. NAFTA was signed, though not primarily negotiated, by this U·S president, who defeated (*) third party candidate Ross Perot in two elections. The Starr Report recommended charges of obstruction of justice against this leader in 1998. The second U·S president to be impeached was, for ten points, what husband of Hillary Rodham?**

ANSWER: Bill Clinton (accept William Jefferson Clinton; accept William Jefferson Blythe the Third)

Bonus 17) After World War Two, this man altered the text of lectures he had given in 1935 to make it sound like he had always been against "bad" Nazism... as though there were any other kind. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this German philosopher whose landmark work, *Being and Time*, studies the idea of existence through a concept he calls Dasein [DAH-zyne].

ANSWER: Martin Heidegger

[10m] In Nazi Germany, Heidegger lectured on the work of this earlier German philosopher, who criticized Judaism but explicitly argued against antisemitic hate in works like *On the Genealogy of Morality*. This philosopher's sister, Elisabeth, edited his work for a Nazi audience.

ANSWER: Friedrich Nietzsche (accept Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche)

[10e] As a Nazi, Heidegger helped draft a series of antisemitic laws that were presented in, and named for, this German city at a 1935 rally. De-Nazification after the war involved a war crime tribunal in this city.

ANSWER: Nuremberg (accept Nuremberg Laws; accept Nuremberg trials)

- 18) **Viruses provide internal entry sites for these organelles, rather than requiring them to find the five-prime guanine cap. After ultracentrifuging bacteria, these organelles separated into (*) 30S and 50S ["thirty S and fifty S"] "large" and "small" subunits. These organelles, which do not have a membrane, are assembled from RNA in the nucleolus and are recruited to the mitochondria or rough ER. For ten points, translation occurs at what cellular protein factories?**

ANSWER: ribosome (accept ribosomal RNA; accept internal ribosome entry sites)

Bonus 18) This emperor issued laws and theories via dozens of inscribed Rock Edicts, found in places as widespread as Afghanistan and Nepal. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this Indian ruler, known as "the Great," who spread Buddhism during his three decades of rule in the third century B.C.E.

ANSWER: Ashoka (accept Asoka; accept Ashoke; accept Asoke)

[10h] Ashoka converted to Buddhism after this particularly bloody war over a region on the eastern Indian coast. Ashoka's Rock Edicts detail his sorrow over this war.

ANSWER: Kalinga War

[10e] The emblem of India is taken from another physical artifact from the reign of Ashoka: the capital of a column that is topped by four life-sized carvings of these big cats native to India and Africa.

ANSWER: lions

- 19) The opening of this poem was translated by Seamus Heaney [SHAY-mus HAY-nee] as "so," and reads "hwæt" [rhymes with "cat"] in its original language. J.R.R. Tolkien's essay *The Monsters and the Critics* concerns this poem, in which a (*) water witch and a "son of Cain" are battled by the title character. At the end of his life, this poem's title character slays a dragon with the help of Wiglaf. For ten points, name this Old English epic poem about a title Geatish [GAY-tish] hero who slays the monster Grendel.

ANSWER: Beowulf [BAY-oh-wulf]

Bonus 19) This work was composed after years of unrequited obsession over the actress Harriet Smithson. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this five-movement work about an obsessed artist who gets high on opium, hallucinates being beheaded on a scaffold, and dreams of a witches' sabbath.

ANSWER: Symphonie fantastique (accept Symphonie fantastique: Épisode de la vie d'un artiste, en cinq parties)

[10m] This French composer's *Symphonie fantastique* stands today as both brilliant music and a brilliant example of how not to deal with unrequited love.

ANSWER: Hector Berlioz (accept Louis-Hector Berlioz)

[10e] Smithson refused to meet Berlioz for several years, until relenting at a Berlioz concert at the Conservatory in this French city.

ANSWER: Paris (accept Paris Conservatory; accept Conservatoire de Paris)

- 20) **Water gates in this mythical realm are guarded by Henbi gods and the cat god Meeyuty to allow the nightly passage of the sun god through it. Aaru, the (*)** Field of Reeds, is in this broad realm, which is the home of the beast Ammit and the wild-dog-headed god Anubis. Duat is the name of, for ten points, what mythical place ruled by Osiris that ancient Egyptians reached by having their hearts weighed against the feather of Ma'at after death?

ANSWER: underworld (accept ancient Egyptian afterlife; accept Duat or Tuat before "Duat" is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 20) This region is typically associated with calm winds and clear skies when it makes landfall, but over the ocean, it is marked by large, erratic waves. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this central region of a hurricane. Meteorologists warn against leaving your shelter while this region passes over you, because its calm is temporary.

ANSWER: eye

[10m] The strongest winds of a hurricane are located in this region, immediately surrounding the eye. In stronger hurricanes, this region undergoes a replacement cycle in which a new ring of thunderstorms weakens and replaces this ring.

ANSWER: wall (accept eyewall)

[10h] Eyes can usually be seen on weather radar, but early detection is possible by scanning for this triatomic molecule, which is pulled down from the stratosphere by the cyclone's low air pressure. This atmospheric gas is measured in Dobson units.

ANSWER: ozone (accept O3; do not accept or prompt on "oxygen" or "O" alone)