

TRICON 2017

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1. **An opposition party newspaper once referred to this man making a “kind of dismissive wave” at his two elder brothers. This man’s most famous possession was once revealed as he reached up to high-five Hugo Chavez, and this man has both met the pope and cast ballots for his father despite being underage. Sources speculate that this man was being referred to when his father said there was “someone to take over in 20 or 25 years’ time” after his death. This man was given a golden pistol by Dmitri Medvedev to wield while reviewing troops in his capacity as field marshal. This man’s illegitimate birth is a matter of public record, as his father’s wife has lived on a cattle farm near the city of Homyl for decades. For ten points, name this 12-year-old child of a world leader whose country hosted the Minsk peace talks to resolve the war in Ukraine.**

Answer: **Nikolai Lukashenko** [accept, if you must, **Alexander Lukashenko’s** youngest **son**; prompt on **Lukashenko**] <Jakob, *A history question focusing heavily on wacky/surreal aspects of life under some sort of totalitarian regime*>

2. **An essay by this man analyzes descriptions of native languages in literary depictions of colonial encounters. That essay uses the novels *Typee*, *The Witness*, and *Embassytown* to examine the way that authors use Whorfian assumptions in their depiction of “exotic” languages. This author of “Whorfianism in Colonial Encounters from Melville to Miéville” also modified Safir’s competition-based binding framework to account for empirical objections to Binding Condition C in a 2017 paper. This person has published multiple papers on the acquisition of differential object marking in learners of Spanish, and he holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Western (+) Ontario. This person examined the syntactic flexibility of idioms in his dissertation, for which he received a PhD from the University of (*) Michigan in 2017. For ten points, identify this Canadian thinker who is also a quizbowl player.**

Answer: Will **Nediger** <Conor, *A question from any academic category whose answer is something without a Wikipedia page and which contains no clues that can be learned from Wikipedia*>

3. **According to Coptic tradition, this number of people were killed in the Massacre of the Innocents. Raëlism, a UFO religion, believes that in case of disaster this number of people will be chosen to continue humanity, and the Skoptsy Christian sect in Russia believed the end times would arrive when they had this many believers. The Book of (+) Revelation thrice makes reference to this number of people, referring to it as the “number of the sealed” because God will put his seal on this many people’s foreheads; this leads to the (*) Jehovah’s Witnesses’ belief that exactly this many people will be resurrected to heaven. For ten points, identify this number, which in one Biblical appearance was made up of twelve thousand from each of the tribes of Israel.**

Answer: **144,000** <Conor, *A question whose answer is a number greater than 100*>

4. **One character in this story makes plans to see Jean Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast* with his former co-worker at an airplane factory in Ohio. The protagonist of this story calls another character "the biggest drip in Miss Basehoar's", and later in this story, her sister Joan is called "queen of the goddam snobs".** (+) Franklin, who complains of a bleeding finger, gives that character half of a chicken sandwich. In this story, the protagonist enters her friend's (*) apartment to collect money owed from cab fares after a game of tennis. This story centers on the fifteen year-old Ginnie Maddox, who meets the brother of her friend Selena Graff. For 10 points, name this third of J.D. Salinger's *Nine Stories*, whose title references Franklin's belief that people will be drafted to fight an indigenous group.

Answer: **"Just Before the War with the Eskimos"** <William, *A question about a specific American short story whose answer is the title of that short story*>

5. **According to the account "wuss poppin jimbo", "The Star Spangled Banner" was written by the ghost of this phrase's originator. At the time of writing, this phrase has been most recently on one person's Twitter after declaring "HAD[E] A 3 SUM MY LAST NIGHT IN CANADA". On July 17, 2017, the originator of this phrase lost his voice and expressed his regret at not being able to use it for a full day. Perhaps the most famous usage of this phrase followed a declaration of love to (+) "iCarly", after earlier making a cake to woo her. For 10 points, name this phrase commonly used by rapper (*) Lil Pump, allegedly an abbreviation of "let's get it".**

Answer: **esketit** <Jakob, *A question directly related to Twitter*>

6. **In the northern part of this country, women who swear an oath of chastity and become "sworn virgins" can live with the full rights of men in the historically patriarchal society. A human rights committee in this country ascribed vigilantism in it to discontent with this country's corrupt court system following the fall of (+) communism. In this country, blood feuds known as gjakmarrja, which arise from murders and other disputes, are not settled until every man in one of the families involved has been killed. Blood feuds in this country do not involve women, and men cannot be killed in their own homes, according to a traditional code of law known as the (*) Kanun, which has several versions including one ascribed to Lekë Dukagjini and another named for Skanderbeg. For ten points, identify this country where traditional law codes were stamped out by the communist government of Enver Hoxha.**

Answer: **Albania** [accept **Shqipëria**] <Conor, *A question involving vigilante justice*>

7. **The Janko group with this subscript is the only Janko group to be part of the happy family. In this number of dimensions, the taxicab metric is equivalent to the L-sub-infinity metric rotated by ninety degrees. This is the number of elements of the symmetry group of a (+) cardioid. This is the smallest number n such that the tree function of n is less than Graham's number. The standard Euclidean metric is also known as the L-sub-[this number] metric. This is the number of elements in the trivial (*) field, and it's the number of binary operations which are used to define a ring. For ten points, identify this integer, which is equal to the number of shirts you could buy if each shirt cost \$45 and you had \$90.**

Answer: 2 <Conor, *A question involving the sum of \$45 in some way*>

8. **One of this comedian's jokes said that after his girlfriend told him to treat her like a princess, he "got a Mercedes and drove her into a wall". This comedian was rebuked by the BBC Trust after making a joke that after studying Israeli Army martial arts, he "now know[s] 16 ways to kick a Palestinian woman in the back", prompting him to criticize the BBC's "cowardly rebuke" and their decision not to undertake a humanitarian appeal during the Gaza War. This comedian was an outspoken supporter of (+) Scottish independence, saying "What have we got to lose? A Tory government?" before suggesting that Scottish independence celebrations would be "like D-Day". In 2008, this comedian did an impersonation of (*) Queen Elizabeth in which he said "I am now so old that my pussy is haunted". For ten points, identify this controversial Scottish comedian.**

Answer: Frankie Boyle <Conor, *A question about standup comedy*>

9. **In 2017, a court rejected a lawsuit against a worker in this industry who allegedly called the plaintiff a "skankhole". Des Cahill, the mayor of Cork, condemned the refusal of minister Shane Ross to intervene in a strike of workers in this industry in (+) Ireland, claiming that had the strike affected Dublin, it would have been resolved. That three-week nationwide strike of workers in this industry was resolved with the curtailing of services in rural locations, and saw a companion strike from Dublin's own institution in this industry. That 2017 strike in this industry also saw (*) train workers decline to cross the picket line in intermodal facilities shared with this industry. For 10 points, identify this industry where strikes in government-owned companies in Ireland saw increased demand for private providers like Aircoach.**

Answer: bus industry in Ireland [accept coach until "Aircoach", prompt on transport] <Conor, *A good question on a hard current events topic*>

10. **The setting of a 1974 film about a town whose inhabitants profit from car accidents. An abandoned village at the end of Benson Point on Christmas Island. A black nationalist rapper known for *The Devil Made Me Do It* and *Guerrilla Funk*. An actor whose affair with Domitia Longina, wife of (+) Domitian, led to his murder and Domitian's divorce. The home of civil rights activist Brenda Cherry and county seat of Lamar County, Texas. A 1993 live album by The Cure. According to *Pulp Fiction*, a location in which a (*) quarter pounder with cheese is called a "royale with cheese". The central male figure of a common art scene featuring three nude goddesses. The killer of Achilles who elopes with Helen of Troy. All of these things have, for ten points, what name shared with the capital of France?**

Answer: **Paris** <Conor, *A list tossup of at least six lines*>

11. **An all-female Australian folk group whose name references this song released the album *When We Fall* in March 2017. Kelly Lynch and Sam Elliott dance in a diner while in this song plays in the background in the film *Road House*. Along with (+) "Am I Blue" and the title track, this song was released as a single from the 1987 album *Ocean Front Property*. Its singer mentions swimming in the Frio River and describes "when I wore my welcome thin/By transcendental meditation". The title of this song makes up the first words of the Drake song (*) "HYFR". Members of the title group include Dimples, who's "got the law looking for me" and Rosanna, who "wanted me to push her broom"; that group is why the singer "hangs his hat in Tennessee". For 10 points, name this song by George Strait, whose former paramours include Eileen from Abilene and Allison in Galveston.**

ANSWER: "**All My Ex's Live in Texas**" <William, *A question on country, gospel, or bluegrass music*>

12. **Ralph Lauren owns a 17,000-acre ranch named for, and just outside of, this town. It is connected to Mountain Village by the United States' only free gondola transportation service. (+) Butch Cassidy's first major robbery occurred at this town's San Miguel Valley Bank. The airport with the highest elevation in North America is located in this town near the San Juan Mountains. (*) *Brokeback Mountain*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, and *Moonlight* had their American premieres at an annual September film festival held in this historic mining town, which is about four hours away from Aspen and Grand Junction. For 10 points, name this ski resort town in Colorado named for a metal ion.**

ANSWER: **Telluride**, Colorado <William, *A question on a specific city or town in the U. S. that is not a state capital and has a population of less than 50,000*>

13. *Description acceptable.* **During an April 2009 election, the National Liberal Party and the European Action Movement ran on a common platform of achieving this, but accumulated only 1% of the votes. The newspaper Ziaa published a series of interviews in which Stanislav Belkovsky proposed this action, but controversially included the city of Bender. Traian Băsescu described a certain country’s accession to the EU as a (+) “minimal policy” for achieving this, and in 2013 described this as the third priority for his country, after joining NATO and the EU. The Action Council group organized a number of public demonstrations in Chişinău in favor of taking this action, with the largest being held on the anniversary of the union of (*) Bessarabia with the larger country who would take this action. For ten points, identify this hypothetical union of two Eastern European countries who share a common Romance language.**

Answer: **union** of **Romania** and **Moldova** [accept equivalents, prompt on Greater Romania or similar answers which don’t mention with whom Romania is unifying] <Conor, *A good question on international relations or "thought about world politics" on an answer that hasn't come up 100 times*>

14. **In the tabletop roleplaying game Castle Falkenstein, this person is depicted as the immortal President for Life of Orleans, and the Jayge Carr story “The War of ‘07” depicts this man being elected president and serving for nine terms. The song “Lazy Sunday” by Lonely Island contains a lyric saying that “you can (+) call us” [this person] as the members of the musical group are depicted spending large quantities of money. In one stage appearance, this character explains that “domestic life was never quite my style” in a song to his daughter (*) Theodosia. That same stage appearance sees this character declare that “love doesn’t discriminate” in “Wait For It”, and this character was first played on Broadway by Leslie Odom Jr. For ten points, identify this character from the musical Hamilton who shoots Alexander Hamilton.**

Answer: Aaron **Burr** Jr. <Conor, *An “in popular culture” question*>

15. **An early example given in this book overlays the path of a modern TGV train onto a graphical train timetable from 1885. One example from this book describes grid marks as a “precision marching band of 63 mosquitos”. This book describes a map drawn by Charles Joseph Minard, depicting the advance and subsequent retreat of (+) Napoleon’s army in Russia, as the “best statistical graphic ever drawn”. This book developed a number of principles, including eliminating redundancy and erasing extraneous marks, for maximizing a quantity it introduced to measure the fraction of a graph which is useful. In addition to the concept of (*) data-ink, this book also introduced the concept of chartjunk and advocated for its elimination. For ten points, identify this Edward Tufte book about the development of effective statistical graphs.**

Answer: The **Visual Display of Quantitative Information** <Conor, *A question on something from a non-science academic category that you think every room at Tricon has a chance at answering but you are pretty sure Jordan Brownstein doesn't know*>

16. **A line from this poem is the source of the title of a book by A. G. Macdonell known for its portrayal of village cricket, as well as a collection of short stories by D. H. Lawrence that also includes “Wintry Peacock” and “You Touched Me”. This poem calls its addressee “you whose mailed hand keeps the keys / Of such teeming destinies” as well as “chosen daughter of the Lord / Spouse-in-Chief of the Ancient (+) Sword”. This poem describes its subject as “Mother of Ships whose might... Is the fierce old Sea’s delight” and includes a refrain about “the Song on your (*) bugles blown, England”. This poem opens by asking “What have I done for you, / England, my England?”** For ten points, identify this patriotic poem by William Ernest Hensley, named after the Latin for “For Our King”.

Answer: **Pro Rege Nostro** <Conor, *A question on the second most creative work by someone who is only famous for one thing*>

17. **Early versions of these objects include a button with an elephant symbol and had iron rods inside. The most expensive one of these items was a collaboration with Louis Vuitton and sold for \$2.1 million dollars; it was donated to a museum for them in Jeju, South Korea. (+) Morris Michtom created these objects after viewing a work by Clifford K. Berryman. Companies known for these items include Gund and the German company (*) Steiff. It’s not dog-related, but in Britain, these items often depict Pudsey, the mascot for BBC’s “Children in Need”, and the comic book character Rupert. A speaking version of this toy popular in the ‘80s was partially named Ruxpin. The creation of these objects was inspired by the cartoon “Drawing the Line in Mississippi”, which depicts a man on a hunting trip refusing to shoot a tied-up animal. For 10 points, name these toys named for Theodore Roosevelt.**

ANSWER: **teddy bears** (or **stuffed bears**; prompt on **bears** or **stuffed animals**) <William, *A question related to “collectibles” in some way*>

18. **A series of illustrations in this book includes one of a bearded man with light coming out of holes in his head and another of a knight in armor riding a large flying fish. This book begins with a series of illustrations depicting the sun rising over (+) Paris, followed by the title character sneaking behind a clock face. This book contains several cinema stills, including one of the moon with a face on it, the right eye of which has had a (*) rocket flown into it. A later series of illustrations in this book is used to depict an action scene in which the title character flees the Station Inspector. For ten points, identify this novel in which the title character discovers his father’s automaton, a work of Brian Selznick.**

Answer: The **Invention of Hugo Cabret** <Conor, *A question on comic books or graphical novels with literary merit*>

19. **A character in this scene complains “You’re not even listening” after a song-and-dance routine in which she repeatedly drops her pearls. In this scene, Edi’s dress made out of ostrich feathers is approved by a man taking a bubble bath. That character is first seen entering a house after walking through a blizzard carrying gifts as veils move around on-screen. A conflict in this scene starts when the (+) showgirl Jacqueline refuses to go upstairs with everyone over a certain age. It is preceded by a scene in which the protagonist’s mistress Carla and his wife (*) Luisa, who later appears as a maid, walk hand-in-hand. “Ride of the Valkyries” plays as a character wearing a fedora and a bath towel uses a whip to protect himself from a revolt in this scene. For 10 points, name this scene from a Federico Fellini film in which Guido imagines living with all the women in his life.**

ANSWER: the **harem** scene in $8 \frac{1}{2}$ (accept descriptive answers; prompt on answers referring to Guido Anselmi’s dream sequence) <William, *A question about a specific scene from a movie or TV show*>

20. **One character played by this actress claims “Your life is gross. My life is amazing” after asking “What’s that horrible sound?” because she heard children. This actress played the artist Lee Payne in a short-lived 2015 (+) Showtime series. She declared “I wanna roll you up in a little ball and shove you into my vagina” after while trying to seduce John C. Reilly’s character as the wife of Derek in *Step Brothers*. This actress plays a character who miscarried a baby she had with (*) Josh Pfefferman. In another Amazon Original series, this star of the show *Happyish* plays a filmmaker who travels to Marfa, Texas and becomes obsessed with the title character, who is played by Kevin Bacon. For 10 points, name this character actress who played campaign manager Jen Barkley in *Parks and Recreation*, Rabbi Raquel in *Transparent*, and Chris in *I Love Dick*.**

ANSWER: Kathryn **Hahn** [award power if the question is answered in the form of Matt Morrison, or superpower if this is done in power] <William, *A question on something that rhymes with “Tron” where power is awarded for answering in the form of Matt Morrison*>

21. **This man sang that “mourning never shows / No mourning ever slows” and “We won’t grow / We will not ever know” in his song “They Also Mourn Who Do Not Wear Black”. This man asked “I have called you children, I have called you son / What is there to answer if I’m the only one?” and declared “Like a father to impress / Like a mother’s mourning dress / If you ever make a mess, I’ll do anything for you” before later repeating that “I did everything for you” in his song “For the Widows in Paradise, For the Fatherless in (+) Ypsilanti”. Balloon stickers were distributed to cover an image of Superman on the cover of one of this man’s albums following a copyright claim by DC Comics. A song by this man includes a chorus saying that “you came to take us / all things (*) go, all things go” as well as repeatedly stating “I made a lot of mistakes”. For ten points, identify this singer-songwriter whose song “Chicago” appears on his album *Illinois*.**

Answer: **Sufjan Stevens** [accept either underlined part] <Conor, *A question involving copyright law*>

22. **A piece known as *Study No. 4* for this instrument was arranged for Merce Cunningham and John Cage's ballet *Crises*. The *Boogie-Woogie Suite* for this instrument features an opening movement consisting of a boogie-woogie in which this instrument plays up to (+) seven overlapping rhythmic structures. A series of studies for this instrument are known as *Seven canonic pieces* and feature canons in unusual ratios such as 5 to 3 and 12 to 15 to 20. A complex twelve-part canon with ratios ranging from 150 to 281 and 1/4 is the longest of the studies written for this instrument by Conlon (*) Nancarrow, who took advantage of this instrument's ability to play highly complex compositions and many concurrent notes. For ten points, identify this self-playing instrument.**

Answer: **player piano** [accept **pianola**] <Conor, *A question on classical/fine art music by an American composer*>

23. **A character in this episode declines to ask Lawrence Altman for a question, going against the advice he had earlier been given. In this episode, Toby turns down a so-called "lifeboat" in the form of a job offer. During an unseasonably early tropical (+) storm in this episode, a character has a vision of his recently deceased secretary who tells him that if he declines to do something because he thinks it is too hard, "I don't even want to know you". This episode sees one character shout curses in (*) Latin at God before stomping out a cigarette on the floor of a church. A press conference in this episode sees the President asked whether he will run for re-election, and the episode ends before he answers. For ten points, identify this season two finale of *The West Wing*.**

Answer: "**Two Cathedrals**" [accept answers like "the season two finale of *The West Wing*" until the giveaway, and prompt afterward] <Conor, *A question on a specific TV episode*>

24. **One of the first people to commit to this religious organization's communal lifestyle was pastor Archie Ijames. This religious organization moved from Indianapolis to California after its leader claimed to have had a vision that Chicago would be struck by a nuclear weapon. John Hall described this organization as a "charismatic bureaucracy" due to its close ties to the California (+) welfare system. This religious organization's leader frequently cited a line from Acts about how "distribution was made to each according to his need" to justify his belief that Jesus was a communist. This organization's principle of "apostolic socialism" was complemented by the assertion that its leader had healing powers as a manifestation of "Christ the Revolution". The most famous incident involving this organization happened after a communal settlement they owned was visited by the (*) congressman from California's 11th district, Leo Ryan. That incident involved the members of this organization committing mass suicide. For ten points, identify this religious organization established by Jim Jones.**

Answer: The **Peoples Temple** of the Disciples of Christ <Conor, *A question relating directly to stupid beliefs that were faddish in the 70s*>

25. **This event almost occurred in 1919, but mule driver-turned-janitor-turned-scientist Milton Humason was foiled by a damaged photo. After this event, it was found that an object was only 6 degrees off from the location predicted by William Henry Pickering. In 2018, the Slipper Building will hold the (+) blink comparator, which flips between two photographic plates, used in this event. The central object in this event was named by (*) Venetia Burney, an 11 year-old student from England. This 1930 event was thought to have proved Percival Lowell's "Planet X" hypothesis. For 10 points, Clyde Tombaugh performed what action that led to the naming of the former ninth planet from the Sun?**

ANSWER: the **discovery** of **Pluto** (accept word forms such as **discover**ing or other clear equivalents such as **finding Pluto**; accept **Planet X** or the **Ninth Planet** in place of Pluto before mentioned)
<William, *A science history question*>

26. **A font most commonly used on these objects was featured in the Sierra Mist logo between 2010 and 2014. The most common font used on these things in the United States uses equal-width lines and was first officially used for several of these things located near the Pentagon. The font used for many of these things was replaced with a new font called (+) Clearview following a study which claimed that Clearview is more legible; however, it has since been determined that Clearview is only more legible because the instances of these things which used it were newer. In January 2016, the FHA revoked all approval for use of Clearview on these things, stating that misuse of it had led to violations of the (*) MUTCD, a document which governs the design of these things. For ten points, identify these navigational aids, design rules for which are prescribed by the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**

Answer: **road signs** [or equivalents, prompt on just **signs**] <Conor, *A question about fonts or typesetting*>

27. **This character is told "I can wrap you in some foam, or something billowy" before saying "Billowy's good". While at the store, he tells another character "you know we can't afford the fun pack" and states "get some Pampers for you and your brother while you're at it". This character offers a couple a model sailboat if they buy a 24-piece set of (+) Tupperware. This attempted time-traveler is beaten up by Rex, the owner of a dojo, after talking to Rex's wife about getting breast implants. While on a porch, this (*) Jon Gries-played character, who drives an orange Dodge van, throws a steak at a character riding a bike. In that scene, he asks "How much you wanna bet that I can throw a football over them mountains?" after claiming "Back in '82, I used to be able to throw a pigskin a quarter mile". For 10 points, name this uncle of Napoleon Dynamite.**

ANSWER: Uncle **Rico** (or **Rico** Dynamite; prompt on **Dynamite**) <William, *A question on something stereotypical of the 2000s as a decade*>

28. **The American Dialect Society named the “wrap” type of this phenomenon one of the most useful words of 2007. Heinz Kohut coined a term for a “narcissistic” type of this phenomenon which occurs in response to narcissistic injury. After a (+) band named for this action was stopped from recording for a Michael Moore documentary on Wall Street, Moore shouted to them to “Take the New York Stock Exchange”, prompting the band and hundreds of fans to storm the building. A poem instructs the listener to perform this action after asserting that “old (*) age should burn and rave at close of day”. Zack de la Rocha and Tom Morello were members of a band partially named after this verb. For ten points, identify this action which a Dylan Thomas poem instructs the listener to perform “against the dying of the light”, and which titles an American rock band who performs it “Against The Machine”.**

Answer: **rage** [accept wrap **rage**, or narcissistic **rage**, or **Rage** Against The Machine, or **rage**, rage against the dying of the light] <Conor, *A circa-2002 bad NAQT question conceit*>

29. **Description acceptable. This type of event happened to the wonderfully-named Hartog Hamburger in 1924. This type of event also happened to John Dodge in 1916, as well as to Alfredo Edmead, the youngest person to whom this type of event has happened, and was in that instance directly caused by Pablo Cruz’s knee (+) brace. The most famous instance of this type of event led to the institution of a rule requiring the ball to be replaced when it was dirty, and was caused by Carl Mays. That instance of this type of event took place at the Polo Grounds and happened to a (*) Cleveland player, the only person to whom this has happened in a top-level game. A pitch to the head caused Ray Chapman to suffer, for ten points, what sort of event in which players of America’s pastime are mortally injured?**

Answer: they **died** from an injury sustained during a **baseball** game [prompt on partial, prompt on **hit by pitch**] <Conor, *A question on a thing from baseball that isn’t the name of a player or team*>

30. **Joe Canning’s injury time point allowed this county’s hurling team to defeat Tipperary and advance to the 2017 All-Ireland Final. This county is home to the villages of Recess and Oughterard, and the speaker of W. B. Yeats’s “An Irish Airman Foresees his Death” is from a village in this county. This county’s traditional colors are (+) maroon and white. This county is home to Clifden, which is located near a national park in its west, and the town of Athenry. Tourists in this county may visit Kylemore Abbey as well as (*) Connemara, and it is partially located on the north shore of a bay named for it. The largest city in this county, with which it shares a name, is almost due west of Dublin. For ten points, identify this most populous county in Connacht, located in western Ireland.**

Answer: County **Galway** [accept Contae na **Gaillimhe**] <Conor, *A question written from memory*>