

# Blitz Finals

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## Regulation Tossups

(1) This man was the leader of a "Patriotic Bloc" of parties, which included a political party called the Volunteers of War. The fall of this man's rule is marked by a holiday, which occurs on July 28th. This man's political rival, Ezio Balducci, founded a publication (+) called *La Voce del Titano* to counter a publication called *Il Popolo Sammarinese*. For the point, name this leader of San Marino's Fascist Party (\*) from 1922 to 1944.

ANSWER: Giuliano **Gozi**

(2) A cult is centered around this saint in Tivoli, though some scholars believe that saint was a different person. A Franciscan Capuchin church named for this man was built in 1550 in San Marino's capital after a dense fog attributed to him appeared. On this saint's June 4th feast day, (+) many believe he stopped the nephew of Pope Julius the Third from invading San Marino. This saint nearly died during Diocletian's persecution of Christians after he was tied to a millstone and thrown into a river. (\*) For the point, name this early bishop of Sescia.

ANSWER: **Quirinus** of Sescia (accept Church of San **Quirino**)

(3) This organization, which was founded in 1892, produced the *Il Nuovo Titano* newspaper and was banned under fascist rule. This organization's dissolution led Augusto Casali to form the NPS, which helped form a second (+) iteration of this organization after merging with the PSRS in 2012. Led by Alessandro Mancini and currently holding six seats on the Grand and General Council, (\*) for the point, what is this center-left party?

ANSWER: Sammarinese **Socialist** Party (or Partito **Socialista** Sammarinese; or **PSS**; accept word forms)

(4) This man was described as a "monarchist in France" and a "republican at home" in a letter by François-René de Chateaubriand. While serving as Captain Regent, this man rejected a territorial offer with the justification that "wars end, but neighbors remain." This man declined (+) an offer from Napoleon to expand his nation's territory with the rationale that their greatest strength had been not envying neighboring (\*) territories. For the point, name this "Father of San Marino."

ANSWER: Antonio **Onofri**

(5) This product has been commercially produced since 1942 by a facility called La Serenissima, which places them in circular boxes, including a depiction of medieval knights, in sizes such as a "mignon carton." This dish, often served with coffee and gelato, (+) consists of layers of thin waffle, held together by hazelnut and chocolate. With a name referencing the peaks (\*) overlooking San Marino, for the point, what is this traditional dessert cake?

ANSWER: **Torta Tres Monti** (prompt on "cakes," "pastries," or similar answers)

(6) **This work of art was donated to San Marino by Countess Otilia Heyroth Wagener after she became the countess of Acquaviva. This work of art, lying just outside the Palazzo Pubblico, is depicted on the two-cent euro coin of San Marino and includes a (+) crown, which is topped with three miniature towers. Representing freedom in the capital (\*) of San Marino, for the point, what is this white Carrera marble sculpture?**

ANSWER: **Statua della Libertà** (accept **Statue of Liberty**)

(7) **This region's village of Torraccia is crossed by the Strada di Montelupo and Strada di Monte Olivo and houses San Marino's only airfield. The Germanisches Nationalmuseum contains an eagle-shaped fibula and a cicada fibula found in this region in 1892. (+) This municipality, which contains the villages of Cà Giannino and Fiorina, was previously called the "mountain of wolves" and names a set of Ostrogothic "Treasures" discovered at the Lagucchi (\*) farm. For the point, name this municipality in northeast San Marino.**

ANSWER: **Domagnano**

(8) **A monument to this man stands outside the end of a cable car connecting downwards to Borgo Maggiore. This man began to compile all Latin inscriptions in the Roman world before his death, inspiring the *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum* to be published. This man, after (+) fleeing from Savignano, spent nearly forty years in isolation, communicating via letter with historians such as Theodor Mommsen. Helping to establish the field of numismatics, (\*) for the point, who was this Italian expatriate?**

ANSWER: Bartolomeo **Borghesi**

(9) **This meeting's anniversary on March 25th is marked by a military demonstration in Palazzo Begni. This meeting resulted in a vote for the end of co-optioning of councillors for life and creating councils to be proportional to the population of the areas they encompassed. (+) This meeting resulted in the abolition of the Princely and Sovereign Council, which was created by its predecessor meeting. Resulting in San Marino's first democratic (\*) elections, for the point, what was this early 20th century meeting?**

ANSWER: **1906 Arengo** Meeting (accept **1906 citizenry** meeting)

(10) **This woman performed "The Social Network Song," which was originally called "Facebook Uh, Oh, Oh" before it was determined to be commercial speech. This woman co-performed a work of art with American Jimmie Wilson in 2017, and her song "Maybe" (+) earned San Marino a qualification into the final rounds of a certain contest for the first time in Copenhagen in 2014. Representing San Marino in the Eurovision (\*) Song Contest four times, for the point, who is this woman?**

ANSWER: Valentina **Monetta**

(11) **Members of this organization hold an annual contest at Cava dei Balestrieri and are known for being accompanied by a historical procession called the Corteggio Storico. This organization's namesake devices are crafted by a group called the Master Artisans. (+)** and although this group is the oldest military formation in San Marino, they are today purely ceremonial. A division of the Sammarinese Armed (\*) Forces, for the point, what is this group, known for carrying a certain ranged weapon?

ANSWER: **Crossbow Corps** (prompt on "Sammarinese Armed Forces" and similar answers before "namesake devices" is mentioned)

(12) **Variants of this dish are often prepared on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception using ingredients such as lemon or orange rind. The region of Marche and the provinces of Forlì-Cesena and Rimini prepare versions of this dish using stale bread. This dish, traditionally prepared in a (+)** copper pot with a lid covered in hot coals, is popular on Christmas. Prepared with figs, raisins, and honey (\*) to give it a fruity taste, for the point, what is this dense and moist Sammarinese cake?

ANSWER: **Bustrengo**

(13) **This man publicly arrested two Sammarinese men in Savignano, whom he claimed had made the "San Marino people know that they could not live in that heap of stones without the Pope's generosity."** After failing to claim jurisdiction over the trials of Pietro Lolli and Marino Belzoppi, (+) this man blockaded wheat and foodstuffs into San Marino. While serving as a Papal Legate, this man's harsh treatment of San Marino led to his dismissal to retire to Piacenza. Helping to engineer the War of the Quadruple Alliance (\*) while serving Philip the Fifth, for the point, who was this Italian cardinal?

ANSWER: Cardinal Giulio **Alberoni**

(14) **This party's flag included a loosely drawn dove flying to the right of a three-capped mountain. This party merged with a group founded by Alessandro Rossi. Ideas in Motion, as well as a party that won two seats in the 1998 election, Socialists for Reform, to form the (+)** Party of Democrats. This party, which was founded in 1990, lost many of its members after the 1992 formation of the Sammarinese Communist Refoundation. The counterpart of the Italian Democratic (\*) Party of the Left, for the point, what was this Sammarinese political party?

ANSWER: Sammarinese **Democratic Progressive** Party (or Partito **Progressista Democratico** Sammarinese; or **PPDS**)

(15) **In one position, this politician served from October 2003 to March 2004 with Giovanni Lonfernini of the Sammarinese Christian Democratic Party. In 1993, this politician switched from the Christian Democrats to the Popular Alliance, a party she represented in one position alongside the current (+)** secretary of state for foreign affairs, Luca Beccari. Gian Carlo Capicchioni and Anna Maria Muccioli preceded this politician as captain regent. The recipient of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic for her role as captain regent (\*) in 2014, for the point, who is this politician?

ANSWER: Valeria **Ciavatta**

(16) **This unit's distinctive dress, dating back to its founding in 1740, includes a double-breasted tailed jacket with dark blue trousers in a "cloth of gold" style for officers. This unit, whose members undergo military training, consists mostly of volunteers and was previously called the (+) Guardia Nobile. The role of this unit is to protect holders of one position, including Alessandro Scarano and Adele Tonnini. Protecting the captain regents (\*) and defending the Grand and General Council of San Marino, for the point, what is this unit?**

ANSWER: **Guard of the Council** (or **Guard of the Grand and General Council**, accept **Guardia Nobile** before mention)

(17) **This man serves as the manager of the San Marino national futsal team and also serves as the president of the Rotaract Club of San Marino. This man is known for having become a member of the executive board of the Sammarinese Socialist Party at nineteen (+) years old. This man was the world's youngest head of state when he took office in 2021, at the age of 26. Serving as captain regent alongside Francesco Mussoni, (\*) for the point, who is this man?**

ANSWER: Giacomo **Simoncini**

(18) **This person's Testimony 1, Testimony 2, and History of Science, are found in the Old City. This person declined to take a seat in the Grand and General Council after serving in the Socialist Party, giving the position to Giordano Bruno. This artist (+) included blue and black paint strokes surrounding a yellowish background in Microsomo. The Open Air Museum houses this artist's 1981 stone monument to Marino Capicchioni. Serving as San Marino's capitano di castello, (\*) for the point, who was this woman?**

ANSWER: Marina Busignani **Reffi**

(19) **A failed effort by this man is memorialized by the Chiesa dei Cappuccini. This man took his surname in honor of a town in Tuscany. This man, who was a nephew of Pope Julius the Third, (+) had one of his expeditions fail due to a thick fog which was attributed to Saint Quirinus. Leading a failed attempt to take control of San Marino in 1543, (\*) for the point, who was this man?**

ANSWER: Fabiano di **Monte San Savino** (prompt on partial answers)

(20) **This man first served in his highest position with Edda Ceccoli, the third woman to hold that position, and this man later served in that same position with Paolo Bollini. Along with Fabio Berardi, this man issued a public letter approving of Pope Francis's message on World Day of Peace, (+) saying, "We feel united and in solidarity in this appeal rejecting the 'blackmail' of just war theory." Elected as captain regent for the first of (\*) three times in 1991, for the point, who is this man?**

ANSWER: Marino **Riccardi**

(21) **This organization, in a 1987 statute, was given the duty of acting as criminal police officers, and members of this organization protect the Palazzo Pubblico. Founded in 1754 as a military branch, this organization's members are known for their brightly-colored green and red (+) uniforms, used by sentries performing ceremonial duties in front of tourists. Named in honor of Monte (\*) Titano, for the point, what is this front-line force of the military of San Marino?**

ANSWER: The **Guard of the Rock** (or **Fortress Guard** Corps; or **Guardia di Rocca**)

(22) **This event resulted in the government of San Marino requesting a detachment of thirty Carabinieri from the government of Italy, and two years after this event, public sentiment led to the Fascist Party under Giuliano Gozi taking over in San Marino. Threats of retaliation by squadristi (+) from the region surrounding San Marino followed this event in Serravalle. Carried out by radical leftists in June 1921, (\*) for the point, what was this event, which resulted in the death of a doctor who sympathized with the Fascists?**

ANSWER: **Murder** of Carlo **Bosi** (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; prompt on partial answers)

(23) **Despite his success in another sport, this athlete spent a few seasons with the Sammarinese football club Pennarossa. This athlete lost his title at Assen to Arnaud Vincent in 2002 and followed Freddie Spencer and Tetsuya Harada in winning the 250s title on his first attempt. (+) This athlete won the 2001 125cc World Championship and the 2003 250cc World Championship on vehicles made by Aprilia and Gilera. (\*) For the point, name this Sammarinese Grand Prix motorcycle racing champion.**

ANSWER: Manuel **Poggiali**

(24) **This event began when Federico Bigi led his followers into a church to form an executive consul. This event led to the advent of women's suffrage in San Marino, and during this event, roads into San Marino were largely blocked to prevent left-wing activists from Romagna (+) from escalating it. In a factory in Serravalle, the Christian Democratic Party declared a provisional government during this event. Resulting in the fall of the Sammarinese Communist Party in 1957, (\*) for the point, what was this event?**

ANSWER: Fatti di **Rovereta** (or **Rovereta** Affair)

(25) **This building, which sits on the site of the Roman Domus Magna Communis, had its historic restoration led by the female architect Gae Aulenti in the 1990s. This building was designed by Francesco Azzuri, who partly modeled it after the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. (+) From 2002 to 2016, this building appeared on the reverse of the Sammarinese two euro coin. The seat of the Congress of State and the (\*) captain regent, for the point, what is this place with a name translating to "Public Palace" in English?**

ANSWER: **Palazzo Pubblico** (accept **Public Palace** before mentioned)

**Extra Question**

(1) **A statue in San Marino depicts a terrified boy from this country, memorializing the Beslan School massacre. This country included San Marino on a list of "unfriendly" countries in a move which drew widespread ridicule, and this country's minister of foreign (+) affairs visited San Marino in 2019 without visiting Italy. San Marino's tourism industry is heavily supported by wealthy travelers from, (\*) for the point, what country, home to Muscovites?**

ANSWER: **Russian** Federation (accept **Rossiya**; or **Rossiyskaya** Federatsiya)