



SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE FOR INTRAMURAL AUDITORIUM-STYLE BEE

The actual National History Bee Intramural Auditorium-Style Bee will consist of 100 short orally-posed questions. 25 are presented here in the style and format that will be used for this competition.

- 1) Which US president was famous for his programs known as the New Deal in response to the Great Depression?
- 2) Emperor Justinian ruled which empire in the 6th century AD from its capital at Constantinople?
- 3) Which queen of France and wife of Louis XVI was guillotined during the French Revolution?
- 4) Large statues of human heads known as *moai* were built by the native people of what South Pacific island?
- 5) Which composer is known for his nine symphonies, including the sixth, which is known as the Pastoral, and the ninth, which contains the Ode to Joy?
- 6) Which Swedish inventor of dynamite later founded a series of awards recognizing human achievement in various fields of endeavor?
- 7) Which title has been held by diplomats, such as Ban Ki Moon and Kofi Annan, as leaders of the UN?
- 8) Which state was the last to join the USA in 1959?
- 9) Which last name has been shared by two prime ministers of Canada who were father and son? The father, Pierre, led Canada in the 1980's and his son Justin is the current prime minister.
- 10) Which third president of the USA was the chief author of the Declaration of Independence?
- 11) Harriet Beecher Stowe is famous for having written which anti-slavery novel, featuring the characters Little Eva and Simon Legree?

- 12) Which philosopher and student of Plato studied numerous subjects, and published works such as *Politics*, *Metaphysics*, and the *Nicomachean Ethics*?
- 13) Which town in upstate New York lent its name to a famous 3 day rock music festival in 1969?
- 14) Ireland suffered a terrible famine in the 1840's when which staple crop repeatedly failed?
- 15) Which emperor of Japan during World War II was allowed to keep his throne after the war, but was forced to renounce his divine status?
- 16) Which iconic painting by Picasso depicts the bombing of a Basque town during the Spanish Civil War?
- 17) Which city's Lower Ninth Ward was devastated by flooding during Hurricane Katrina in 2005?
- 18) Which Shoshone guide helped Lewis and Clark during their Corps of Discovery expedition to the Pacific Northwest?
- 19) Which Virginia college was named for two British monarchs and is the second oldest college or university in what is now the USA?
- 20) Which tsar of Russia was overthrown in 1917 during the Russian Revolution?
- 21) Which state did Barack Obama represent in the senate before being elected president?
- 22) Which structure in India was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz?
- 23) A treaty ending World War I shares its name with what palace of Louis XIV of France?
- 24) Who was the only American president to serve two non-consecutive terms?
- 25) Which mission in San Antonio was the site of a famous siege in 1836?