

2026 BISHOP GARRIGAN QUIZ BOWL TOURNAMENT

GAME 1

TOSS-UP ROUND

Question 1

For ten points, in what city did Anne Frank write her famous diary?

ANSWER: Amsterdam

Question 2

A string quartet traditionally includes three different instruments. There are two violins in a string quartet. For ten points, a string quartet also includes one of each of what other two instruments?

ANSWER: cello AND viola

Question 3

"Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents". For ten points, this is the first line of what coming-of-age novel that tells the story of Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March?

ANSWER: *Little Women*

Question 4

For ten points, the first toy to be advertised on television was what anthropomorphic vegetable?

ANSWER: Mr. Potato Head

Question 5

The 2034 winter Olympics will be hosted in the United States. For ten points, what city will host the 2034 games, a city that also hosted the Olympics in 2002?

ANSWER: Salt Lake City

Question 6

This country has the world's largest Muslim population. Over 242 million people, or 87% of the country's population, adhere to Islam. For ten points, name this island nation.

ANSWER: Indonesia

Question 7

Labels on clothing often use pictures to give directions for laundering. For ten points, if a label shows an equilateral triangle with an "X" through it, it means you should not use what substance as part of the laundry process?

ANSWER: (chlorine) bleach

Question 8

We think of piñatas as Mexican, but in fact they were introduced to Mexico quite recently. For ten points, it is thought that piñatas were first found in the 13th Century in what country?

ANSWER: China

Question 9

For ten points, what is the total number of minutes in a regulation National Hockey League game?

ANSWER: 60 minutes

Question 10

We used to call them UFOs or "unidentified flying objects". Today scientists refer to them by the letters U.A.P. For ten points, what does "U.A.P." stand for?

ANSWER: unidentified areal phenomenon (or phenomena)

Question 11

The longest highway in South America is this country's Route 40. It runs parallel to the Andes Mountains, descending from about 16,000 feet by the Bolivian border to near sea level in Rio Gallegos (guy-A-gos) at the tip of Patagonia. For ten points, Route 40 runs the length of what country?

ANSWER: Argentina

Question 12

This country was traditionally thought to be free of mosquitos due to its cold climate. However, rising temperatures have allowed mosquitos to survive there. For ten points, in October 2025 mosquitos were first discovered in what island country that lies in the North Atlantic on the boundary of the European and North American tectonic plates?

ANSWER: Iceland

Question 13

For ten points, when spelled in English, every odd number contains what letter of the alphabet?

ANSWER: E

Question 14

Only four nations have ever won the America's Cup yachting trophy. The United States held the cup for 132 years, and Australia and New Zealand have been frequent winners since 1983. For ten points, what landlocked European nation is the only other country to have won the America's Cup?

ANSWER: Switzerland

Question 15

For ten points, Yellowstone National Park is located partially in what three different states?

ANSWER: Wyoming, Idaho, AND Montana (must have all for a correct answer)

Question 16

This state has the highest rate of boat ownership in America, with 1 boat for every 6 residents of the state. The sport of water skiing was invented in this state. 36% of the state's residents fish, the second highest of any state after Alaska. For ten points, name this state that is home to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

ANSWER: Minnesota

Question 17

In 2026 New Zealand athlete Sam Ruthe became the youngest person in the world to run a mile in less than four minutes. He ran a mile in 3 minutes, 58.35 seconds. For ten points, how old was Ruthe when he set this record?

ANSWER: 15

Question 18

Hawaiian pizza typically features ham and pineapple with cheese and tomato sauce. The Greek immigrant who invented it said he based the idea on Chinese sweet-and-sour dishes. Hawaiian pizza was not invented in Hawaii, or even in the United States. For ten points, in what country was Hawaiian pizza invented?

ANSWER: Canada

Question 19

This traditional British measurement is equal to 220 yards or 200 meters. For ten points, name this measurement that is still used in horse racing.

ANSWER: furlong

Question 20

Eighteen-year-old Anna Leigh Waters, the #1-ranked professional player in this sport, recently became the first player in the sport to sign with Nike. For ten points, name this mostly recreational sport, which the Sports and Fitness Industry Association says has grown in participation by nearly 400% in just the past four years.

ANSWER: pickleball

Question 21

There is only one river on planet Earth that crosses the equator twice. For ten points, name this African river.

ANSWER: Congo River

Question 22

For ten points, what is the last month of the year alphabetically?

ANSWER: September

Question 23

Its name comes from the Sanskrit word for "jewel". It is a translucent form of silica that displays streaks of color from minerals trapped in fractures. It is the national gemstone of Australia and also the birthstone for people born in October. For ten points, name this jewel.

ANSWER: opal

Question 24

For ten points, where on the human body would you find the radiocarpal joint?

ANSWER: **wrist** (ask for more information on “hand”)

Question 25

For ten points, the word “sushi” comes from a Japanese word that translates to what in English?

ANSWER: **rice**

(Continue to the bonus round.)

BONUS ROUND

(Each correctly answered toss-up earns the team the right to answer the corresponding bonus.)

Toss-Up 26

The most visited place with a paid admission in the world is a monument located in Europe that was originally built for a world's fair. For ten points, name it.

ANSWER: Eiffel Tower

Bonus 26

Answer these questions about the value of letters in the game Scrabble®.

Part 1

Five vowels and five consonants are worth just 1 point each. For five points, name three of the consonants that are worth 1 point.

ANSWER: L, N, S, T, R (must have 3 for a correct answer)

Part 2

Two letters are worth 2 points each. For five points, name either of those letters.

ANSWER: D OR G

Part 3

There are 4 letters worth 3 points each. For five points, name any two of them.

ANSWER: B, C, M, P (must have 2 for a correct answer)

Part 4

For five points, name any three of the five letters that are worth 4 points each.

ANSWER: F, H, V, W, Y (must have 3 for a correct answer)

Part 5

Finally for five points, name the only letter that is worth 5 points in Scrabble®.

ANSWER: K

Toss-Up 27

In spite of its name, this cocktail was invented in Connecticut. For ten points, name this cocktail that combines ginger beer and vodka and is traditionally served in a copper cup.

ANSWER: Moscow mule

Bonus 27

For five points each, tell what you would be afraid of or have an aversion to if you suffered each of these phobias.

Part 1

ergophobia (UR-go-FO-bee-uh)

ANSWER: work OR effort

Part 2

gynophobia (GUY-no-FO-bee-uh)

ANSWER: women OR females

Part 3

nyctophobia (NICK-to-FO-bee-uh)

ANSWER: darkness

Part 4

pyrophobia (PIE-ro-FO-bee-uh)

ANSWER: fire

Part 5

musophobia (MOO-so-FO-bee-uh)

ANSWER: mice OR rats OR rodents

Toss-Up 28

This state has the highest overdose rate in the country, which is not surprising since there are more active prescriptions for narcotics than there are people in the state. The state also has the highest rate of smoking of all fifty states. For ten points, name this state that was admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863.

ANSWER: West Virginia

Bonus 28

First lady Melania Trump is fluent in six different languages, five more than her husband. One of those is English. For five points each, name the other five languages that Melania Trump speaks.

ANSWER: Slovenian OR Slovene
French
German
Italian
Serbian

Toss-Up 29

A German sporting goods manufacturer purchased this logo from a Finnish company. At first the logo was primarily used for structural reinforcement in athletic shoes. Later the company's marketing division said the logo stood for "struggle, effort, and achievement". More recently they have said the logo represents "performance, discipline, and progress". For ten points what logo is used by the world's second largest sporting goods manufacturer?

ANSWER: three stripes (the Adidas logo)

Bonus 29

For five points each, spell these commonly misspelled English words

Part 1

acceptable

ANSWER: A - C - C - E - P - T - A - B - L - E

Part 2

playwright

ANSWER: P - L - A - Y - W - R - I - G - H - T

Part 3

zucchini

ANSWER: Z - U - C - C - H - I - N - I

Part 4

jeopardy

ANSWER: J - E - O - P - A - R - D - Y

Part 5

indict (in-DITE)

ANSWER: I - N - D - I - C - T

Toss-Up 30

Of all songs recorded in the 20th Century, this one has been streamed more than any other. Its 1975 release was accompanied by one of the first promotional music videos. It was recorded over a two-month period at five different studios in England and Wales, and more than 140 separate tracks were incorporated in the final mix. For ten points, name this landmark recording by Queen.

ANSWER: “Bohemian Rhapsody”

Bonus 30

A 2025 study ranked the “fittest and fattest” places in the world. The study only looked at high-income nations with populations over 1 million people. Answer these questions.

Part 1

For five points each, name the two Asian countries that ranked #1 and #2 as the fittest countries in the world.

ANSWER: Japan and South Korea (5 points each)

Part 2

The United States ranked as the third fattest country in the world. For five points, name either of the Middle Eastern nations that ranked fatter than the U.S.

ANSWER: Kuwait OR Qatar

Part 3

Four European nations were among the fittest places on earth. For five points each, name any two of those countries.

ANSWER: France (5 points each for up to two correct answers)
Switzerland
Netherlands
Sweden
Austria

Toss-Up 31

For ten points, was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill known for smoking cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, or nothing at all?

ANSWER: cigars

Bonus 31

For five points each, give the modern-day name of the country where each of these classical composers did their primary work.

Part 1

Franz Liszt (LIST)

ANSWER: Hungary

Part 2

Wolfgang Mozart

ANSWER: Austria

Part 3

Frederic (FREE-drik) Chopin (show-PAN)

ANSWER: Poland

Part 4

George Frederic (FRED-rik) Handel

ANSWER: United Kingdom OR Britain OR England

Part 5

Felix Mendelssohn

ANSWER: Germany

Toss-Up 32

Perhaps you've been part of a first-string team or a second-string team. For ten points, the terms "first string" and "second string" originally came from what sport in which strings play a major part?

ANSWER: archery

Bonus 32

It's not really surprising that Walmart is the top private employer in the United States, with 2.2 million employees. For five points each, identify these other companies that are among America's top ten employers.

Part 1

#2 – fast food holding company whose brands include Taco Bell and KFC.

ANSWER: Yum!

Part 2

#3 – the other food service company among the top ten employers

ANSWER: McDonalds

Part 3

#6 – department store chain

ANSWER: Target

Part 4

#5 – delivery company

ANSWER: UPS OR United Parcel Service

Part 5

#9 – computer and electronics manufacturer

ANSWER: Hewlett – Packard OR HP

(Continue to the lightning round.)

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY A: Numerical Titles

I will tell say an author and part of the title of a literary work. For ten points each, you give the number that completes the title. For example, if I said “Joseph Heller – *Catch BLANK*”, you would say “22”.

Question 1

Ray Bradbury – *Fahrenheit BLANK*

ANSWER: 451

Question 2

Ernest Cline – *Ready Player BLANK*

ANSWER: 1

Question 3

Gabriel García Márquez – *BLANK Years of Solitude*

ANSWER: 100

Question 4

John Buchan – *The BLANK Steps*

ANSWER: 39

Question 5

Reginald Rose – *BLANK Angry Men*

ANSWER: 12

Question 6

Stephen King – *BLANK Past Midnight*

ANSWER: 4

Question 7

Nathaniel Hawthorne – *The House of the BLANK Gables*

ANSWER: 7

Question 8

Charles Dickens – *A Tale of BLANK Cities*

ANSWER: 2

Question 9

Agatha Christie – *Towards BLANK*

ANSWER: 0

Question 10

Solomon Northup – *BLANK Years a Slave*

ANSWER: 12

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY B: Counties

I will name ten of the fifty largest counties in America and give the population of each. For ten points each, you tell me in what state you would find each county. For example, if I said “Los Angeles – 9.7 million”, you would say “California”. All the answers are different states.

Question 1

Queens – 2.4 million

ANSWER: New York

Question 2

Cuyahoga – 1.2 million

ANSWER: Ohio

Question 3

Cook – 5.3 million

ANSWER: Illinois

Question 4

King – 2.3 million

ANSWER: Washington

Question 5

Harris – 5.1 million

ANSWER: Texas

Question 6

Allegheny – 1.2 million

ANSWER: Pennsylvania

Question 7

Hennepin – 1.3 million

ANSWER: Minnesota

Question 8

Maricopa – 4.7 million

ANSWER: Arizona

Question 9

Clark – 2.3 million

ANSWER: Nevada

Question 10

Gwinnett – 1.0 million

ANSWER: Georgia

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY C: Nebraska

I will ask ten questions about Iowa's neighbor to the west. For ten points each, answer the questions. For example, if I said, "What is Nebraska's largest city?", you would say "Omaha".

Question 1

What color is the background on Nebraska's flag?

ANSWER: blue

Question 2

What holiday, celebrated on the last Friday of April, began in Nebraska?

ANSWER: Arbor Day

Question 3

What nickname do the teams at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln use?

ANSWER: Cornhusker(s)

Question 4

What U.S. President was born in Nebraska?

ANSWER: Gerald Ford OR Leslie King (his birth name)

Question 5

What railroad runs the world's largest freight yard in North Platte?

ANSWER: Union Pacific

Question 6

Why is the Nebraska state legislature different from those in every other state?

ANSWER: unicameral OR has one house

Question 7

Nebraska's state flower is what plant that shares its name with a shade of yellow?

ANSWER: goldenrod

Question 8

What formation beneath Nebraska is North America's largest aquifer?

ANSWER: Ogallala Aquifer

Question 9

What man whose net worth is \$142 billion is the richest person in Nebraska?

ANSWER: Warren Buffet

Question 10

What sandwich featuring corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut was invented in Nebraska?

ANSWER: Reuben sandwich