

# KUMORICON 2023

## Extremely Hard Take- Home Anime Quiz

October 10, 2023

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

If you win, would you like your result to be announced at closing ceremonies? YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

Name to be announced \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES

1. You may begin as soon as you receive the quiz.
2. You must turn this quiz in to the panelist before or between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2023 in the Programming Annex.
3. You must print your real name and on your entry.
4. Mailed entries must be received by Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at:  
Extremely Hard Anime Quiz  
P.O. Box 78690  
Seattle, WA 98178-0690
5. This quiz consists of fifty multiple-choice questions.
6. All questions have only one correct answer.
7. Some questions may have no answers that are precisely correct in which case you are to circle the best (most correct) answer.
8. This quiz is open book and open notes. Participants may use any resources to answer the questions, including each other.
9. Unless otherwise noted in the question, if there is a difference between the English dubbed version and the subtitled version, the subtitled version shall prevail.
10. Selected answers must be circled. Xs, obliterations and overstrikes will be considered answers that the participant has rejected.
11. You are encouraged to show your thought process, such as by crossing out wrong answers and writing why you think your answer is correct. This can help you convince the panelist that you are correct should we find some unclear element in the question.
12. Answers must be in black. Markings of any other color may disqualify your entry.
13. There will be panel from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023, in Panel 5, where people can ask questions about the quiz. This panel will not provide answers to the questions on the quiz. If you are feeling confident, you may skip this session or turn in your quiz at this time.
14. There will be a panel from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday November 19, 2023, in Programming Annex to discuss answers and if possible, announce the winners.
15. If no clear winner is found by the time of the panel on Sunday November 19, 2023, the panel will begin with a tiebreaker session and continue as such until a winner is found.
16. You must be present on Sunday's panel to win.
17. In the event of several scores being tied, the test received earliest will be considered the highest score among the group of equal scores.
18. The panelist will evaluate all answers for correctness.
19. The word of the panelist is final in determining the correctness of all answers.
20. The panelist reserves the right to add, delete or modify the rules, as finds necessary.
21. Ichiban Con staffs that have seen the questions prior to October 27, 2023 and relatives of the panelist are not eligible for prizes.
22. You may use any source of information to arrive at your answer but you are responsible for understanding your answer. Should you answer correctly, you may be called upon to explain your reasoning to everyone at the panel (see Rule 11).

1. In Episode 321 of *Bleach*, Chad, Ichigo, Orihime and Uryu search for Nozomi Kujo down the four legs of a signalized intersection. The background artists have rendered the intersection in a projection known as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Isometric
  - b. cavalier oblique
  - c. single-point perspective
  - d. two-point perspective
  - e. trimetric
  
2. The painting that Father Trancy soils with his wine goblet in Episode 8 of *Black Butler Season 2* implies his orientation. This is based on a(an) \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation of the subject.
  - a. American
  - b. British
  - c. Hungarian
  - c. Italian
  - e. Japanese
  
3. Examine the painting behind Claude and the Demon Triplets after Alois Trancey demands that Claude address Alois as “yes your highness” in Episode 8 of *Black Butler Season 2*. Identify the false statement.
  - a. Claude’s reaction to the painting reflects his awareness to his situation.
  - b. The insert song reflects Hannah’s state of mind.
  - c. The subject of the painting foreshadows Hannah’s actions.
  - d. The style of the painting reflects Hannah’s situation.
  - e. None of the above are true.
  
4. Who designed the Special Provision for Kira Headquarters building from Episode 31 of *Death Note*?
  - a. Norman Foster
  - b. I. M. Pei
  - c. Renzo Piano
  - d. John C. Portman Jr.
  - e. Kenzo Tange
  
5. In the anime *Sakura Wars*, there are ten Original Video Animation (OVA) episodes. The first four are essentially an abridged retelling of the television series (TV), while the remaining six episodes take place after the TV series as a transition to *Sakura Taisen*. In the fourth episode of the latter six OVA, Seiya Ogata’s painting was a reaction against what artistic thought contemporary to his time?
  - a. Expressionism
  - b. Impressionism
  - c. Pop Art
  - d. Regionalism
  - e. none of the above

6. The Terracotta Warriors were built under the direction of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Which referenced event is closest to that time?
- when Sanjuro scolds Shugo Kunisaki for being late in Episode 10 of *.Hack//Legend of the Twilight*
  - Kaede Nagase's mention of the execution of Ma Su from Episode 5 of *Negima!?*
  - the woman on a cloud in the opening of *Planetes*, before the lyrics go "Whoa"
  - the female ghost that Ranma Saotome meets in Episode 46 of *Ranma 1/2*
  - when Chuu Ou is defeated at the end of *Soul Hunter*
7. In Episode 8 of *Baccano*, Isaac Dian likens Jacuzzi's situation to events in the novel *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. Assuming that Isaac read the book in English, which of the following statements best reflects the way the English subtitles render the spelling of the Chinese warlords that he mentions?
- They are completely misspelled.
  - They are spelled in a modern manner for our benefit, but not in the manner that Isaac Dian would have read them.
  - They are exactly how Isaac Dian would have read them, but in a manner no longer officially used today.
  - They are correctly spelled for Isaac Dian and us.
  - They use an old, military spelling system designed to elicit the most correct pronunciation, but never officially adopted by any country.
8. In *Fushigi Yuugi*, Tomo's headdress and facial makeup is primarily based on \_\_\_\_\_ Dynasty aesthetics.
- Sui (581-618)
  - Tang (618-906)
  - Song (960-1279)
  - Yuan (1271-1368)
  - Ming (1368-1644)
9. In Episode 2 of *Shin Koihime Musou*, Ryuubi Gentoku reveals that she descends from Chuuzan Seiou Ryuushou. How does her ancestry relate to the emperor?
- She is a direct descendant of the emperor and a viable claimant to the throne.
  - She descends from a collateral branch of the royal family. She has a claim to the throne but many other, more rightful claimants must become unavailable.
  - She descends from a previous royal family which has been ousted from power by the current rulers.
  - She comes from a noble family with no prior claims to the imperial throne.
  - The anime does not provide enough information to determine any of the above.
10. In the floating restaurant, in Episode 43 of *Speed Racer*, the title character thwarts an assassination attempt that used a method made famous during the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spring and Autumn Period (770 —479 BC)
  - Warring States (476 – 221 BC)
  - Qin Dynasty (221 – 206 BC)
  - Tang Dynasty (618 – 907 AD)
  - Song Dynasty (960 – 1279 AD)

11. In the opening of *.Hack//Legend of the Twilight*, silhouettes of the two protagonists can be seen running in front of a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ map projection of the world.
- azimuthal
  - conic
  - cylindrical
  - elliptical
  - equilateral
12. In Episode 7 of *Girls und Panzer*, Team Anglerfish returns to their school ship aboard a ferry of \_\_\_\_\_ design.
- American
  - British
  - French
  - German
  - none of the above
13. From Episode 68 of *Inuyasha*, which border between two provinces is closest to the point where Shippo fought Soten?
- Aki—Bingo
  - Echigo—Shinano
  - Iwami—Izumo
  - Kai—Sagami
  - Mino—Owari
14. In Episode 2 of *My-Otome Zwei*, Ishigermain's campaign interview is interrupted and seen in a neighborhood that resembles the \_\_\_\_\_ District in New York City.
- Financial
  - Flatiron
  - Garment
  - Meatpacking
  - Theater
15. Maka and Soul went to the \_\_\_\_\_ region of Italy in Episode 7 of *Soul Eater*.
- Emilia Romagna
  - Lazio
  - Lombardy
  - Piedmont
  - Tuscany

16. In *Code Geass*, Princess Euphemia li Britannia's liberal policy of the Special Administrative Zone of Japan threatens the ambitions of the Black Knights. Her relationship to them most closely resembles \_\_\_\_\_'s relationship with his enemies, who wanted him dead.
- a. Julius Ceasar
  - b. Archduke Franz Ferdinand
  - c. Abraham Lincoln
  - d. Louis Mountbatten, Earl of Burma
  - e. Czar Nicholas II of Russia
17. In Episode 13 of *Ghost in the Shell*, Eka Tokura and her group resemble real world terrorists that violently promoted \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. anti-Semitism and pseudo-scientific racism
  - b. feminist, anti-racist ideas
  - c. Maoist and communist social and economic policies
  - d. strict interpretation of Sharia or Islamic law
  - e. genocide in the name of profit
18. In Episode 13 of *School Rumble, Second Semester*, Kazuya Tanaka and Toki Nagayama were talking about a time in Rome where Christianity was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. not yet a religion because it occurred at a time before Christ
  - b. persecuted
  - c. illegal but not persecuted in basically a don't ask don't tell policy
  - d. the official religion of the empire
  - e. split between the western church and the eastern church
19. Which of the following translated statements from Episode 11 of *Shin Koihime Muso Otome Tairan* is false in the real world?
- a. Kada: "The first Emperor, in later years, fell captive to a great suspicion of others."
  - b. Ryomo: "A Buddhist priest named Jofuku, (who) aided in their creation"
  - c. Kosonsan: "But their plan failed, and Chojo was forced to flee the capitol."
  - d. more than one of the above
  - e. none of the above
20. In Episode 7 of *Strike Witches*, Erica Hartmann's theft of her comrade's panties was supposedly based on her namesakes' incident when he received the Oak Leaves to his Iron Cross. It is also probably based on a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ fighter pilot who was known to steal underwear.
- a. American
  - b. British
  - c. Italian
  - d. Japanese
  - e. Russian

21. In the omake of Episodes 204 and 205 of *Bleach*, Ichigo Kurosaki has trouble reading the kanji to Renji Abarai's favorite eyeglasses store, shown at the top of page 13. The former apparently can read \_\_\_\_\_ but not when combined with \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. A, B
  - b. C, D
  - c. CD, AB
  - d. CD, CE
  - e. CE, CD
22. In Episode 8 of *Girls und Panzer*, Team Hippo builds a snow or ice statue of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Honda Tadakatsu
  - b. Kato Kiyomasa
  - c. Sanada Yukimura
  - d. Takeda Shingen
  - e. Yamanaka Shikanosuke
23. In the animated film *Millenium Actress*, the life of actress Chiyoko Fujiwara is told through clips of Japanese movies in which she had a role. Which pair of consecutive Japanese periods is the earliest transition between settings shown?
- a. Asuka → Nara
  - b. Heian → Kamakura
  - c. Azuchi-Momoyama → Edo
  - d. Meiji → Taisho
  - e. Showa → Heisei
24. Klein's guild, Fuurinkazan, from the Aincrad arc of *Sword Art Online*, seems to be modeled after a unit commanded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ii Naomasa
  - b. Kosaka Masanobu
  - c. Sanada Yukimura
  - d. Yamagata Masakage
  - e. Yamamoto Kansuke
25. Prior to 2016, Kumoricon was held in Vancouver, Washington. Which of the following characters is the least likely to visit Vancouver, Washington on a sister city exchange program?
- a. Kaisei Ebisugawa from *The Eccentric Family*
  - b. Inari Fushimi from *Inari Kon Kon*
  - c. Matsuri Saegusa from *Kamichu!*
  - d. Tamako Kitashirakawa from *Tamako Market*
  - e. Ryoko Hanuki from *The Tatami Galaxy*

26. Which of the following best expresses how Madam Red first declares her rage against prostitutes who chose to have abortions in Episode 5 of *Black Butler*?
- Armed with torches and serpents come forth from your blind foul kingdom you savage partners of raging fury.
  - Hell's vengeance seethes in my heart. Death and despair burns around me.
  - Now only the hope of the revenge I'll have consoles this soul and makes me rejoice.
  - Vengeance, o come inspire me! Virtue and freedom fire me. Join me ye sons of glory.
  - Vengeance, oh vengeance. It's a pleasure reserved to the wise.
27. In which anime do we hear or read a translated version of, "Magnificat anima mea Dominum, et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salvatore meo?"
- Big-O*
  - Chrono Crusade*
  - Love Hina*
  - Lucky Star*
  - Stellvia*
28. Handel's *Messiah* is an oratorio in which the entire lyrics consist of Bible verses. In which of the following do we not hear lyrics from the oratorio?
- Episode 8 of *Blue Exorcist*
  - Episode 25 of *Fate Zero*
  - Episode 3 of *Hellsing Ultimate*
  - Episode 12 of *Stellvia*
  - Episode 22 of *Neon Genesis Evangelion*
29. When Ragyo Kiryuin tells Satsuki, "There is somewhere you must go," in Episode 16 of *Kill La Kill*, what do the female statues behind her most likely symbolize about the mother?
- She dominates the clothing and textile industry.
  - It foreshadows that she will soon reveal an important truth.
  - She has power over life and death of humans.
  - She still sees her daughter as a fitting heir to her empire.
  - It symbolizes none of the above except that she is probably well educated and appreciates classical art.
30. Throughout *Kimagure Orange Road*, Ushiko and Umao parody *Romeo and Juliet*. In Episode 1 they also spoof \_\_\_\_\_.
- Anthony and Cleopatra*
  - Hamlet*
  - Julius Caesar*
  - Othello*
  - The Tempest*



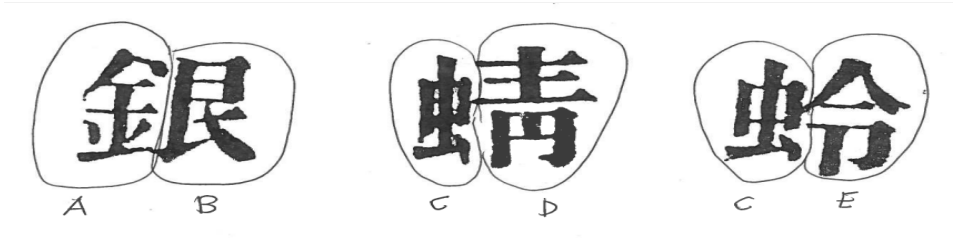
31. Consider the following scenes in anime: (A) when Dr. Elsten meets the main characters in his office in Episode 69 of *Rurouni Kenshin*, (B) when Queen Beryl wants to destroy Princess Serenity's face in Episode 44 of *Sailor Moon* and (C) when Yosuke Kadomatsu dances with Teruko in Episode 7 of *Zipang*. In what order is the background music typically presented in a performance?
- a. ABC
  - b. ACB
  - c. BAC
  - d. BCA
  - e. none of the above
32. Which of the following was not written by an Italian composer?
- a. the music that plays after Hikaru Ichibanboshi sings in Episode 7 of *Green Green*
  - b. the opera when Rico and Henrietta were assassinating someone in Episode 22 of *Gunslinger Girl*
  - c. the music when Winner Sinclair draws his gun in Episode 8 of *Karin Chibi Vampire*
  - d. the music at Mr. Ayukawa's concert from the eighth OVA (*Message in Rouge*) from *Kimagure Orange Road*
  - e. the music when Usagi went to Mamoru's apartment Episode 93 of *Sailor Moon*
33. In Episode 6 of *Big-O*, Mr. Gieseng has Instro finish a megadeus named Constanze. Had he also worked on an even more powerful version of Constanze, what would be its most appropriate name?
- a. Aloysia
  - b. Caterina
  - c. Dorotea
  - d. Josepha
  - e. Sophie
34. The melody on the bottom of Page 13 is one of the most frequently used in anime and all of the following reference it. In which anime do we not hear it?
- a. Episode 39 of *Fullmetal Alchemist* (2003)
  - b. Episode 13 of *Gunslinger Girl*
  - c. Episode 12 of *Lucky Star*
  - d. Episode 24 of *Neon Genesis Evangelion*
  - e. *Tokyo Godfathers*
35. Yoshikazu Mera is the man who sang the theme song to *Princess Mononoke*. Because of his talent, he is in great demand for performances of music from \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 1651 to 1750
  - b. 1751 to 1850
  - c. 1851 to 1950
  - d. 1951 to 1980
  - e. 1981 to present

36. In Episode 15 of *Code Geass; Lelouch of the Rebellion R2*, Kaname Ogi first met Villetta Nu in a field of objects that were designed to \_\_\_\_\_.
- become habitat for marine organisms
  - provide cover for defending infantry
  - resist the effects of erosion
  - stop tanks
  - none of the above
37. *Gema Gema Pushuuu* is Episode 7 of *Di Gi Charat*. In it, Gema, a spherical creature normally 3 feet in diameter, falls into the river and swallows enough water to expand to 25 feet in diameter. He disappears to discharge the fluid and returns 10 seconds later at normal size. Assuming his difference in size is due solely to the swallowed water and that he passes the liquid through a 2.5 feet diameter orifice with no friction loss, the column of fluid could reach a height of most nearly \_\_\_\_\_ feet if Gema discharges straight up into the air. The specific gravity of the fluid is 1.017.
- 3 feet
  - 18 feet
  - 400 feet
  - 800 feet
  - It cannot be determined from the given information.
38. When attempting to resurrect their mother, in Episode 3 of *Fullmetal Alchemist (2003)*, the Elric brothers specifically mentioned eleven substances that make up the physical ingredients of a human body, and their amounts. Of the eleven specifically mentioned substances \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 are compounds and 7 are pure elements
  - 5 are compounds and 6 are pure elements
  - 6 are compounds and 5 are pure elements
  - 7 are compounds and 4 are pure elements
  - none of the above are true
39. In the opening of *Sailor Moon SS*, when the protagonists appear above a red and yellow checkerboard, the vertical white line in the background is most nearly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 0 hours
  - 6 hours
  - 12 hours
  - 18 hours
  - That line has nothing to do with hours.
40. In episode 6 of *Soul Eater*, Dr. Stein attempts to dissect a (an) \_\_\_\_\_.
- crane
  - cukoo
  - curlew
  - ibis
  - stork

41. As Shiro Emiya declines Kirei Kotomine's offer of the Holy Grail in Episode 22 of *Fate/Stay Night* (2006), who wrote the background music?
- a. Luigi Cherubini
  - b. Michael Haydn
  - c. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
  - d. Antonio Salieri
  - e. Giuseppe Verdi
42. Just before his death in Episode 10 of *Hellsing Ultimate*, the Doctor becomes incensed when Walter C. Domez implies, in the English dub, that he is \_\_\_\_\_ and a fraud through Moliere's farce.
- a. an absent minded, moronic clown
  - b. a decrepit, meddlesome, miserly, petty tyrant
  - c. a pedantic windbag, an inexhaustible source of botched jargon
  - d. a coarse, cruel, poorly educated, lecherous deadbeat
  - e. a flamboyant, pompous, boastful, militaristic poltroon
43. At the end of Episode 11 of *Kimagure Orange Road*, Kyosuke Kasuga shouts, "Ayukawa," in a parody of his American counterpart who shouted, "\_\_\_\_\_."
- a. Barbara
  - b. Elaine
  - c. Linda
  - d. Mary
  - e. Patricia
44. Much of the music from *Princess Tutu* is from ballet. Ms. Goat's theme from Episode 9 is actually from \_\_\_\_\_ of an opera.
- a. Act I
  - b. Act II
  - c. Act III
  - c. Act IV
  - e. several of the above because it occurs multiple times throughout the work
45. In Episode 17 of *Soul Eater*, when Excalibur talks about a time when, "the cities grew wild," he and his entourage enter dancing in a manner inspired by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Gower Champion
  - b. Agnes de Mille
  - c. Bob Fosse
  - d. Michael Kidd
  - e. Jerome Robbins

46. In some anime, many characters are named after a list of things. For example, in *Neon Genesis Evangelion*, most characters are named after World War II Japanese warships and in *Tokyo Mew Mew*, many characters are named after food. In the anime *Ah My Goddess*, several human characters are named after Japanese \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. banks and financial institutions
  - b. film directors
  - c. plastic model companies
  - d. rivers
  - e. World War II airplanes
47. As a Central officer with a moustache curses the arrest of General Cremin in Episode 55 of *Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood*, the soldier in front of him wields an automatic weapon with a bipod that was famous for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. a trigger that allowed a skilled gunner to fire single shots even on full auto
  - b. firing pistol sized bullets which limited its range, accuracy and penetration
  - c. frequently malfunctioning in many ways
  - d. consuming ammunition at more than twice the rate of other machine guns
  - e. having a water-cooled barrel that facilitated sustained fire
48. Muhammed Ali died in June of 2016. Which of the following of his historical scenes is shown in "Media Break" at the beginning Episode 3 of *Gunsmith Cats*?
- a. Fight of the Century
  - b. Rumble in the Jungle
  - c. Super Fight II
  - d. Thrilla in Manila
  - e. another not listed
49. In Episode 7 of *Hell Girl, Two Mirrors*, Tatsuya dies in a motorcycle accident when his vehicle runs off the road. He apparently struck a statue on the outside of the curve. Which of the following proposed solutions is least likely to improve overall safety?
- a. Remove the statue.
  - b. Replace the statue with one of a frangible design
  - c. Relocate the statue to a point where it is less likely to be struck.
  - c. Redirect errant vehicles by shielding the statue with a guardrail.
  - d. Alert drivers to the presence of the statue by illumination and warning devices.
50. The animated movie *Laputa, Castle in the Sky* shows heavier than air aircraft using a dirigible as a mother ship. Which of the following statements best describes this technology in the real world?
- a. No one has attempted it because it would be too dangerous.
  - b. It never left the drawing board because of technological advances in other areas.
  - c. The Americans successfully practiced this idea, but gave up when several dirigibles crashed.
  - d. The Japanese successfully practiced this idea, but gave up because it was inefficient.
  - e. This idea is still in use today.

Question 21



Question 34

