**2015 IHBB Championships: MS History Bee**

**Round 2 - Prelims**

1. The Sekbans led the Jelali revolts against this group, and this group was targeted by the Nizam-i Cedid reforms. Mahmud II suppressed this group following the Auspicious Incident. This group was maintained through the Devsirme (**pr. dev-SHEER-may**), or "blood tax." For the point, name this elite military group primarily made up of converted Christians which served the Ottoman sultans.

ANSWER: **Janissaries** [or **Janissary** Corp; or **yeniceri**] <JB> {II}

2. A work about the Ten Crimes of this dynasty criticized it using Confucian reasoning. This dynasty’s chancellor Li Si standardized the written Chinese script. The statesman Shang Yang made many legal reforms to this dynasty, which helped it end the Warring States period. This dynasty’s first emperor unified China, but soon after his death it was overthrown by the Han. For the point, which Chinese dynasty was ruled by Shi Huangdi?

ANSWER: **Qin** Dynasty (pr. “Chin” – do NOT accept pr. “Ching”) <TR> {II}

3. **Warning: two answers required.** After Luis Figo left one of these teams for the other, he had a pig’s head thrown at him during a game. After one of these teams signed Alfredo di Stefano, he instead played for the other after the interference of their country’s dictator. One of these teams’ slogan “*Mes Que Un Club*” signifies its support of Catalan culture, while the other was the favorite club of Francisco Franco. For the point, which two Spanish football teams currently feature rivals Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi?

ANSWER: **Real Madrid** C.F. and F.C. **Barcelona** [prompt on **Madrid**] <TR> {II}

4. This theory predicts a period of time during which the gravitational force was as strong as the other fundamental forces known as the Planck epoch. The name for this theory was coined by Fred Hoyle, who actually opposed Georges LeMaitres’ idea of it. Evidence for this theory came from the linear relationship between redshift and distance posited by Edwin Hubble. For the point, name this scientific theory that suggests the universe was born from a singularity.

ANSWER: **Big Bang** [prompt on the “**start of the universe**” or such equivalents] <Ike> {II}

5. This country was represented at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference by the acclaimed piano player Ignacy Paderewski. Another musician from this country composed the Prelude #20 in C minor, dubbed the “Funeral March” by Hans von Bulow. This country’s musical heritage includes many pieces written as mazurka and polonaises. For the point, name this home country of Frederic Chopin (**pr. show-PAH**) and other composers from Krakow and Warsaw.

ANSWER: **Poland** <CW> {II}

6. These institutions were the subject of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's Old Deluder Satan Act. These institutions were where the Blue-back Spellers of Noah Webster were used. Maria Montessori developed a new approach to the workings of these institutions. For the point, name these institutions for which Horace Mann advocated, and where children are educated.

ANSWER: public **school**s [do not accept "colleges" or "universities"] <JB> {II}

7. Some people with this occupation marked out a certain area of the sky with a *lituus.* The right to hold this occupation was extended to the plebeians by the Lex Ogulnia. These people used a sacrificial knife called a *secespita*. A specific group of these people swore an oath of virginity and maintained a sacred fire in the temple of Vesta. The Pontifex Maximus was the leader of these people. For the point, name this occupation held by the Romans who facilitated religious ceremonies.

ANSWER: Roman **priest**s/**priestess**es [accept **augur**s, ***flamines***, or ***Vestales*/Vestal Virgins**] <CKM> {II}

8. This calendar year featured the Five Days of Milan, which occurred after Ferdinand II granted the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies a new constitution. The Frankfurt Assembly convened in this year, and a movement for Hungarian independence prompted Metternich to flee Vienna. This was also the year when King Louis-Philippe was deposed and the French Second Republic was established. For the point, name this “year of revolutions” in 19th-century Europe.

ANSWER: **1848** <SH> {II}

9. This country saw military campaigns try to capture the city of Tobruk during World War II and the early 21st century. A terrorist attack killed the American diplomat Christopher Stevens in this country’s city of Benghazi. For the point, name this North African country, which has suffered much instability since the death of longtime strongman Muammar Qaddafi.

ANSWER: **Libya**

10. In these treaties, one party received the Asiento, a monopoly on South American slave trade. Britain received Newfoundland and gained parts of Rupert’s Land from the French in these treaties. As a result of these treaties, Philip of Anjou became king of Spain but renounced any claim to the French throne. For the point, name this series of treaties signed in 1713 which ended the War of the Spanish Succession.

ANSWER: Peace/Treaty of **Utrecht** <JZ> {II}

11. Horemheb opposed worship of this deity. According to Sigmund Freud, this deity's chief promulgator was a close relative of Moses. Amarna was the main site of worship of this god, who was symbolized by a disk with rays shooting down from it. For the point, name this unitary solar god briefly imposed by the New Kingdom pharaoh first known as Amenhotep IV.

ANSWER: **Aten** [or Ra-Horakhty-**Aten**; or **Aton**; do not accept or prompt on “Amon” or "Ra"; do not accept or prompt on "Horus"; do not accept "Akhenaten"] <MJ> {II}

12. One scene in this film shows a young boy holding a photo while diving into a pile of poop. Another scene in this film shows one character answering a phone in order to help a contestant answer a question about the Three Musketeers. Jai Ho is a popular song from from this Danny Boyle directed film which won Best Picture at the 2009 Academy Awards. For the point, name this film in which Jamal Malik participates in the Indian version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Answer: **Slumdog Millionaire**

13. This country established a woman’s right to an abortion if her pregnancy is life-threatening in the 1992 “X case.” This country became a republic in 1937, following a period of fifteen years in which it was a “Free State,” during which the conservative Fianna Fail party was founded. Following its economic boom in the 1990s, this country was called the “Celtic Tiger.” For the point, name this predominantly-Catholic country that occupies most of an island west of Britain.

ANSWER: Republic of **Ireland** [or Poblacht na h**Eire**ann] <AG> {II}

14. After joining the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, this man complained to Lord Kitchener about not being sent directly into combat. This man was heavily suspected of being a Nazi sympathizer after he and his wife visited Adolf Hitler in 1937. He gained the title of Duke of Windsor after his brother, the Duke of York, took the name George VI. For the point, what British king abdicated the throne in order to marry Wallis Simpson?

ANSWER: King **Edward VIII** <JL> {II}

15. A nationalist poet from this country took over the city of Fiume (**pr. fee-OO-may**), ignoring the Treaty of Rapallo. Twelve battles in this country were fought alongside the Isonzo River. This country signed an armistice with Austria-Hungary after defeating them at Vittorio Veneto. For the point, name this home country of Gabriele d'Annunzio and setting of the Battle of Caporetto.

ANSWER: **Italy** [or **Italian** Republic; or Repubblica **Italiana**] <KG> {II}

16. This product’s copyrighted features include a scar on its right cheek. A variant of this thing in England was called "Action Man." By the late 1960's, this product was marketed as an "Adventurer" to avoid anti-Vietnam War backlash. Hasbro was reluctant to sell this toy because marketers thought boys would not play with dolls. For the point, name this "real American hero" action figure of a miniature soldier.

ANSWER: **G.I. Joe** [or **America’s Movable Fighting Man**; prompt on **Joe**] <MC> {II}

17. A statue in Angkor Thom supposedly depicts King Yasovarman as one of these people. Hagioscope windows in churches were designed for these people. A king who was succeeded by Guy of Lusignan, Baldwin IV, was one of these people. Father Damian worked in a colony of these people on the island of Molokai. For the point, name these people who were historically shunned for having a contagious, disfiguring skin disease.

ANSWER: **leper**s [or people with **leprosy**; or people with **Hansen**'s Disease] <JB> {II}

18. Stevie Wonder sang "there ought to be a law against anyone who takes offense" to celebrating this holiday. The 1993 Super Bowl was moved from Arizona after that state rejected celebrating this holiday, which was co-celebrated in Virginia with events honoring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson until 2000. For the point, name this American holiday honoring the civil rights leader who gave the “I Have A Dream” speech in 1963.

ANSWER: Dr. **Martin Luther King** Jr. Day [or **MLK** Day; or **Birthday of Martin Luther King** Jr.] <MC> {II}

19. The aftermath of this event saw the destruction of the House of Wisdom and Christians were spared from being killed by the wife of its instigator, Dokuz Khatun. A leader of one side of this event was killed by being rolled up in a carpet and trampled upon. The aftermath of this event saw the formation of the Ilkhanate by Hulagu Khan. For the point, name this event in 1258 which saw the fall of the Abbasid Caliphate and ended the Golden Age of Islam.

Answer: **Mongol sack of Baghdad** [Accept any answer involving the **Mongols** destroying **Baghdad**]

20. This document was given broader application by the case *Gitlow v. New York* in a process called incorporation. Its eighth section protects against cruel and unusual punishment as well as protects the right to bear arms. For the point, name this set of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which shares its name with a 1689 set of rules in post-Glorious Revolution England.

ANSWER: The **Bill of Rights**

21. The Alvor Agreement ended another conflict between this nation and its former colony of Angola. Operation Vijay succeeded in conquering one of this nation’s overseas territories, the exclave of Goa, and this country gave up its colonies after the failure of the Estado Novo. Antonio Salazar once ruled, for the point, what country which shares the Iberian Peninsula with Spain?

ANSWER: **Portugal**

22. The Hauteville family were members of this group, who conquered areas like Apulia and Calabria. One of these people named Roger established a kingdom in Sicily, while his brother Robert Guiscard ruled southern Italy. Other members of this group conquered England after winning the Battle of Hastings. For the point, identify this group named for the region ruled by William the Conqueror.

ANSWER: **Norman**s <SL> {II}

23. This ostracizer of Cimon was mentored by Ephialtes (**pr. eff-EYE-ul-teez**). This person spearheaded the adoption of the Megaran Decree, which prompted a conflict where he put trust in the walls of the city and the navy. He gave a famous funeral oration and helped construct the Parthenon. For the point, name this Athenian leader who died of the plague, ending the first portion of the Peloponnesian wars.

ANSWER: **Pericles** <JZ> {II}

24. While king, this man attempted a combined land and water attack to relieve the siege of Chateau Gaillard (**pr. guy-ARD**). His allies lost the Battle of Bouvines, and he lost much of the Angevin Empire to Philip Augustus. He allegedly murdered his nephew Arthur of Brittany and at the Battle of Mirabeau he rescued his mother Eleanor of Aquitaine. For the point, name this son of Henry II and brother of Richard I who was forced to sign the Magna Carta.

ANSWER: King **John** [prompt on **Lackland**] <TR>

25. In Islam, this event is comprised of the Yawm al-Qiyamah and Yawm al-din and includes a battle between Isa and Masih al-Dajjal. Some Christians believe it includes the Battle of Gog and Magog and the appearance of the Whore of Babylon. This concept is the general subject of the field of eschatology. For the point, identify this event which, according to Christianity, may include a rapture and is described in Revelation.

ANSWER: the **end of the world** [accept equivalents like **Armageddon**, the **end of time**, the **end of days**, the **cleansing of the world**, the **end times**, the **renovation of the universe**, or other obvious synonyms indicating the end or remaking of things in general]

**­­­Extra Tossup – ONLY READ IF YOU BOTCH A QUESTION!**

A play titled for this man is sometimes called “the power of God” and was written by Jean Anouilh. This man rejects power, fame, glory and physical safety from four tempters in a T.S. Eliot play in which he is murdered by four knights. Pilgrims journey to visit this man’s shrine in a collection of poems by Geoffrey Chaucer. For the point, name this archbishop of Canterbury who was supposedly murdered on orders from Henry II.

ANSWER: Thomas à **Becket** <Ike>