

# FANIMECON 2023

## Extremely Hard Take-Home Anime Quiz

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## 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 11:00 a.m. and noon on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Panelist Lounge (Lower Level 21F).
3. You must print your real name and badge number on your entry.
4. Mailed entries do not require a badge number.
5. Mailed entries are not being accepted in 2023. Correspondence may be sent to:  
Extremely Hard Anime Quiz  
P.O. Box 78690  
Seattle, WA 98178-0690
6. This quiz consists of fifty multiple-choice questions.
7. All questions have only one correct answer.
8. Some questions may have no answers that are precisely correct in which case you are to circle the best (most correct) answer.
9. This quiz is open book and open notes. Participants may use any resources to answer the questions, including each other.
10. 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.
11. Unless otherwise noted in the question, if there is a difference between the streaming version and the physical media version the physical media version shall prevail.
12. Selected answers must be circled. Xs, obliterations, and overstrikes will be considered answers that the participant has rejected.
13. 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.
14. Answers must be in black. Markings of any other color may disqualify your entry.
15. There will be panel from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023, in Panel Room 3 (Lower Level 20C), 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.
16. There will be a panel from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023, in Panel Room 3 (Lower Level 20C) to discuss answers and announce the winners.
17. The primary tiebreaker between tied scores will be in favor of the earlier entry.
18. You must be present at Monday's panel to win.
19. The panelist will evaluate all answers for correctness.
20. The word of the panelist is final in determining the correctness of all answers.
21. The panelist reserves the right to add, delete, or modify the rules, as necessary.
22. FanimeCon staff that have seen the questions prior to May 5, 2023 and relatives of the panelist are not eligible for prizes.
23. 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 13).

1. When the insert song goes, "You shall cut through the darkness in search of the light," late in Episode 8 of *Black Butler* (season two), the painting behind Claude and the triplets was created by an artist from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Flanders
  - b. France
  - c. Holland
  - d. Italy
  - e. Spain
  
2. Early in *Fullmetal Alchemist Conqueror of Shamballa*, the Gypsy women sell Noah to a broker named Hanussen. In his office, above the couch, the rightmost painting depicts a woman from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. California
  - b. Louisiana
  - c. Massachusetts
  - d. Michigan
  - e. New York
  
3. When Kiki changes light bulbs in *Kiki's Delivery Service*, the painting behind Jiji depicts a woman holding a(an) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. book
  - b. item of food
  - c. letter
  - d. musical instrument
  - e. quill pen
  
4. In *Letter Bee*, the main AmbeGround post office, seen in Episode 17 and several other episodes, has an architecture that can be best described as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Art Deco
  - b. Classical Romanesque
  - c. Gothic Renaissance
  - d. Medieval Norman
  - e. Romantic Revivalism
  
5. In 1940, the United States Postal Service issued a series of thirty-five stamps that commemorate famous Americans. In this series, that artist who painted the right-side painting in Shinku's N-field den from the prologue of Episode 10 of *Rozen Maiden* is on a \_\_\_\_\_ cent stamp.
  - a. one
  - b. two
  - c. three
  - d. five
  - e. ten

6. When Yuzuki Mikage goes to the temple in Episode 21 of *Hell Girl: Three Vessels*, Ai Enma enlightens the former with the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *Analects of Confucius*
  - b. *The Great Learning*
  - c. Mohism
  - d. Taoism (Daoism)
  - e. Zen Buddhism
  
7. From 1990 to 1993, China issued several sets of postage stamps that commemorate *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms*. Which corresponding *Koihime Musou* character is depicted on the 1.6 Yuan stamp?
  - a. Hoto Shigen
  - b. Jun'iku Bunjaku
  - c. Shokatsuryo Komei
  - d. Shuyu Kokin
  - e. Tei'iku Chutoku
  
8. Early in Episode 12 of *Night Raid 1931*, there is an archway bearing a sign that states, "Establishment of the Manchu Empire." Which statement best describes the characters used?
  - a. At least one character was not written that way in the 1930s.
  - b. Ancient characters are used giving it a classical tone.
  - c. The characters are all correct and contemporary.
  - d. The second character from the right is a *kokuji*.
  - e. The characters are phonetically proper for a language other than Chinese.
  
9. When Fumika orders "0913" in Episode 2 of *Shigofumi, Letters from the Departed*, a clock-like dial appears on Kanaka. The first character is at the \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock position.
  - a. one
  - b. three
  - c. six
  - d. nine
  - e. twelve
  
10. Which of the following ancient Chinese poems makes reference to a letter?
  - a. the one recited by Kagimura Habaki at the end of Episode 6 of *Blade of the Immortal*
  - b. the one referenced by Sosuke Aizen's zanpakuto's name in *Bleach*
  - c. the "spring sleep dawn" reference by Tsukasa Hiiragi in Episode 1 of *Lucky Star*
  - d. the one behind Captain Wong and his first officer when they discuss strategy in Episode 7 of *Starship Operators*
  - e. none of the above

11. Which *Axis Powers Hetalia* character is most likely to come to California specifically to learn certain military operations such as emergency management, disaster response, minesweeping, natural resource and infrastructure protection, peacekeeping and counter terrorism? (Hint: the other four would go to states other than California)
- a. Hungary
  - b. Latvia
  - c. Lithuania
  - d. Poland
  - e. Ukraine
12. West of the McEnery Convention Center, the City of San Jose rebuilt and renamed Spencer Avenue after a "minor protagonist from the anime \_\_\_\_\_."
- a. *Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion*
  - b. *Eureka Seven*
  - c. *Full Metal Panic!*
  - d. *Gunbuster 2*
  - e. *Mobile Suit Gundam Seed*
13. In *Fullmetal Alchemist Conqueror of Shamballa*, the Central Legislature Building, from which Sheska surveys damage to the city, is modelled after a famous structure in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. America
  - b. Austria-Hungary
  - c. France
  - d. Germany
  - e. Italy
14. Which of the following episodes shows the current or former main post office of their associated American city? (If more than one episode shows a post office, the largest facility shown will be the correct answer)
- a. Washington DC from Episode 1 of *Eden of the East*
  - b. Chicago from Episode 2 of *Gunsmith Cats*
  - c. San Francisco from the Episode 29 opening of *Kaleido Star*
  - d. New York from Episode 24 of *Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid*
  - e. Los Angeles from Episode 25 of *Steins Gate*
15. In Episode 2 of *Nurse Witch Komugi*, Magical Maid Koyori's mecha attacks the title character with a saw, in Tokyo. To maintain the same theme in San Francisco, a mecha might have hypothetically used a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. baseball bat
  - b. bow and arrow
  - c. bowling ball
  - d. flashlight
  - e. pickaxe

16. In 1965, the United States Postal Service issued a five-cent stamp of Dante Alighieri. Which anime features his writing in Episode 1?
- a. *.Hack//GU*
  - b. *Chevalier D'Eon*
  - c. *Fate Zero*
  - d. *Gunslinger Girl*
  - e. *Maburaho*
17. Fifty years after World War II, the United States Postal Service issued a series of souvenir sheets consisting of a Mercator projection map attached to ten se-tenant stamps in a row of five above and another row of five below it. A \_\_\_\_\_ postage stamp commemorates the strategic situation referenced by Momo Kawashima's response to Pravda's request to surrender in Episode 8 of *Girls and Panzer*.
- a. left
  - b. second from left
  - c. center
  - d. second from right
  - e. right
18. The letter that Hugh Anthony Disward received in Episode 1 of *The Mystic Archives of Dantalian* bears a postage stamp that depicts a woman whom he can best described as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. a deceased monarch
  - b. a consort to a deceased king
  - c. the current monarch
  - d. the current consort to the king
  - e. the princess royal
19. One hundred years ago, the United States Postal Service issued green one-cent stamps featuring the portrait of a Scientist from Episode \_\_\_\_\_ of *Time Travel Girl*.
- a. 3
  - b. 7
  - c. 9
  - d. 11
  - e. none of the above
20. In 1948, the United States Postal Service issued a three-cent stamp of \_\_\_\_\_ whose writing Minori Kushieda referenced after admitting to liking scary things, late in Episode 10 of *Toradora*.
- a. Joel Chandler Harris
  - b. Edgar Allen Poe
  - c. Will Rogers
  - d. Harlan Fiske Stone
  - e. William Allen White

21. The Japanese postal service has never issued a stamp commemorating the anime \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. *Cowboy Bebop* b. *Fullmetal Alchemist*  
c. *Naruto* d. *Neon Genesis Evangelion*  
e. *Pokemon*
22. Darwin from Episode 17 of *Letter Bee* seems to be a parody of a pet from the \_\_\_\_\_ Ward.  
a. Chiyoda b. Minato  
c. Shibuya d. Shinagawa  
e. Shinjuku
23. When the title character flees from Magical Maid Koyori's mecha in Episode 2 of *Nurse Witch Komugi*, she mostly heads \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. eastbound b. northbound  
c. southbound d. westbound  
e. any of the above but for a total distance of no more than one thousand feet
24. Cocona Saionji wears 557 while running a marathon in Episode 7 of *Nurse Witch Komugi R*. To affect a parallelism, what number would Komugi Yoshida have worn had she also run the same marathon?  
a. 552 b. 562  
c. 572 d. some other number  
e. There is no parallelism to affect.
25. The *Strike Witches* franchise is known to have actual historical figures appearing as themselves. In Episode 2 of *Brave Witches*, Admiral Seiichi Ito is best known for his role in Operation \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. A-Go b. Fu-Go  
c. Kita d. Sho I  
e. Ten-Go

26. Kurumi first describes her fear of starvation in the first omake (called *Venomous Tales*) of *Angel Tales* by referencing the writing of \_\_\_\_\_ who was commemorated on a 1948 United States Postage stamp.
- a. John Chandler Harris
  - b. Edgar Allen Poe
  - c. Will Rogers
  - d. Harlan Fiske Stone
  - e. William Allen White
27. In 1940, the United States Postal Service issued a series of thirty-five stamps that commemorate famous Americans. In this series, the person who created the material that the Hippopotamus Team attempts to perform in Original Video Animation (OVA) number 6 (*Banquet War!*) of *Girls und Panzer* is printed in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. green
  - b. red
  - c. magenta
  - d. blue
  - e. brown
28. In Episode 18 of *Letter Bee*, Rose objects to Lag Seeing conveying her like a letter, to the finish line, to which Lag retorts that she is what \_\_\_\_\_ earlier called her.
- a. Abelene
  - b. Brytt
  - c. Lag Seeing
  - d. Rose
  - e. none of the above
29. In 1940, the United States Postal Service issued a series of thirty-five stamps that commemorate famous Americans. In Episode 4 of *Ghastly Prince Enma*, Kappavier makes a reference to the American in the \_\_\_\_\_ cent(s) stamp when Prince Enma gropes and fondles Princess Yukiko.
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 5
  - e. 10
30. In 1940, the United States Postal Service issued a series of thirty-five stamps that commemorate famous Americans. Episodes 24 and 25 of *Speed Racer* seem to be inspired by a book written by an author on a \_\_\_\_\_ cents stamp from this series.
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 5
  - e. 10



31. A cyborg named Francesca tends a garden growing under a transparent dome that is floating above the earth, in the beginning of Episode 11 of *In Another World with My Smartphone*. If copyright was not an issue, who wrote the historically most appropriate song that could have been used in the background?
- a. Joan Baez
  - b. Bob Dylan
  - c. Arlo Guthrie
  - d. John Lennon
  - e. Pete Seeger
32. After Tombo invites Kiki to the Aviation Club party in *Kiki's Delivery Service*, she finds Osono knitting and listening to music written by a \_\_\_\_\_ composer, on the television.
- a. English
  - b. French
  - c. German
  - d. Italian
  - e. Japanese
33. One of the promotional videos (trailers) for *KonoSuba 2* features Kazuma Sato dictating a letter to his parents. The background music is from a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. concerto
  - b. nocturne
  - c. rhapsody
  - d. sonata
  - e. symphony
34. Jiggy Pepper is a recurring character with his own theme music from *Letter Bee*. If you were to audition anime characters to play Jiggy Pepper's music, who would you consider favorably because he or she has demonstrated familiarity with the piece?
- a. Ciel Phantomhive from Episode 13 of *Black Butler*
  - b. Seraphim from Episode 10 of *Is This a Zombie?*
  - c. Kanade Kohinata from Episode 1 of *La Corda d'Oro Blue Sky*
  - d. Asuka Langley Soryu from *Neon Genesis Evangelion, Death and Rebirth*
  - e. Kaori Miyazono from Episode 4 of *Your Lie in April*
35. In Episode 7 of *Shiofumi: Letters from the Departed*, Natsuka Kasai recalls speaking to Fumika to music composed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ludwig van Beethoven
  - b. Frederic Chopin
  - c. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
  - d. Franz Schubert
  - e. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

36. Based on information presented in *Kiki's Delivery Service*, which of the following countries could have built and operated a dirigible like the *Spirit of Freedom* no later than 1938?
- a. Germany
  - b. United Kingdom
  - c. United States of America
  - d. two or more of these
  - e. none of the above
37. In Episode 56 of *Sailor Moon R*, titled *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall*, Alan sends a Cardian to disrupt a play. Which is not an appropriate name for this Cardian?
- a. Bi
  - b. Bip
  - c. Bipi
  - d. Bipierrot
  - e. none of the above
38. There is a star chart in Shota Machiya's room in Episode 1 of *Shigofumi: Letters from the Dead*. Relative to the viewer's screen, the north pole is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. to the bottom
  - b. to the left
  - c. to the right
  - d. to the top
  - e. not shown
39. Which of the following is the lowest velocity in kilometers per hour (kph) that Twinkle Banks, from Episode 18 of *Speed Racer*, can driver her car within a vertical cylinder with a 30 meters diameter? Ms. Banks and her vehicle have a combined mass of 1270 kilograms and the coefficients of friction ( $f$ ) for each velocity are given.
- a. 30 kph,  $f = 0.68$
  - b. 40 kph,  $f = 0.64$
  - c. 50 kph,  $f = 0.60$
  - d. 60 kph,  $f = 0.54$
  - e. 70 kph,  $f = 0.50$
40. In 1940, the United States Postal Service issued a series of thirty-five stamps that commemorate famous Americans. How many of them are mentioned in the episode titles of *Time Travel Girl*?
- a. 0
  - b. 1
  - c. 2
  - d. 3
  - e. 4 or more

41. Sephiroth's theme, *One Winged Angel*, plays in the background of the menu of *Final Fantasy VII, Advent Children*. You can hear the borrowed lyrics, "Veni, veni, venias" in June of 2023, performed by a symphony orchestra in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Berkeley  
 b. Oakland  
 c. Sacramento  
 d. San Francisco  
 e. San Jose
42. In 1964, the United States Postal Service issued a stamp honoring William Shakespeare. Which of the following is not a reference to his works?  
 a. when Joujin tells Lord Tsuruga a barbarian tale in Episode 4 of *Basilisk: Ouka Ninja Scrolls*  
 b. when Walter C. Dornez insults the Doctor, near the dubbed end of Episode X of *Hellsing Ultimate*  
 c. "The Play's the Thing..." from Episode 15 of *Maison Ikkoku*  
 d. what Koutaro quotes to Hel early in Episode 24 of *Mythical Detective Loki Ragnarok*  
 e. where Akane Tendo's classmates want to see her fight in Episode 39 of *Ranma 1/2*
43. On June 3, 6, 9, 18, 21, 24, and 27, 2023, the San Francisco Opera will perform the same music that you can hear in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Episode 1 of *Gankutsuou*  
 b. Episode 22 of *Gunslinger Girl*  
 c. Episode 1 of *Izetta: The Last Witch*  
 d. Episode 28 of *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya* (hummed by Ms. Suzumiya)  
 e. Episode 1 (*Magnetic Rose*) of *Memories*
44. When Miyako wonders, "What happened to studying for the test?" late in Episode 4 of *Pani Poni Dash*, the man wearing the fedora and trench coat was played by an actor commemorated on a \_\_\_\_\_ cents United States postage stamp.  
 a. 32  
 b. 34  
 c. 37  
 d. 39  
 e. 41
45. In 2012, the United States Postal Service issued a set of four Innovative Choreographers stamps. Which one of them choreographed Excalibur's dance from when, "The cities grew wild," in Episode 17 of *Soul Eater*?  
 a. Isadora Duncan  
 b. Katherine Dunham  
 c. Bob Fosse  
 d. Jose Limon  
 e. none of the above

46. Which is the proper way to address Ciel Phantomhive of *Black Butler* in a formal letter?
- a. My Lord
  - b. Sir
  - c. Your Excellency
  - d. You Grace
  - e. Your Highness
47. During the opening credits of *Kiki's Delivery Service*, the title character encounters an airplane of \_\_\_\_\_ design, bearing the identification letters, "KD."
- a. British
  - b. French
  - c. German
  - d. Italian
  - e. Russian
48. From Episode 2 of *Nurse Witch Komugi R*, Ai Mitaka's favorite Japanese traffic sign is the Left Only sign. Which is the corresponding traffic sign used in California?
- a. M5-1L
  - b. R3-5L
  - c. R4-8a
  - d. W1-1L
  - e. W1-6L
49. Which Olympic sport could not be represented solo on a Japanese postage stamp that Professor Asakichi Iwaya of *Olympia Kyklos* could have used to mail a letter?
- a. cycling
  - b. fencing
  - c. gymnastics
  - d. swimming
  - e. water polo
50. The face and menu of the Sentai Filmworks DVD of *Shigofumi: Letters from the Departed* makes prominent use of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. gutter
  - b. killer
  - c. plate blocks
  - d. se-tenant
  - e. selvage