

## MLK WEEKEND OF EVENTS QUESTIONS

### 2 POINTS EACH

- 1) What four activities does the MLK weekend include? **Movie: Our Friend Martin, Ecumenical Banquet, Unity Parade & Academic Bowl**
- 2) Who is this year's Parade Grand Marshall? **Tommy Lyon, Former Chairman Elbert County Board of Commission**
- 3) What is this year's theme?
- 4) Who are this year's theme winners?
- 5) What year celebration is this for the MLK Weekend of Events?
- 6) Who was the speaker at this year's Ecumenical Banquet?

## FOR THE CULTURE QUESTIONS

### 1 POINT EACH

- 7) Issa Rae is the creator of what show? On what network does this show air? **Insecure; HBO**
- 8) Whose 1939 Easter Sunday concert at the Lincoln Memorial broke racial barriers and was seen as an important moment in the struggle for civil rights? **Marian Anderson**
- 9) Lupita Nyong'o and Michael B. Jordan starred in what 2018 block buster movie? **Black Panther**
- 10) Who opened the I Promise School for at-risk kids, and where is the school located? **LeBron James, Akron, Ohio**
- 11) Who was crowned Miss Universe 2019? **Zozibini Tunzi**
- 12) From what country does Miss Universe originate? **South Africa**
- 13) Which 2019 Movie is about a couple's first date with an unexpected turn, and who is it written by? **Queen & Slim, written by Lena Waithe.**
- 14) Which 2019 movie chronicles a runaway slave's escape from slavery and return to rescue other slaves, and who was it directed by? **Harriett; directed by Kasi Lemmons**
- 15) Who played the Genie in 2019 version of Aladdin? **Will Smith**
- 16) Cardi B features this Chicago rapper on her track Best Life? **Chance the Rapper**
- 17) Which city is widely known as the birthplace of Hip Hop? **The Bronx (or New York)**
- 18) What Social Media Platform has more than 2 billion daily active users? **Instagram**

- 19) What magazine was first known as the Weekly Negro News Magazine and where is it based? **Jet Magazine**
- 20) What recent movie was about an African American Colorado Springs detective who infiltrated the ranks of the local Ku Klux Klan? **BlacKkKlansman (Black Klansman)**
- 21) Who created the first smart phone? **IBM created the first smart phone, called the Simon Personal Communicator.**

## NATIONAL AMERICAN HISTORY

### 2 POINTS EACH

- 22) **(Two Part Question)** In what 2016 movie was Rev. Nat Turner Portrayed, and who directed it? **Birth of a Nation. It was directed by Nate Parker**
- 23) Mary McCleod Bethune was the founder and president of what national association? **National Council of Negro Women**
- 24) What was the first public HBCU in Georgia, and what year was it founded? **Savannah State University. It was founded in 1890.**
- 25) Who provided a powerful voice for human rights and fought for the ratification of what amendment that guaranteed all citizens the right to vote, regardless of their races? **Frederick Douglas fought for the ratification of the Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Amendment.**
- 26) **(Two Part Question)** What are the names of the first black Greek fraternity and sorority and when were they founded? **Alpha Phi Alpha, founded in 1906 and Alpha Kappa Alpha founded in 1908.**
- 27) What program did President Obama run in Chicago that registered 150,000 new voters? **The program was Project Vote.**
- 28) What was Muhammad Ali's most famous slogan? **"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!"**
- 29) What is Rev. Nat Turner Famous for, and in what year did this event take place? **He lead a slave revolt in 1831.**
- 30) **(Two Part Question)** What is the National Negro Anthem? Who wrote it? **"Lift Every Voice & Sing" was written by James Weldon Johnson.**
- 31) What organization helps fund students' educations at over 40 HBCUs? **UNCF – United Negro College Fund**
- 32) President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in what year? **1863**

- 33) On October 17, 2017, what organization's players issued a statement vowing to stand with Collin Kapernick bringing attention to inequality and police brutality against people of color? **The National Football League (NFL)**
- 34) (2 Part Question) **WHO** provided a powerful voice for human rights and fought for the ratification of **WHAT** amendment that guaranteed all citizens the right to vote, regardless of their races? **Frederick Douglas fought for ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
- 35) (2 Part Question) In 1953, the song "Hound Dog" was released by what singer before Elvis Presley's version and what genre of music was the original version? **Big Mama Thornton; blues**
- 36) (2 Part Question) Whose 1939 Easter Sunday concert broke racial barriers and was seen as an important moment in the struggle for civil rights and **where** was it held? **Marian Anderson, Lincoln Memorial**
- 37) Who coined the term black power, and where was he? **Stokley Carmichael coined the term at the March Against Fear.**
- 38) What other civil rights advocate was also slain in 1968? **Robert Kennedy**
- 39) Prior to the decision in Brown v. Board of Education, what was the law of the land? **Separate, But Equal meaning separate educational facilities for blacks and whites was equal and lawful.**
- 40) What magazine was started by the NAACP? **Crisis Magazine**

### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING**

#### **2 POINTS EACH**

- 41) State the month, day and year Dr. King was assassinated. **April 4, 1968**
- 42) State the month, day and year of Dr. King's birth. **January 15, 1929**
- 43) In 1957, Dr. King helped begin which organization? **The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)**
- 44) How long was Dr. King deceased before his birthday became a legal holiday? **Fifteen (15) years**
- 45) (Two part question) What action sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott? And What Year did the Bus Boycott begin? **Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery bus; 1955**
- 46) How old was Dr. King when he began college? **15 years old**

- 47) At birth, what was Dr. King's first name? **Michael**
- 48) Who was Dr. King's assassin? **James Earl Ray**
- 49) In what city and state was Dr. King born? **Atlanta, GA**
- 50) Where was Dr. King was assassinated? **The Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN**
- 51) How long did the Montgomery Bus Boycott last? **381 Days**
- 52) What event did Dr. King organize on the hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1963? **The March on Washington**
- 53) **(2 part question)** What action sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott? And What Year did the Bus Boycott begin? **Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery bus; 1955**
- 54) Who was president of the United States when Dr. King was assassinated? **President Lyndon B. Johnson**
- 55) **(2 Part Question)** In what 2016 movie was Dr. King portrayed? Who was the director? **Selma; Ave DuVernay**
- 56) What will be the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mrs. Coretta Scott King's death? **January 30 , 2020**
- 57) **(Two part question)** In remembrance of Dr. King, a statute is carved of him. What is the statute called, and where is it located? **The Stone of Hope; Washington DC**
- 58) Dr. King was named Person of the Year in what year AND by what periodical? **Time Magazine in 1957**
- 59) What church in Martin Luther King's hometown did he co-pastor with his father? **Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta**
- 60) What college did Dr. King graduate from? **Morehouse College**
- 61) Why did Dr. King receive the Nobel Peace Prize? **For his stance on Non – violence**
- 62) What noted words did Dr. King write while in a Birmingham Jail? **“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”**
- 63) In 1964 Dr. King was the youngest recipient of what noted prize? **The Nobel Peace Prize**
- 64) State the month, day and year Dr. King was assassinated. **April 4, 1968**
- 65) Which president signed a bill into law making 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? **President Ronald Reagan**
- 66) Dr. King drew inspiration from which non-violent Peace Activist? **Mahatma Ghandi**
- 67) Dr. King's memorial is the 4<sup>th</sup> to honor a non – president in Washington, DC and the 1<sup>st</sup> to honor which culture? **African – Americans**
- 68) How old would Dr. King be if he were alive today? **91 years old**

- 69) To whose criticism was Dr. King responding to in his "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?  
**Local Religious Leaders**
- 70) (2 Part Question) Name 2 historic events at which Dr. King was present? **Children's Crusade, March on Washington and March across Edmond Pettis Bridge**
- 71) What do Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King, Jr. have in common? They all protested America's involvement in the Vietnam War.
- 72) Dr. King was the first what? **He was the first advocate of nonviolent resistances in the modern Civil Rights movement.**
- 73) **After which major civil rights victory did Dr. King rise as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement?** Montgomery Bus Boycott
- 74) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was named Time magazine's what? **Man of the Year (Jan. 1964 issue)**
- 75) FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was threatened by MLK and declared him ? A communist and a spy
- 76) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech on the steps of the what? **Washington Monument**
- 77) What did Dr. King do with the \$54,000 Nobel Peace Prize winnings? **He donated it to help further the civil rights movement.**

## LOCAL HISTORY

### 1 POINT EACH

- 1) Who was the first woman elected to public office in Elbert County? **Georgia White**
- 2) Who was the first African American woman elected to city council in ward 2?  
**Henrietta Taggart**
- 3) Who was the first African American female to serve on the Elbert County Board of Education? **Bobby Paulk**
- 4) Who was born a slave and hired himself out after slavery and accepted reading and writing lessons for pay? **William Henry Heard**
- 5) Who was the first African American woman elected to the city council in Bowman and is now serving a second time after 15 years? **Mary Morrison Clark**
- 6) Who was the first African American physician in Elberton? **Dr. James Paul Thompson**

- 7) Who was the very first African American elected to city council in Bowman? **Wilbert Williams**
- 8) Who was the first African American to serve on the Elbert County Board of Education? **Welchel Long**
- 9) Who was the first African American Attorney to open and practice law in Elberton, Georgia? **John Mell Clark**
- 10) What are the names of the slaves who saved their owner from a hangman's noose? **Jack and Kate Heard**
- 11) This man created a granite business by using rubble (discarded pieces of granite from granite sheds). Who was he? **George "Mike" Fortson.**
- 12) What candidate on the November 2018 Georgia Ballot has ties to Elbert County and for what position did he run? **Otha Thornton – State School Superintendent**

## RECENT HISTORY

### 1 POINT EACH

- 13) Who was the perpetrator of the Charleston Church Massacre and what was his motive? **Dylan Roof was the perpetrator and he wanted to start a race war.**
- 14) Name the first African American female who served as Attorney General of the United States. **Loretta Lynch is the first African American female to serve as Attorney General of the United States.**
- 15) What is the color of states representing the Democratic Party? **Blue**
- 16) Name the only African American on the Supreme Court. **Justice Clarence Thomas**
- 17) What amendment or right was Collin Kaepernick exercising when he kneeled during the national anthem? **The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Right to Freedom of Speech (or Expression)**
- 18) On June 17, 2015, what major event resulted in the removal of the Confederate Flag from all state owned property in South Carolina? **The Charleston Church Massacre at Emanuel A.M.E. Church that left nine (9) African Americans dead**
- 19) How many electoral votes does a candidate need to become President of the United States? **A candidate for president needs 270 electoral votes.**
- 20) Who currently serves as the first Latina Supreme Court Justice in U.S. History? **Justice Sonia Sotomayor is the first Latina in U.S. History to serve on the Supreme Court.**

- 21) What is President Obama's signature legislation that was been repeatedly upheld by the US Supreme Court? **The Affordable Care Act**
- 22) In 2016, why did Collin Kaepernick sit and later kneel during the National Anthem before his NFL games? **Collin Kaepernick was protesting police brutality and inequality that people of color constantly face in the United States.**
- 23) What was the name of President Obama's first book? **Dreams From My Father**
- 24) What former ECCHS Football Player attended UGA and now plays in the NFL? **Mecole Hardman**
- 25) **(Two part question)** What team does former ECCHS football player, Mecole Hardman, Jr., play for and what is his number? **Kansas City Chiefs; #17**

### **TIE BREAKERS**

- (1) What was the name of Dr. King's first book? **Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story**
- (2) The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Stone of Hope was opened in 2011 on the National Mall. On one side, language from Dr. King's now famous "I have a Dream Speech" is inscribed. How tall does the memorial stand, and what is the inscribed wording? **30 feet tall; "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope,"**
- (3) What does injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and where was it written? **Injustice any place threatens justice every place; It was written in Dr. King's "Letter from the Birmingham Jail".**