

The Tossup From Packet – a concept packet by Thomas De Bock

Following on from a mildly irritating trend in quizbowl, exemplified by 2018 ACF Fall tossups on “the house from The House on Mango Street” and “the heart from The Tell-Tale Heart”, I’ve decided to put together an entire full-distribution packet of 20 tossups where all answerlines are in the format “the [blank] from [blank]” where the second blank is a named thing and the first blank is a part of that name. The subdistro is based on that from 2019 British Novice. To the best of my knowledge, all clues refer to the specific answer referred to. Any incomplete answer should be prompted upon.

1. One tactic using these vehicles involved racing two of them at Soviet T-55 tanks and disorienting the tank crews, resulting in victories at B’ir Kora and Maaten al-Sarra. 400 of these vehicles equipped with MILAN anti-tank guided missiles were provided to one side in a conflict by the French Air Force as part of Operation Épervier in support of the government of Hissène Habré. The mobility and reliability of these vehicles allowed the FANT and FAP to push forces of a country led by Muammar Gaddafi out of the Aouzou Strip. For 10 points, name these vehicles that lend their name to a conflict between Libya and Chad, exemplified by the Land Cruiser and Hilux.

ANSWER: the **Toyotas** from the **Toyota War** <History>

2. The protagonist of a novel almost escapes this concept when he learns of the suicide of Svidrigailov, but eventually chooses to face it when he spots his love interest. The unexpected confession of Mikolka forces Petrovich to reduce the magnitude of this concept, intended as justice for the murders of Alyona and Lizaveta Ivanovna. This concept finally materialises in the form of eight years in a Siberian penal colony, which the protagonist spends with the prostitute Sofya. For 10 points, name this consequence of Radion Raskolnikov’s actions in a novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

ANSWER: the **punishment** from **Crime and Punishment** <Literature>

3. This object’s use is represented by increasing rhythmic dissonance as the trumpets and trombones play polyrhythms in 3/2 and 4/2 time, then the English horn, bassoon and tuba in 6/4 time, creating conflict with the consistent quarter-note pulse of the woodblock. One piece’s performance at the Proms was cancelled twice due to a possible conflation of this object with a Mercedes-Benz W140 or a Boeing 767, though this object was described by the composer as one that “someone asks you to” take a trip in, “and then you wish you hadn’t”. For 10 points, name this vehicle that titles an “fanfare for orchestra” by John Adams inspired by a “terrific sports car”.

ANSWER: the fast **machine** from **Short Ride in a Fast Machine** <AFA>

Specific descriptive answer required

4. At the christening of this character’s grandson, this character’s friend flirts with her mother’s lover’s brother, Raphael Cienfuegos. The cousin of one of this character’s lovers owns a bar in which the Dynamos perform and is named Lazaros. In a sequel, it is revealed that this character improbably graduated from New College, Oxford in 1979. This character reunites with Tanya and Rosie to perform at a bachelorette party on the island of Kalokairi at which her daughter Sophie dances with an architect, a banker and a Swedish sailor, all of whom believe to be Sophie’s father. For 10 points, name this character played by Meryl Streep in a jukebox musical based on the work of ABBA.

ANSWER: the **mamma** from **Mamma Mia** <Trash>

5. The second part of Dietrich Bonhöffer’s *The Cost of Discipleship* examines an event in this location. That event in this location included a condemnation of alms giving, prayer and fasting that do not come from the heart. The Gospel of Luke claims a more succinct version of an event taking place at this location happened on the way back from this location. One figure contrasts “what you have heard” with “turning the other cheek” and “loving your enemies” in *Matthew’s Antitheses*. One passage set in this location addresses the meek, who “shall

inherit the earth”, and was the first occurrence of the Lord’s Prayer. For 10 points, name this elevated location of a speech by Jesus Christ featuring the Beatitudes.

ANSWER: the **mount** from the **sermon on the mount** <RM>

6. The specific type of this substance was chosen for its low vapour pressure, making it suitable for applications in a vacuum. The University of Colorado’s Allan Franklin claimed that the exclusion of a portion of this substance from a result set led to a needlessly reduced statistical error. This substance’s most important attribute could be gained through friction with a nozzle or x-ray ionisation and it was observed in an electric field generated between two metal plates, where the terminal velocity of a mist of this substance was crucial to determining a value of 1.6 times 10 to the -19 coulombs. For 10 points, name this substance central to a 1909 experiment by Robert A. Millikan.

ANSWER: the **oil** from the Millikan **oil drop experiment** <Science>

7. In young boys, this process begins with the throwing of an umbilical cord into the sea to ensure he becomes a competent fisherman. For young women of high rank, this process revolved around the *taupou* system which was subverted with the use of chicken blood. A 1983 book by Derek Freeman argued that this process was misrepresented due to an author falling for a “fateful hoaxing”. As birthdays are not recorded, this process is characterised by increasing responsibility with the development of a child’s body. This process is primarily observed in adolescent girls on the island of Ta’u. For 10 points, name this title process which takes place in a Pacific region in a seminal book by Margaret Mead.

ANSWER: the **coming of age** from **Coming of Age in Samoa** <PSS>

8. A historic hotel established in 1915 by the Great Northern Railway and named after many of these things is located on Swiftcurrent Lake, which is also named after one of these things. One of these things named after Jackson is located south of the Going-to-the-Sun Road and was, until 1929, considered a part of another of these things named Blackfoot. These features numbered 150 in 1850, but there are now 25 remaining, including one named after Lyman B. Sperry whose retreat has created moraines and another named after George Grinnell which feeds a nearby lake with icebergs. For 10 points, give these features that name a protected area in Montana, rivers of ice beloved by Sam Cook.

ANSWER: the **glaciers** from the **Glacier National Park** <Geo>

9. This medium is sometimes made using a crosslinker such as APS or TEMED. Including sodium dodecyl sulphate as part of the SDS-PAGE process is one method of creating a denaturing type of this medium which affects proteins based on their length and mass-to-charge ratio. A technique using this medium may cause it to melt, as it involves passing an electric current through this medium to create visible bands for analysis of material often prepared through PCR. This medium is often composed of polyacrylamide or agarose. For 10 points, name this medium used to separate macromolecules based on size and charge.

ANSWER: the **gel** from the **gel electrophoresis** <Science>

10. James Comey incredulously told George Stephanopoulos that while it was possible, he didn’t know whether the event to which this substance is central took place, despite the central figure assuring him that “I’m a germaphobe. There’s no way I would let [this substance] around me”. Two of Christopher Steele’s sources are claimed to be hotel staff, who may have been exposed to the smell resulting from this substance’s alleged use by a group of prostitutes. The dossier claims that this substance was leaked onto a bed at the Ritz-Carlton to ‘defile’ the bed previously used by Barack and Michelle Obama. For 10 points, name this bodily fluid which was reportedly filmed flowing on the orders of Donald Trump.

ANSWER: the **pee** from the Trump **pee tape** <CE>

11. The father of a character who could be this figure is a mathematician at the university attended by the central characters of a novel in which another potential candidate for being this figure writes the acrostic poem “A Modest Proposal”. A star university cricket player develops an intense relationship with a central character, establishing himself as a strong contender to become this figure. Despite the best attempts of Amit Chatterji and Kabir Durrani in an exceptionally long novel, this figure eventually turns out to be the Hindu Haresh Khanna. For 10 points, name this object of a quest by Rupa Mehra to find the right husband for her daughter Lata in a novel by Vikram Seth.

ANSWER: the suitable **boy** from **A Suitable Boy** <Literature>

12. Following a survey on the Delmarva peninsula, this man continued work on Nevil Maskelyne’s *Nautical Almanac* and Tobias Mayer’s *Lunar Tables* while his collaborator joined William Bayly to observe a transit of Venus, which they had observed from the Cape of Good Hope eight years earlier. This man was the older of a duo that measured a degree of longitude for the Royal Society, and he published *A Plan of the West Line of Parallel of Latitude* in 1768 after an expedition between Pennsylvania and Maryland with a man who leant his nickname to a region south of that survey. For 10 points, name this alphabetically-second namesake of a line symbolically separating the Northern and Southern USA.

ANSWER: the Charles **Mason** from the **Mason-Dixon** Line <History>

13. This man collaborated with Ferdinand Müntz after describing a reaction whose acceleration in water was posited by Breslow to be caused by enforced hydrophobic interactions. This man was the youngest describer of a reaction whose aza form sees imines generate tetrahydropyridines. This man is the namesake of a once-popular insecticide manufactured using a reaction which depends on the correct overlap of one reactant’s LUMO and the other’s HOMO, which this man described with his supervisor at the University of Kiel. For 10 points, name this alphabetically-first namesake of a cycloaddition in which a diene and a dienophile form a six-membered ring

ANSWER: the Kurt **Alder** from the **Diels-Alder reaction** <Science>

14. One version of a painting currently in the Charlottenburg palace depicts this location featuring traces of snow on the ground and is the first version depicting the central figure wearing a red cloak instead of an orange one. In the background of a painting, some soldiers can be seen pushing a cannon through this location. Various versions of a painting of this location depict one figure as piebald, grey or chestnut, and this location appears to feature inscriptions of the names “Hannibal” and “KarolusMagnus”. The horse Marengo is depicted in this location’s St. Bernard Pass. For 10 points, name this mountain chain depicted in a series of paintings of a French emperor by Jacques-Louis David.

ANSWER: the **Alps** from **Napoleon Crossing The Alps** <VFA>

15. One of these people sent Anne de Joyeuse to lose the Battle of Coutras against another of these people, while he himself convinced his Swiss allies to retreat. The Swiss later fought another of these people at the Battle of Vimory. The guards of one of these people, the Forty-Five, killed another of these people who led the Catholic League and held the title of the Duke of Guise, before that first one of these people was assassinated by the monk Jacques Clément. Another of these people won victories at Ivry and Arques before converting to Catholicism with the words “Paris is well worth a mass” and becoming the fourth King of France of his name. For 10 points, name this trio of similarly-named pretenders to the throne in the French Wars of Religion.

ANSWER: the three **Henrys** from the **War of the Three Henrys** <History>

16. In an early version, this move named parts 1 and 2 of a song also named after its artist which was used by that man’s nephew in the Bally Total Fitness Health Club in Chicago. This move titles a song introduced as featuring the Platinum Band. The second time you are told to perform this move in two different ways, it both succeeds and precedes commands to ‘reverse’, contrasting with other instances of this move which follow requests to perform two stomps with each foot and is followed with pleas to ‘take it back now, y’all’ and ‘CRISS

CROSS! For 10 points, name this dance step which can be doooone to the left or doooooone to the right in a 2000 song by DJ Casper.

ANSWER: the **slide** from **Cha Cha Slide** <Trash>

17. The relationship between two characters who exchanged love letters is revived after the death of a character who eradicated this disease, and those characters leave their home city on a riverboat sporting a flag indicating the presence of this disease. Dr. Juvenal Urbino is committed to wiping out this disease through public works in a novel in which he courts and marries Fermina Daza, though this disease is used as an analogy for Florentino's lovesickness and as a pun for the Spanish word for anger. For 10 points, name this title disease of a novel by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

ANSWER: the **cholera** from **Love in the Time of Cholera** <Literature>

18. One character who grew up by this river reads Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ* and subsequently renounces the world. This river joins with the Ripple near St. Ogg's in a novel about a structure built at their confluence owned by Bessie and Jeremy, whose daughter rejects a marriage proposal from Stephen Guest while floating down this river. That proposal occurs after Philip Wakem is too sick to embark for the rowing trip on this river. The novel ends with the death by drowning of Tom and Maggie Tulliver when attempting to rescue a family during the flooding of this river. For 10 points, name this river, the site of a flour-making construction in a novel by George Eliot.

ANSWER: the **Floss** from **The Mill on the Floss** <Literature>

19. Shoemakers in Berwickshire created a banner stating "The battle's won, Britannia's sons are free" in the belief that these policies had granted them the vote. These policies included the introduction of voter registration and the first explicit exclusion of women from voting. In a reaction to opposition to these policies in the House of Lords, widespread unrest included bank runs with the slogan "Stop the Duke; go for gold" in a period known as the Days of May. A passionate speech by a Tory opponent of these policies led to a motion of no-confidence and his replacement by Earl Grey, a promoter of these policies which standardised voting eligibility and eliminated rotten boroughs. For 10 points, name these policies enacted through an 1832 piece of legislation.

ANSWER: the **reforms** from the Great **Reform Act** of 1832 <History>

20. G.P.W. Meredith claimed that this force could "face machine guns with the invulnerability of tanks" and that "even dum-dum bullets could not stop" them, though his official report stated his men suffered no casualties to this force. Dominic Serventy ascribed this force's success to its guerrilla tactics, which "made use of the military equipment uneconomic". Despite a more successful second offensive against this force supported by Premier James Mitchell, this force scored a decisive victory and continued to ravage crops in the Campion district with their rabbit allies. For 10 points, name these animals whose sheer number defeated the machine guns of Australia in a namesake 1932 conflict.

ANSWER: the **emus** from the Great **Emu War** <Misc>

Rejected answerlines:

The corn from the Corn Laws

The cockfight from Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight

The thong from Thong Song

The Electric Boogaloo from Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo

The Michelson from the Michelson-Morley experiment

The Albi from the Albigensian Crusade

The gables from the House of the Seven Gables

The Amontillado from the Cask of Amontillado

The Tennessee Valley from the Tennessee Valley Authority