**International History Bowl**

**2014-2015 Beta Set**

**HIGH SCHOOL BOWL ROUND 1**

**First Quarter**

1. People who have served on this body include William Douglas and Sandra Day O’Connor. This group of people issued the controversial Dred Scott ruling and the more enlightened Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Currently, it is overseen by John Roberts and 8 other associate justices belong to it. For 10 points, name this highest judicial body in the USA.

ANSWER: **Supreme Court**

2. This city was attacked by Alaric and his Visigoths 66 years before its last native leader was overthrown by the Ostrogoths. Celts once attacked this city, and during World War II, American troops captured it after a disastrous landing near the city of Anzio which lies to its south. For 10 points, name this city which Benito Mussolini once led a march on in order to take power in Italy.

ANSWER: **Rome**

3. The formation of this institution triggered the Key West Agreement on its proper usage, which was negotiated on its behalf by its first secretary, Stuart Symington. This organization conducted Project Blue Book, a study of UFOs, and it operates Area 51. For 10 points, name this branch of the US military which operates B-52s, F-16s, and other fighter jets.

ANSWER: United States **Air Force** [or **USAF**]

4. In 1972, the USA refused to accept its silver medals in this sport due to a controversial call in a game against the Soviet Union. This sport was invented at a YMCA in Massachusetts by James Naismith, and Larry Bird and LeBron James are considered two of its best ever players. For 10 points, name this sport in which Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls became a superstar.

ANSWER: **Basketball**

5. This country’s "enosis" (**pr. ee-NOH-siss**) movement propelled Archbishop Makarios to power, sparking an invasion that still divides this island. In Ancient Greek myth, Aphrodite (**aff-roh-DIE-tee)** was born on this large island. For 10 points, name this country with capital at Nicosia in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

ANSWER: **Cyprus**

6. This country’s island of Spitsbergen has been the site of several recent polar bear attacks. This country’s native Roald Amundsen became the first person to reach the south pole, though this country is located in Northern Europe. For 10 points, name this country whose oil reserves have led its capital to have a very expensive cost of living in Oslo.

ANSWER: **Norway**

7. In 1985, this company sued Minolta over the distinctive crossed letters in its logo. This company is the descendent of Standard Oil of New Jersey, and it employed Joseph Hazelwood, who was accused of being responsible for a 1989 disaster on Prince William Sound. For 10 points, name this company whose *Valdez* tanker caused a huge oil spill, eleven years before it merged with Mobil.

ANSWER: **Exxon** Mobil Corporation

8. The first Church council named for this place endorsed ultramontanism and espoused the doctrine of Papal infallibility. The second council named for this place introduced the vernacular mass and renounced anti-Semitism. For 10 points, identify this namesake of 1868 and 1959 Catholic ecumenical councils, which is also the independent state where the Pope lives.

ANSWER: **Vatican** City

9. This man refused to continue working on the film *The Golden Age* after denouncing his collaborator, Luis Buñuel, for "communism and atheism," three years after he completed *Un Chien Andalou* (**pr. uh shee-EN on-da-LOO**) For 10 points, name this Spanish surrealist who painted *The Persistence of Memory*, which shows several melting watches.

ANSWER: Salvador **Dalí**

10. Nobility serving under this dynasty followed the "Table of Ranks" to determine bureaucratic advancement. This royal house came to power after three different "False Dmitris" were suppressed during the Time of Troubles. For 10 points, name this house founded by Mikhail I in 1613, which remained in control of Russia until the twentieth century.

ANSWER: **Romanov** Dynasty

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**Second Quarter**

1. This man's reforms were sabotaged when Qi (**pr. CHEE**) sent dancing girls and horses to distract the Duke of Lu. This man advocated the "reification (**pr. RAY-iff-uh-CAY-shun**) of names" and the "five relationships." For 10 points, name this author of the "Five Classics" whose sayings, collected in the *Analects*, form the basis of a traditional Chinese ruling philosophy.

ANSWER: **Confucius** [or **Kong** Qiu; or **Zhongni**; or **Kong**zi; or Master **Kong**; or **Kong** Fuzi]

BONUS: In what other Asian country did the religion of Jainism begin?

ANSWER: **India**

2. During this century, the Ottoman Empire's Tulip Period began with the Treaty of Passarowitz (**pr. puh-SAH-roe-vits).** At the end of this century, the White Lotus Rebellion broke out in China. The Battle of Plassey and the Black Hole of Calcutta took place in this century. For 10 points, identify this century in which Britain took control of Canada after the French and Indian War.

ANSWER: **18th** century AD [or **1700**s]

BONUS: What prison in Paris was attacked by a mob during the late 18th century at the outbreak of the French Revolution?

ANSWER: **Bastille**

3. Alexander Neckham first described the European use of this object, which began in 1190 after it was invented in China. This object was used in conjunction with Portolan charts to double the Venetian trading season, which previously relied on clear skies for navigation. For 10 points, name this navigational device which uses the Earth's magnetic field to point north.

ANSWER: **compass**

BONUS: Which other Chinese invention became the namesake of a plot by Guy Fawkes to blow up the British parliament?

ANSWER: **Gunpowder**

4. A scandal leading up to this ballot question involved abusive Twitter messages sent to J.K. Rowling. Alistair Darling appeared in an August 2014 debate on behalf of Better Together, which led the "no" campaign on this question. For 10 points, identify this September 2014 ballot question which sought to make Edinburgh the capital of a new sovereign country.

ANSWER: **Scottish independence** referendum [or obvious equivalents]

BONUS: Which largest Scottish city by population was one of the few areas where the majority of people voted for independence?

ANSWER: **Glasgow**

5. This state's Jackson County is where the Garden of Eden was located in Mormon belief. This state was added to the U.S. as a slave state in exchange for Maine coming in as a free state, in its namesake "compromise." For 10 points, name this state that shares its name with the longest river in the USA, which meets the Mississippi River here near the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

ANSWER: **Missouri**

BONUS: The Missouri city of Independence was the start of what route, which settlers took to reach the Willamette Valley?

ANSWER: **Oregon Trail**

6. This man first came to prominence by suppressing the 13 Vendémiaire (**pr. VON-deem-yair**) rebellion with what Thomas Carlyle called "a whiff of grapeshot." He made his brothers Joseph and Jerome into the kings of Spain and Westphalia, respectively. For 10 points, name this "First Counsel" who was defeated by the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo.

ANSWER: **Napoleon** Bonaparte [or **Napoleon I**; prompt on **Bonaparte**]

BONUS: Napoleon was able to remove Austria and the Holy Roman Empire from the Third Coalition opposing him with what great 1805 victory in what is now the Czech Republic?

ANSWER: Battle of **Austerlitz**

7. This politician's former deputy Maya Kodnan is serving a twenty-eight year prison sentence for involvement in the 2002 sectarian riots in Gujarat (GOO-juh-rot), where this man was chief minister for thirteen years. In 2014, his Bharatiya Janata (bah-rah-TEE-yuh jah-nuh-TAH) Party dislodged the Congress Party in general elections. For the point, name this newly elected Prime Minister of India.

ANSWER: Narendra **Modi**

BONUS: Modi’s immediate predecessor was what first Sikh to be India’s Prime Minister?

ANSWER: Manmohan **Singh**

8. Mythical examples of these people include Conchobar mac Nessa’s attendant Cathbad. Julius Caesar claimed that these people sacrificed criminals by burning them inside a wooden effigy. Pliny the Elder describes a ritual in which they sacrificed white bulls after climbing oak trees to cut down mistletoe. For 10 points, name this class of Celtic people, most famous as priests.

ANSWER: **druid**s [prompt on “**Celt**ic **priest**s” or equivalents; prompt on “**Celt**s” or “**Gaul**s”]

BONUS: Which Celtic language has maintained the greatest number of speakers to the present-day, including many in the cities of Aberyswyth and Cardiff?

ANSWER: **Welsh**

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FAMOUS GREEKS

What person or god from ancient Greece…

1. Was the leader of the Olympian gods and was depicted in a famous statue at Olympia?

ANSWER: **Zeus** (do not accept Jupiter)

2. Ran naked through the streets of Syracuse shouting "Eureka" after discovering buoyancy?

ANSWER: **Archimedes**

3. Led a cult which opposed eating beans and discovered a side length theorem for right triangles?

ANSWER: **Pythagoras**

4. Was the "gadfly of Athens" whose *Apology* was recorded by Plato?

ANSWER: **Socrates**

5. Offered a salt spring as a gift to Athens, which then chose Athena as its patron deity instead?

ANSWER: **Poseidon**

6. Wrote the first book of history, *The Persian Wars*?

ANSWER: **Herodotus**

7. Was the wife of Zeus whose symbol was the peacock?

ANSWER: **Hera**

8. Gave a "funeral oration" on Athenian ideals during the Peloponnesian War?

ANSWER: **Pericles**

MEDIEVAL EASTERN EUROPE

In the Middle Ages, who or what was the…

1. Empire which, by the 1070s, was reduced to the area around Constantinople?

ANSWER: **Byzantine** Empire [or **Eastern Roman** Empire; prompt on **Roman** Empire]

2. Country first organized by the Piast Dynasty, which was later invaded by its neighbor Germany to start World War II?

ANSWER: **Poland**

3. Muslim empire based in Turkey which conquered much of the region from 1308 to 1571?

ANSWER: **Ottoman** Empire

4. Modern-day country where the Grand Duchy of Muscovy formed around the city of Moscow?

ANSWER: **Russia**

5. Group which briefly overran Eastern Europe after defeating the Hungarians at Mohi in 1241?

ANSWER: **Mongol**s

6. City where Vladimir the Great converted a namesake state to Christianity before it became the Ukrainian capital?

ANSWER: **Kiev**

7. Prince of Wallachia (**pr. wah-LAY-kee-uh**) whose practice of putting opposing soldiers on stakes inspired vampire legends?

ANSWER: **Vlad the Impaler** [or Vlad **Dracula**; or **Vlad III**; or **Vlad Tepes**; prompt on **Vlad**; do not accept "Vlad Dracul"]

8. Battle, which shares its name with a Balkan country that declared independence in 2008 from Serbia?

ANSWER: **Kosovo**

HERBERT HOOVER

Name the person or event from the life of Herbert Hoover that was…

1. The position he held from 1929-1933

ANSWER: **US President** (prompt on just “president”)

2. The four-term New Deal architect who succeeded him

ANSWER: **F**ranklin Delano **Roosevelt** [or **FDR**; prompt on **Roosevelt**]

3. The political party he belonged to

ANSWER: **Republican**

4. The East Asian language he spoke, along with more people than any other language

ANSWER: **Chinese** (or **Mandarin**)

5. The prestigious California university which he attended in its first year

ANSWER: **Stanford**

6. The Chicago mob kingpin convicted of tax evasion

ANSWER: Al **Capone** [Alphonse Gabriel **Capone**] [prompt on **Scarface**]

7. The type of structure named for him on the Colorado River

ANSWER: **Dam**

8. A group of World War I veterans who marched on Washington

ANSWER: **Bonus Army**

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**Fourth Quarter**

1. **The use of this three word phrase ended a secret program by which Ryan Crocker coordinated the capture of Al-Qaeda operatives. This phrase originally ended with the word "hatred" when David Frum wrote it into a section of the (+) 2002** **State of the Union Address that argued for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein**. (\*) For 10 points, give this three-word phrase used by George W. Bush to describe Iraq, Iran, and Syria by analogy to an earlier grouping of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

ANSWER: "**axis of evil**"

2. **This body of water has been home to a controversial British air base on the island of Diego Garcia. The largest island in this body of water is where the Malagasy (+) language developed and is the namesake of a recent animated film. This body of water saw a tragedy unfold in 2004 that affected countries from Somalia to (\*)** Indonesia. For 10 points, name this ocean which is named for the country located in the middle part of its Northern Coast.

ANSWER: **Indian** Ocean

3. **During this era, Josquin des Prez (**pr. JOHS-kin day PRAY**) made advances in polyphony (puh-LIFF-uh-nee), and Giovanni da Palestrina wrote the (+) *Pope Marcellus Mass*. This era's music came under fire at the Council of Trent and was succeeded by the (\*)** Baroque period. For 10 points, identify this period in Western musical history in which motets and masses were the dominant form of music, and which shares its name with a "rebirth" in literature and visual arts.

ANSWER: the **Renaissance**

4. **This substance was the subject of the "Letter to Queen Victoria" sent by Commissioner Lin, who burned chests full of it on the beach. This substance was mixed with alcohol to make the eighteenth-century medicine (+) "laudanum" and was consumed in namesake "dens." The seizure of the *Arrow* sparked a second (\*)** war named for this substance. For 10 points, identify this narcotic whose first war ended when the Treaty of Nanking granted European concessions in China.

ANSWER: **opium**

5. **The first British PM to lose a no-confidence motion did so as a result of this war. The Indian phase of this war was launched by Hyder Ali's alliance with France and ended by the Treaty of Mangalore. The First League of (+) Armed Neutrality was formed to oppose British blockades in this war, whose loss ended Lord (\*)** North's term as prime minister. For 10 points, name this war which ended when British general Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown to George Washington.

ANSWER: **American War of Independence** [or War of the **American Revolution**; or **American Revolution**ary War; or **Second Mysore** War until it is read; prompt on **Mysore** War until it is read]

6. **Russell S. Penniman found a cheaper way to make this product, which must be periodically rotated to avoid the pooling of its active component out of the (+) sawdust medium. This product reduced the danger of using black powder or unmodified (\*)** nitroglycerin, and led to its inventor being dubbed "the merchant of death." For 10 points, identify this explosive with mining and military applications, which requires a blasting cap and was devised by Alfred Nobel.

ANSWER: **dynamite** (do not accept or prompt on TNT)

7. **Roger Ascham described the use of this weapon in the manual *Toxophilus*, and it survived in the British army until World War II, when Jack Churchill killed a Nazi soldier with one of them. These weapons were sometimes named for the (+) Welsh people who invented them and perfected their use, and they were used to great effect by the English at (\*)** Agincourt (**pr. AA-jin-core**). For 10 points, name this six-foot-tall archery weapon which replaced the crossbow.

ANSWER: **longbow** [prompt on **bow**]

8. **This country's Gold Shirt fascist movement emerged shortly after the Cristero War, which resisted attempts to minimize Catholic influence here. This country's oil reserves were nationalized under Lazaro (+) Cardenas. In 2000, Vicente Fox won this country's presidential election, ending decades of uninterrupted (\*) PRI rule.** For 10 points, name this country which endured several years of civil war following the deposition of Porifirio Diaz.

ANSWER: **Mexico**

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**Tiebreakers/extras – ONLY READ IF TIED OR IF A BACKUP QUESTION IS NEEDED!**

**This state's "burned-over district" was the center of the (+) Second Great Awakening, and its city of (\*)** Cooperstown became the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame due to an erroneous belief that the game was invented there. For 10 points, name this home of the Finger Lakes and Buffalo, along with the city where the Empire State Building is found.

ANSWER: **New York**

BONUS: Whose nomination as Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984 made her the first woman to be a major-party U.S. Vice-Presidential candidate?

ANSWER: Geraldine **Ferraro**