

MASSJCL CLASSICS DAY 2020 STREET CERTAMEN

A round on a wide distribution of popular culture

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T1: Bearing its name from a despicable Roman deity that was uninvited to the marriage of Peleus and Thetis, what application is known for its countless servers, including a namesake “Certaminatores” server?

DISCORD

B1: Bearing its name from a mythological group that lived in the Caucasus Mountains, what company is owned by the current richest man in the world?

AMAZON

B2: Bearing its name from the first mythological woman created by Zeus, what company offers a streaming service for music and podcasts?

PANDORA

T2: What American name, derived from a Latin adjective meaning “small”, is shared by the 10th pick of the 2010 NBA draft associated with the nickname “Pandemic P”, an actor that played as Brian O’Conner in *Fast and Furious*, and another actor that is famous for playing Ant-Man?

PAUL

B1: Give the last name of this other Paul, a Celtics superstar who was infamously dragged away in a wheelchair during game 1 of the 2008 NBA finals.

PIERCE

B2: What last name is shared by the husband of Paul George’s ex-girlfriend Callie Rivers and the favorite basketball player of the Youtube star FlightReacts, as well as by a popular Indian dish?

CURRY

T3: The quotes, “I will reduce illiteracy, that is my first goal. And my second goal will be to help the poor” and “My pledge is that I’ll be pilot, and I’ll help” were said by students in what country? One student declared that “When I grow up, I will be army and save” this country, as another claimed that he desired nothing else but “to sacrifice my own life” for this country.

PAKISTAN

B1: What country claims to have invented toffee and the trouser belt as well as to be the number one exporter of Potassium in the 2006 film *Borat*?

KAZAKHSTAN

B2: What country in central Africa shares its name with a modern slang word which is now used to refer to popular, successful, alpha males?

CHAD

T4: The phrases “You know why I’m here” and “Cactus Jack sent me” are all in reference to what infamous six dollar meal, named after the creator of *Highest In the Room* and *Sicko Mode*?

TRAVIS SCOTT MEAL/BURGER (PROMPT ON TRAVIS SCOTT)/TRAVVY PATTY

B1: The Travis Scott Meal is not the only time McDonalds has done special promotions. What sauce, first released in 1998 in a partnership with *Mulan*, was re-released after making an appearance on *Rick and Morty*?

SZECHUAN SAUCE

B2: Although not yet released when I wrote this bonus, McDonalds collaborated with what creator of *Mi Gente* to offer a namesake meal consisting of a Big Mac, medium fries, and an Oreo McFlurry?

J BALVIN

T5: Mira Headquarters, Polus, and the Skeld are the three available maps on what internet game, consisting of a group of crewmates and imposters?

AMONG US

B1: Using cardinal directions, answer the following question. In a game of Among Us in the Skeld, what direction would you be going if you were to walk from Weapons to Lower Engine?

WEST

B2: Let's test your imposter knowledge. If you were to vent in the Skeld from Security, what are the two available rooms you are able to vent into?

ELECTRICAL AND MEDBAY

T6: Often depicted in art wearing an orange-brown robe with a green shawl, what resident of the Valley of Peace broke into tears under the Peach Tree of Heavenly Wisdom as Master Oogway vanished, leaving him alone to train the Dragon Warrior named Po?

MASTER SHIFU

B1: In the movie *Kung Fu Panda*, what noodle-loving chef adopts the baby Po when he is discovered in a box of radishes, and shares his name with something that is often blamed for slow buzzes by angry online Certamen players?

MR. PING

B2: The first *Kung Fu Panda* movie features the escape of what adoptive son of Master Shifu, who turned to his dark ways after he was denied the role of Dragon Warrior by Master Oogway?

TAI LUNG

T7: What type of object makes multiple appearances in various films, once sold by a Harry that declares "I don't trust like that" in the *Eric Andre Show*, another time as being destroyed by Sean Boswell in the opening of *Tokyo Drift*, and finally in a namesake movie featuring Tow Mater (*may-ter*) and Lightning McQueen?

CAR

B1: What food, a ball of which is delivered to a dojo by Eric Andre in a Season 3 skit, is featured in a popular 2017 internet meme when a phone call is made to order a boneless type?

PIZZA

B2: In another episode of the *Eric Andre Show*, Eric Andre asks subway passengers to "please eat from me" after failing to land a job at the company of what cereal brand, which features a colorful toucan on its logo?

FROOT LOOPS

T8: Luckily you don't really need to study for Street Certamen, but it is a huge part of real Certamen and Agon. What subject requires you to study sourcebooks written by Mary Joan Masello, Robert Lenardon, Jenny March, and Edward Tripp, as well as primary texts such as Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*?

MYTHOLOGY

B1: What subject would you be studying if you were reading sourcebooks written by Lillian Feder and Gian Biagio Conte to learn about characters such as the Venerable Bede and Varro Creatinus?

(LATIN) LITERATURE

B2: Finally, what subject would you be studying if you were reading a sourcebook written by J.B. Bury to learn about characters such as Pelopidas and Dionysius?

HELLENIC HISTORY (PROMPT ON "HISTORY")

T9: Ancient mythology consisted of countless fabulous monsters and creatures, and modern movies are no different. What creatures, the most famous of which are named Kevin, Stuart, and Bob, are transformed into evil purple counterparts in one movie, and are recognizable by their gibberish language, their short stature, and their desire to follow an evil leader, evident in their loyalty to Gru in the *Despicable Me* franchise?

MINIONS

B1: What creatures in *Harry Potter* appear around Hogwarts after the escape of Sirius Black, as it is their task to guard the prison of Azkaban, and can feed off the happiness of their victims unless they are warded off by a *Patronus* charm?

DEMENTORS

B2: Daenerys Targaryen (*da-ner-us tar-gar-ree-un*) of *Game of Thrones* is often called the mother of what creatures, one famous example being Smaug in *The Hobbit* franchise?

DRAGONS

T10: On July 24th 2020, what artist released her eighth album *Folklore*, which included songs such as *Exile* and *Cardigan*, but is possibly more famous for telling her lover to "just say yes" in *Love Story* and encouraging her listeners to "shake it off"?

TAYLOR SWIFT

B1: On July 10th 2020, what artist posthumously released his album *Legends Never Die*, featuring songs such as *Wishing Well* and *Righteous*, although his song *Lucid Dreams* still remains as his most popular work?

JUICE WRLD/JARED HIGGINS

B2: On August 25th 2020, what artist and member of 88rising released an EP named 1999, containing songs such as *DOA* and *Love in my Pocket*, and has been on the rise ever since his single *Dat \$tick* went viral?

RICH BRIAN/BRIAN SOEWARNO

T11: Etymology is important in Certamen, and in Street Certamen as well. What English word, which is colloquially used to mean "to declare an untrue or factually incorrect statement", can be used to mean "to provide a fitting conclusion" or "to place a limit" as a verb, and "a protective lid" or "a soft hat" as a noun?

CAP

B1: What English word, which is colloquially used to mean “disrespectful comments of behavior”, can be used as a verb to mean “to darken an illustration with pencil”, or as a noun to mean “shelter from sunlight”?

SHADE

B2: Consider the following use of “shade” in the following sentence— “The shade of Elpenor implored Odysseus to retrieve his body”. What synonym of “shade” in this context is colloquially used to mean “to cut off all methods of communication without prior notice”?

GHOST

T12: Twitch streamers such as TommyInnit, GeorgeNotFound, and Dream have contributed to the revival of what video game, which recently announced its plans to add Wardens and Glow Squids alongside many other mobs in its *Caves and Cliffs* update to improve upon the *Nether Update*?

MINECRAFT

B1: The *Caves and Cliffs* update plans to add what new ore to Minecraft, which appears on the Periodic Table of Elements with an atomic number of 29?

COPPER

B2: The *Caves and Cliffs* update also plans to add what new type of tree that is described to be miniature with purple flowers, and shares its name with the last name of a musical artist that became popular in 2014 after being featured on Ariana Grande’s *Problem* and topping the charts with *Fancy*?

AZALEA (TREE)

T13: This Virtual Classics Day, we have many JCLers from different states joining us. What state, which appears on the name of graphing calculators such as *83*, *84*, and *nspire*, is the site of a “chainsaw massacre” in a famous 1974 film, and is home to JCL legends such as Teddy Trakas, Marco Cheung, and William Lee?

TEXAS

B1: What state is referenced multiple times in *Cabinet Battle #1* in the musical *Alexander Hamilton* by Thomas Jefferson, first rhetorically asking why this state should pay for the debts of New York, then claiming that the denizens of this city “plants seeds in the ground” to “create” in a defense against Hamilton’s desires to move “money around”?

VIRGINIA

B2: What state saw the filming of many famous films, such as *Home Alone* in Winnetka, *The Breakfast Club* in Des Plaines, and *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off* near the Sears Tower?

ILLINOIS

T14: What food first displayed its magical abilities to fix any object in a video of a man repairing a sink, and is produced by various companies such as *Nissin Foods*, *Maruchan*, and *Nongshim*, and is jokingly yet often too truthfully referred to as the main diet for broke college students?

(INSTANT) RAMEN (PROMPT ON NOODLES)

B1: What food lays the foundation of a popular television show, during which the host Sean Evans asks a guest various interview questions as they eat gradually hotter variants on *Hot Ones*?

CHICKEN (WINGS)

B2: Season 1 Episode 8 of *Hot Ones* features what guest, who first gained his taste of fame as a radio host on *99 Jamz*, and now introduces many of his songs with the catchphrase “we the best”?

DJ KHALED

T15: What annual event, which included lectures on Roman Wine by Daniel Sherman and a workshop on Roman sacrifices by Dr. Michael Mordine in 2018, centers around themes such as “Festivals and Celebrations in Ancient Rome” and “Classics and Today”, and is usually held at Boston University with the exception of a virtual version this year?

(MASSJCL) CLASSICS DAY

B1: What 2002-2003 NJCL president and current Boston City Councilor At-Large plans to speak about her JCL experiences and its political influences this Classics Day?

MICHELLE WU

B2: What MassJCL officer, arguably the greatest officer of all time, posts information about Classics Day and other relevant events on massjcl.org to fulfill his role as the 2020 MassJCL technical coordinator?

JINWOO KIM

T16: Whose recent appearance on national television sparked public discussion about his bloodshot left eye, which sparked false rumors of Covid-19, although more people focused on an unbudging fly that landed on his head during his Vice Presidential Debate against Kamala Harris?

MIKE PENCE

B1: After missing multiple state deadlines to appear on the presidential ballot, who selected a Wyoming preacher named Michelle Tidball as his running mate, and declared to be running under the Birthday Party, explaining that “when we win, it’s everybody’s birthday”?

KANYE WEST

B2: Other than his music, Kanye West is notorious for his absurd tweets. He once stated that what occupation, which are held by various fictional characters such as Zane, Hinata, and Donatello, are “kind of cool”, although he didn’t “know any personally”?

NINJA

T17: What three letter acronym, which is a grammatically incorrect interrogative sentence, is commonly used by impatient friends waiting for people running late, and demands to know the current location of the other person in a loose rendering of “where are you”?

WYA (WHERE YOU AT)

B1: What two letter acronym is used to introduce a reasonable but unconfirmed conclusion– the first word indicating the first person speaker, and the second being a colloquial synonym of “predict”?

IG (I GUESS)

B2: Now, translate the following abbreviated sentence into full English: “I gtg but I wanted to lyk that idk when I’m free, but lmk when u r and I’ll ttly.”

I GOT TO GO BUT I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I DON’T KNOW WHEN I’M FREE, BUT LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU ARE AND I’LL TALK TO YOU LATER

T18: What word, which appears in the name of a 2020 album featuring narrations from Morgan Freeman, and a popular TikTok song by Jawsh685 and Jason Derulo, follows the number “21” to produce the name

of a popular hip-hop artist, and although it is often used as slang to mean “excessively bold”, originally meant “fierce or violent”?

SAVAGE

B1: What name is shared by two songs: The first was released in 2017 by Post Malone featuring 21 Savage. The second, which gained popularity on TikTok, was released by DaBaby and Roddy Ricch, and begins with the question “how you pull up“, to which they respond “brand new Lamborghini”.

ROCKSTAR

B2: Roddy Ricch has said that he takes inspiration from what other hip-hop artist, who began his musical career under the name K-Dot, and began to attract national attention after the release of his album *Good Kid, M.A.A.D City* and his song *DNA*?

KENDRICK LAMAR

T19: As the years go by, it is no surprise that people change, and so do the content of YouTubers. What YouTube sensation, who started off his career with absurd videos such as *Reading the Entire Dictionary in One Sitting* and *Counting to 100,000 in One Video*, now focuses on expensive stunts, such as *I Ordered Pizza and Tipped the House*, as well as his popular series of donating large sums of money to Twitch Streamers?

MRBEAST

B1: Let’s escape from the modern era of TikTok and Instagram, and travel to the glory days of YouTube. What YouTube star grew famous from collaborating with Sean Fujiyoshi on comedic skits such as *The iNavigator* and *How to be Ninja*, as well as publishing comedic songs such as *Nice Guys*?

NIGAHIGA/RYAN HIGA

B2: What musical artist, who began his career on YouTube under the name Filthy Frank, began his gradual transition to music with the release of *Pink Season* in 2017 under the alter ego Pink Guy, but is now recognized for his debut album *Ballads* as well as his most recent release *Nectar*?

JOJI

T20: What theory, which Kyrie Irving was ridiculed for believing in the 2018 NBA All-Star Game, first originated in Samuel Rowbotham’s pamphlet titled *Zetetic Astronomy*, and although scholars such as Pythagoras and Aristotle have proved this theory wrong for over two millennia, claims that the world is not spherical, but rather level?

(MODERN) FLAT EARTH (THEORY)

B1: What author of *How to Destroy America in Three Easy Steps* and founder of *The Daily Wire* disagrees with the Flat Earth Theory, and is widely recognizable for his famous phrase, “facts don’t care about your feelings”?

BEN SHAPIRO

B2: In 2007, Ben Shapiro graduated from what university, which hosts a Certamen tournament every year, and can be accessed by taking the Red Line of the MBTA to the station between Central and Porter?

HARVARD (UNIVERSITY)