Actual Super Sunday Quiz: Season 14 (2022-23)

1,000 Total Points (100 points/category)
1. Pop Culture
2. Literature
3. Science
4. History
5. Math
6. Vocabulary
7. Geography
8. Civics
9. Arts
10. Current Events

1. **POP CULTURE**

For 10 points:
1) Manga is a style of graphic novels and comics originating from what country?

Japan

For 15 points:
2) In 2022 TikTok expanded its maximum video length from 3 minutes to how many minutes?

10

For 20 points:
3) In 2019, with “Truth Hurts,” who broke the record for longest-running Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 by a solo female rapper?

Lizzo (Melissa Viviane Jefferson)

For 25 points:
4) In 2022 Troy Kotsur made history as the first deaf male actor to win an Oscar, for what film that also stars Marlee Matlin?

CODA

For 30 points:
5) In 2022 Netflix announced a *Bridgerton* spinoff series that will focus on what wife of King George III, an English queen who may have had African ancestry?
Charlotte (Sophie Charlotte) (Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz)

2. **LITERATURE**

For 10 points:
1) “When shall we three meet again? In thunder, lightning, or in rain?” What Shakespeare tragedy opens with these lines?

   *Macbeth*

For 15 points:
2) Known for being a “trickster,” what demigod in Polynesian mythology created the islands of Hawaii by hauling them up with his great fishhook?

   *Maui*

For 20 points:
3) *Call Us What We Carry* is a bestselling poetry collection by what activist and presidential inaugural poet?

   *Amanda Gorman*

For 25 points:
4) Recently adapted by Netflix, what popular graphic novel by Alice Oseman is a coming-of-age story that follows two British teens at an all-boys school as they meet and fall in love?

   *Heartstopper*

For 30 points:
5) In 2021 Louise Erdrich won a Pulitzer Prize for what novel inspired by her grandfather, who fought the government’s efforts in the 1950s to terminate and eliminate several Native American tribes?

   *The Night Watchman*

3. **SCIENCE**

For 10 points:
1) A chemical substance is defined as acidic if its pH is lower than what number?

   7

For 15 points:
2) Located between the crust and the core, what layer makes up 84% of the Earth’s total volume?

   *the mantle*

For 20 points:
3) Derived from the Latin for “horn,” what clear front part of the eye transmits and focuses light?

   *cornea*
For 25 points:
4) What English scientist is best known for producing Photo 51, an x-ray image that helped her colleagues Francis Crick and James Watson discover the helical structure of DNA?

   Rosalind Franklin

For 30 points:
5) In 2022 scientists took the first picture of Sagittarius A*, the black hole at the center of the Milky Way galaxy. It was photographed with what telescope abbreviated EHT?

   Event Horizon Telescope (Event Horizon)

4. HISTORY

For 10 points:
1) The United States entered World War II in December 1941 after Japanese planes bombed what US naval base in Hawaii?

   Pearl Harbor

For 15 points:
2) Nicknamed “the Liberator,” what Venezuelan leader is considered a hero throughout South America for helping six different nations achieve independence from Spain in the 1800s?

   Simón Bolívar (Simón José Antonio de la Santísima Trinidad Bolívar y Ponte Palacios y Blanco)

For 20 points:
3) Egypt's 25th Dynasty was ruled by a succession of Nubian kings. Ancient Nubia was mostly located in what present-day country?

   Sudan

For 25 points:
4) Joan of Arc is considered heroine of France for her role in a key victory during the Hundred Years’ War. In 1429 she led an army to reclaim what French city that had been besieged by the English?

   Orléans

For 30 points:
5) The Gang of Four was a powerful political faction that implemented the harsh Communist policies of what country in the 1960s and 70s?

   China

5. MATH

For 10 points:
1) If a square has an area of 64 square inches, what is the perimeter of the square, in inches?

   32
For 15 points:
2) Liam decorates five cakes per hour and Isabelle decorates six cakes per hour. How many cakes do they decorate in total in eight hours?

88

For 20 points:
3) A triangle has how many diagonals?

zero (0) (none)

For 25 points:
4) What positive number is the geometric mean of 36 and 4?

12

For 30 points:
5) In the coordinate plane, a point with a positive x value and a negative y value would be found in which quadrant?

4th quadrant

6. VOCABULARY

For 10 points:
1) *Abysmal* means which of the following?

A. superficial
B. similar but not identical
C. extremely bad
D. costly

C. extremely bad

For 15 points:
2) Which of the following is a synonym for *proclaim*?

A. promulgate
B. abrogate
C. fulminate
D. undulate

A. promulgate

For 20 points:
3) *Empirical* means which of the following?

A. verified by observation
B. lacking in merit
C. taken by force
D. pertaining to finance
For 25 points:
4) Which of the following is a synonym for *galvanizing*?

A. imposing  
B. stimulating  
C. reforming  
D. teeming

C. stimulating

For 30 points:
5) *Nonplussed* means which of the following?

A. annoyed  
B. angry  
C. secretive  
D. perplexed

D. perplexed

7. GEOGRAPHY

For 10 points:
1) What US state is home to Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the Lower 48?

California

For 15 points:
2) The Mongol Empire of the 13th and 14th centuries was the largest contiguous land empire in history. It occupied vast parts of what desert that stretches across both Mongolia and northern China?

Gobi Desert

For 20 points:
3) In April 2022, more than 6,000 Indigenous people from 172 tribes gathered in what capital city of Brazil for a 10-day protest demanding better protection for their land and rights?

Brasilia

For 25 points:
4) What river that flows through nine European countries—Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine—is more than twice as long as the Rhine?

the Danube
For 30 points:
5) Located along the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, the United Arab Emirates is an elective monarchy formed from a federation of how many emirates?

seven

8. CIVICS

For 10 points:
1) On June 24, 2022, the US Supreme Court overturned what landmark decision that affirmed access to abortion as a constitutional right?

Roe v. Wade (Roe)

For 15 points:
2) What Founding Father is the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas Jefferson

For 20 points:
3) What constitutional amendment provides procedures for replacing the president in the event of death, removal, resignation, or incapacitation?

25th Amendment

For 25 points:
4) The Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War and recognized America’s independence from Great Britain. The treaty was signed on September 3rd of what year?

1783

For 30 points:
5) In 2020, decades after the ratification deadline, what became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?

Virginia

9. ARTS

For 10 points:
1) Carved from a discarded block of marble that other artists had considered unworkable, what 17-foot-tall masterpiece by Michelangelo depicts the biblical hero who slew the giant Goliath?

David

For 15 points:
2) An iconic 1964 silk-screen portrait of Marilyn Monroe sold in May 2022 for over $195 million, the highest price ever paid for an American artwork at auction. This portrait is by what famous name in the Pop Art movement?

Andy Warhol (Andrew Warhola)
For 20 points:
3) In 2019 Ali Stroker became the first actress who uses a wheelchair to win a Tony Award, for her role as Ado Annie in what Rogers & Hammerstein musical?

   Oklahoma!

For 25 points:
4) Posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014, what renowned American choreographer founded his namesake dance company in 1958 as a way to honor and preserve Black culture through dance?

   Alvin Ailey (Alvin Ailey Jr.)

For 30 points:
5) What American architect and sculptor is best known for her design of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., which she designed when she was only 21 years old?

   Maya Lin (Maya Ying Lin)

10. CURRENT EVENTS

For 10 points:
1) Will Smith was banned from the Oscars gala and other Academy events for 10 years after slapping what presenter at the 94th Oscars ceremony?

   Chris Rock

For 15 points:
2) In June 2022 what team defeated the Boston Celtics to win its fourth NBA championship since 2015?

   Golden State Warriors (Warriors)

For 20 points:
3) In response to Russia’s unprecedented invasion of Ukraine, in May 2022 the traditionally neutral countries of Finland and Sweden took steps to apply to what military alliance?

   NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

For 25 points:
4) In a historic victory for organized labor, in April 2022 workers at a Staten Island warehouse voted to form the first US labor union at what retail giant?

   Amazon (Amazon.com, Inc.) (Amazon.com)

For 30 points:
5) In September 2021 Nadja Bouden Ramadhane became the first woman to lead a government in the Arab world, as the prime minister of what country?

   Tunisia