

KQA

Mahaquizzer Middle-East Kuwait

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Answers

Instructions to the host

- Small spelling variations are okay, use your judgement
- For all answers which are names of people, just surname is acceptable. However, if surname is correct and first name(s) are given wrongly, it is to be considered incorrect. If question specifically mentions full name – then please look for it.
- The portion marked in **bold** & italics is the operative part of the answer.
- Exchange sheets for correction
- Call out the answers one by one from this answer key; you can also project this document
- Instruct the people correcting to only put ticks against the correct answers; wrong answers **need not** be marked with a cross
- Each page should be totaled up
- The grand total of all pages should come on the first page, along with the number of correct answers for ★ marked questions

1	The name of which Indian state literally means "land of the hill people"? It became a state in 1987 and has the second highest literacy rate in India, second only to Kerala.	Mizoram
2	The name of which monarch translates to "without sorrow" or "painless"?	Ashoka
3	Which is the second most abundant element in the universe, accounting for about 24% of all matter?	Helium
4	" <i>National Geographic _____: 50 True Stories of the Fed Up, Feathered, and Furious</i> " was a book released in 2012 as a tie-in with National Geographic magazine and a popular video game franchise. Fill in the blanks.	Angry Birds
5	Which country has won the rights to host the FIFA World Cup in 2022, making it the smallest ever country to do so?	Qatar
6	Which food item has near-identical names in multiple South Indian languages, all denoting that it is made from salt and flour?	Upma / Uppittu / Uppumavu / Uppindi
7	Which global traveller, who visited the city 6 times between 1342-1347 AD, said, "We came next to Kalikut, one of the great ports of the district of Malabar, and in which merchants of all parts are found"? You may have heard his name in a Hindi film song from 2010.	Ibn Batuta
8	The town of Ur in present-day Iraq is famous for which pyramid like structure dating back to the Mesopotamian civilisation?	Ziggurat
9 ★	Famous as the birthplace of pop star Freddie Mercury, which country combined with Tanganyika to form Tanzania?	Zanzibar
10	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> is the largest bird native to Australia. It has powerful legs with which it can even rip metal wire fences. What do we know it better as?	Emu
11	Which palindromic technology was named originally as an abbreviation of radio detection and ranging?	Radar
12	Michaelangelo, Bernini and Donatello have all created sculptures of which Biblical boy hero?	David
13	An Indian cricket captain or a sailing boat from the Maldives: what is the common 5-letter word?	Dhoni
14	In the internationally accepted version of this scheme, the long unit is three times as long as the short unit. All digits have five units. The space between words is seven units. What is being talked about?	Morse Code
15	<i>Mumbai Indian becomes Delhi Daredevil! Amul - In every Sabha.</i> What was this 2012 Amul ad about?	Sachin becoming Rajya Sabha MP
16	NPK analysis is done to find the amount of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium, and therefore the composition of what kind of material vital to agriculture?	Fertilizer
17	Which country is unique in that it has the world's only non-quadrilateral national flag?	Nepal
18 ★	Henry Morton Stanley was a famous journalist and explorer, most famous for his search for a Scottish missionary explorer, whom he tracked down to a village named Ujiji near Lake Tanganyika. With what words did Stanley greet the Scotsman, now a legendary and historic line?	<i>Dr. Livingstone, I presume?</i>
19	What 6-letter word is used to denote both what Lance Armstrong plead guilty to, and to the process of adding controlled impurities to semiconductors like silicon and germanium to change their conductivity?	Doping



20	"...we came across the word X, and it was just perfect. The definition was 'a short burst of inconsequential information,' and 'chirps from birds'. And that's exactly what the product was." One of the founders describing the how they came across the name – which company?	Twitter
21	In the world of movies, what surname is shared by siblings Sonny, Michael, Fredo and Connie, their mother Carmela and father Vito?	Corleone
22	This sporting event was first held in 1967, with the Green Bay Packers defeating the Kansas City Chiefs 35 to 10. The 47th edition will be held in New Orleans, and will feature the Baltimore Ravens against the San Francisco 49ers. What event?	Super Bowl
23	The two major tributaries of this river are known as the Blue and the White. The Blue originates at Lake Tana in Ethiopia, and the White at Lake Victoria in Tanzania. Which river?	Nile
24 ★	The name of this body part, the lump or protrusion that is formed by the angle of the thyroid cartilage surrounding the larynx of the human throat, refers to a story in the biblical Book of Genesis in which the first man disobey's God's orders and eats the forbidden fruit from the Tree Of Knowledge. What body part?	Adam's Apple
25	What was the name given to the political uprising in the Middle East Africa region in 2011-12 that saw many dictators fall and democratic elections happen for the first time in Egypt and Libya?	Arab Spring
26 ★	A city in Luxembourg is famous for lending its name to a European treaty that provided for the removal of border controls between participating countries; the _____ visa, named after the city, allows for free movement within the area of these countries. Name the city.	Schengen
27	This three-letter suffix implies that a beverage has been made from diluted fruit juice and sweetener, sometimes with carbonated water – generally a combination of fruit juice, sugar and water. It is also used as a suffix in several brand names that are marketed as sports drinks, though none of them are strictly speaking Xs. What is the suffix?	Ade
28	What is the name of Elvis Presley's large estate in Memphis, also the inspiration for an acclaimed album by Paul Simon?	Graceland
29	Who was the American cartoonist whose caricatures were responsible for popularizing the donkey/elephant portrayal of the Democrat and Republican parties?	Thomas Nast
30	One of the most best-selling books ever, which book about a little girl who lives with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps was written "for children and those who love children"?	Heidi
31	What soapy 6-letter word can be associated with South Sea, Tulip and Dot-com amongst many others?	Bubble
32	Which all-time-great Hindi movie villian gets his name from a movie that was set in Africa which had Clark Gable as a big-game hunter sparring with Ava Gardner?	Mogambo
33	The anguished cry of "Oh! The humanity!" is quite famous in popular culture. It originated from an eyewitness radio report of which early 20th century incident?	Hindenburg disaster
34	What classic English snack is renowned for being served wrapped in white paper or newspaper? Some say that the newsprint adds a subtle flavour to it!	Fish and Chips



35	The Icelandic word for which geographical feature is jokull? Vatnajokull, Hofsjokull and Langjokull are the three largest of these in Iceland, and all told jokulls cover more than 10% of the country.	Glacier / ice-cap
36	Water and nutrients are carried upward from the roots to the rest of the plant by the xylem. What physical mechanism comes into play here in the xylem for this purpose?	Capillary Action
37	On 26th January 2013, in commemoration of Australia Day this company changed the name of some of its outlets to 'Macca's'. Which company?	McDonald's
38 ★	Also known as "shinobi", this group of mercenary warriors in 15th to 17th century Japan specialised in unorthodox warfare, including espionage, sabotage and assassination. What are they more popularly known as?	Ninja
39	Three parts of the human body are made up of the tough protein keratin. If skin and hair are two of them, what is the third?	Nails (accept fingernails or toenails)
40	Edouard de Laboulaye had the idea for it, Frederic Bartholdi designed it and Gustave Eiffel constructed it. What?	The Statue of Liberty
41	This American company was started in 1910 by Jesse Shwayder and named after a long-haired Biblical strongman, in order to emphasise the toughness and durability of his products. Name the company.	Samsonite
42	This foodstuff, produced by heating sugar slowly to around 170 °C, is used as flavouring for various puddings, desserts and ice creams, and is also used to give cola drinks their characteristic colour. What foodstuff?	Caramel
43	This hairstyle made by allowing one's hair to grow freely and matting strands of long hair into rope-like shapes, is popular in the Caribbean and was spread to the western world by reggae artists such as Bob Marley. What hairstyle?	Dreadlocks (accept dreads)
44	Aside from its wood being used for timber and wood pulp, this tree has a number of uses. Its resin is an important source of turpentine, its seed cones and needles are used for decoration, and its seeds are harvested for use in cooking and baking. Name this conifer.	Pine
45 ★	This species of wild dog is native to Australia and is the continent's dominant terrestrial predator. Because of their attacks on livestock, sheep farmers have hunted this species systematically and they are now classified as vulnerable to extinction. Name the species.	Dingo
46	This animated film, Walt Disney's first full-length feature film, was a retelling of a classic fairy tale. It was seen by the film industry as a big risk, and was dubbed "Disney's Folly". The critics were wrong however - the film was a massive success and started Disney's dominant run in animated movies. Name the film.	<i>Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs</i>
47	The Stereobelt, a portable personal audio device, was invented by Andreas Pavel in 1972. His patent was filed in Britain and Japan shortly thereafter, and he then went on to sue the makers of a rival device, one which went on to become a worldwide phenomenon. Whom did Pavel sue?	Sony
48	Ball-peen, cross-peen, construction, lump, brass and upholstery are all types of what common tool?	Hammer
49	Dr. Joseph Bell, a surgeon at the Royal Infirmary Of Edinburgh, and the characters Auguste Dupin (created by Edgar Allan Poe) and Monsieur Lecoq (created by Emile Gaboriau) are cited as inspirations for which popular fictional character?	Sherlock Holmes



50	Baize is a coarse woollen or cotton cloth, most commonly green or blue in colour. It is sometimes used as a door covering to deaden noise. However, its most famous use is in the sporting world. Where is baize most commonly used?	Snooker tables (accept billiards tables, pool tables or cue sports tables)
51 ★	This element, a key ingredient of gunpowder, is known by names such as brimstone in English, siliuhuang in Chinese and gandhaka in Sanskrit. Which element?	Sulphur
52	This British holiday is celebrated on the fifth of November every year, and commemorates the failed plot to blow up England's parliament house in 1605. What holiday?	Guy Fawkes Night (accept Bonfire Night or Gunpowder Night)
53	In 1962, this car company's founder visited the Seville ranch of Don Eduardo Miura, a renowned breeder of Spanish fighting bulls. He was so impressed by the animals that he decided to adopt a raging bull as the emblem for the automaker he would open shortly. Which carmaker?	Lamborghini
54	The name that is shared by a US state and a former Soviet Union country came about by differing means. The US state was named in honour of the reigning British monarch at the time of its colonization. The country was named after the founder of the dynasty which first conquered the land. What name?	Georgia
55	What is the name given to the Hebrew festival of lights - an equivalent of the Hindu Deepavali?	Hannukah
56	Meaning freedom and made famous as part of a powerful slogan during the Indian independence struggle, which word was also the original first name of Amitabh Bachchan?	Inquilab
57	What nickname did Earvin Johnson receive in his hometown of Lansing in Michigan, after a local sportswriter saw him dominate a high school basketball game?	Magic
58 ★	This word, Afrikaans for "field", is used to describe certain wide open rural spaces of Southern Africa and is roughly equivalent to the Australian "outback", "the prairie" of North America and the "pampas" lowlands of South America. What word?	Veldt (accept Veld)
59	Natkhat – the dog, Santa Singh and Banta Singh – the twins, Professor Surajmukhi – the eccentric professor, Malika – the singer are the supporting characters in the Indian version of which comic series?	Tintin
60	Chang and Eng Bunker were born in Thailand in 1811. In 1829, they were "discovered" by British merchant Robert Hunter. Upon termination of their contract with him, they successfully went into business for themselves, and traveled with P.T. Barnum's circus for many years. What were they called, which has since become a generic term?	Siamese Twins
61	The Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station complex – one of India's most important research centres is now named after which Padma Bhushan awardee?	Vikram Sarabhai
62	The saline content in this waterbody not only makes people seemingly float when they are swimming but also deprives it of any animal life, thus giving it a name. What?	Dead Sea
63	While Wagyu cattle are raised both in and outside Japan, this variety, which is raised specifically in the Hyogo prefecture lends itself to the most elite and expensive beef in the world. Name it and think of a basketball player while you figure out your answer.	Kobe beef



64 ★	In various languages, this medical procedure is known as 'Emperor's Cut', 'Emperor Incision', 'Imperial Cut' and 'Tzar Cut' among others. In English, though various etymologies have been claimed, it's commonly known as the _____, named after an erstwhile statesman. Fill in the blanks.	Caesarean Section
65	Which actress who played one of TV's most famous roles, first came to prominence as the girl who is pulled to stage in Bruce Springsteen's Dancing in the Dark music video?	Courtney Cox
66	In which field of biology do fruit flies find themselves highly useful?	Genetics
67	Which African country is the current holder of the Africa Cup of Nations (football), winning the final against Ivory Coast not far from the spot in Libreville where most of the whole national team died in an air crash in 1993?	Zambia
68	The much acclaimed movie Atonement starring Keira Knightley was based on a novel by which author who featured in The Times' list of "50 greatest British writers since 1945"?	Ian McEwan
69	Which breed of dogs, used by Eskimos for pulling sledges, gets its name from the word "eskimo"?	Huskies
70 ★	In 1958, Swede Arne Larsson was the first person to be implanted with which device, whose origins can be traced to studies towards the end of the 19th century, which showed that application of an electrical impulse to the human heart in asystole caused a ventricular contraction?	Pacemaker
71	X is a band that's been around for nearly forty years. One of the few to have retained its founding members, it still tours and releases albums. Ironically, drummer Frank Beard, in spite of his name, has almost always only sported a moustache, though he briefly had one in the '90s. Name the band.	ZZ Top
72	Which device consisting of the cathode, anode and grid was the precursor to the transistor and was widely used in consumer electronics systems for amplification till the 1950s, when it was replaced by the transistor?	Triode
73	Which writer moved to Mumbai in 1934 to try his hand at writing scripts for Hindi movies, but returned home to Uttar Pradesh within an year, after getting disenchanted with the commercial aspect of the industry?	Munshi Premchand
74	The wheel and axle, lever, pulley, inclined plane, wedge, screw and screw are the six classical examples of what? Two-word answer please.	Simple Machine
75	This tough woven fabric takes its name from the Latin for "made of hemp", although the modern version is more commonly made from cotton or linen. It is the most common medium for oil paintings, having replaced wooden panels in the 15th century. Name it.	Canvas
76	Italian physican & physicist Luigi Galvani was one of the first to make a break in the field of bioelectricity, when he demonstrated in 1771 that the muscles of a dead animal twitched when touched by a spark. What animal did he use in these famous experiments?	Frogs
77	The last words of this woman, better known for a food-related quote misattributed to her, were "Pardon me, sir. I did not do it on purpose", said to her executioner as she accidentally stepped on his foot on approaching the guillotine. Name her.	Marie Antoinette
78 ★	The noun X derives from Latin for 'to read', and means the 'action of reading, that which is read', and subsequently came to mean 'oral discourse on a given subject before an audience for purposes of instruction'. There is a related word that's also used to refer to the reading desk used during Xs. X?	Lecture (The related word is Lectern)



79	Out of the Big 5 game animals in Africa, in terms of causing hunter deaths, which is considered the most dangerous?	Cape Buffalo
80	This colour, a shade of greenish blue, takes its name from a member of the duck family, whose eyes are surrounded by feathers of this shade. Name it.	Teal
81	This smartphone operating system was developed by Nokia and was the world's most popular smartphone OS, until it was overtaken by Google's Android OS in 2010, and was subsequently dropped by Nokia as its OS of choice in favour of Windows Phone. Name the OS.	Symbian
82	This term is used to describe cattle and poultry animals that have been kept in open spaces so that they can roam freely before being slaughtered, as opposed to those that are constrained in cages or pens. What term?	Free-range
83	The Honda FCX Clarity, the Mitsubishi FCV, the Ford Focus FCV and the Audi Q5 FCEV are examples of cars that use an alternative to internal combustion engines as power sources, in an effort to combat petrol shortages and global warming. What power source, which is referred to via the letters FC in these car names?	Fuel Cells
84	The various active ingredients in this increasingly important category of personal grooming products include zinc oxide (the most widely used), titanium dioxide, cinoxate and octocrylene. In the sporting world, notable users of this product include cricketers such as Doug Bollinger and Lasith Malinga, among many others. Name the product.	Sunscreen (accept sunblock)
85	Brassie, Spoon, Cleek, Mashie, Niblick and Jigger were some of the names originally used for which sporting implement?	Golf Clubs
86 ★	Sandro Botticelli, Pietro Perugino, Domenico Ghirlandaio, Pinturicchio and others all worked on it, many doing some of their greatest work here, but the man who gets the most credit for it worked only on its ceiling. Who and it was the ceiling of what?	Michaelangelo, the Sistine Chapel (no part points)
87	This category of venomous snakes has a name that has nothing to do with its mathematical ability. Instead, its name comes from the Latin "natrix", meaning "water snake", since the ancient Romans found them near water. Name the snake.	Adder
88	In the list of 11 cricketers with over 10,000 career test runs, who is the only one averaging below 50? He is also the only triple centurion on the list apart from Brian Lara.	Mahela Jayawardene
89	The fourth most populous country in the world is also the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation. Name it.	Indonesia
90	Known as the Father of a mathematical field, who published the earliest surviving Greek treatise on perspective, titled <i>Optics</i> ?	Euclid
91	The first country to be formed in the 21st century, which is Asia's only predominantly Roman Catholic country apart from the Philippines?	East Timor
92	While Kamadeva's bow has a string made of honeybees and arrows decorated with flowers, what is the bow actually made of?	Sugarcane
93 ★	What linear commonality exists between Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Madagascar, Australia, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, among others?	Tropic of Capricorn
94	This National Park derives its name from the most prominent hillock of the area, which is said to be given by Lord Rama to his brother Lakshmana to keep a watch. Hence, the name that means 'Brother's Fort' in Sanskrit. Name the National Park.	Bandhavgarh



95 ★	The Annus Mirabilis papers are the 4 papers of Albert Einstein published in the <i>Annalen der Physik</i> scientific journal in 1905. Three of them were on Brownian Motion, Relativity and Matter-Energy equivalence. The fourth one is what won him the Nobel Prize in Physics. What is the subject of the fourth paper?	Photoelectric Effect
96	The names of three countries in the world start with the letter J. One is Japan. Name any one of the other two.	Jamaica or Jordan
97	Dilip Kumar, Prosenjit Chatterjee, A Nageswara Rao, and K.L. Saigal have all played which literary character on screen?	Devdas
98	What salad, named after a hotel, is usually made of apples, celery and walnuts with mayonnaise dressing, and served on a bed of lettuce?	Waldorf
99	The Paramekkavu Bhagavathy temple and Thiruvambadi Bhagavathy temple are the chief rivals in conducting which 36-hour festival celebrated in April-May every year? 2-word answer please	Thrissur Pooram
100 ★	In which script, standardized by the second Sikh guru, Guru Angad Dev is the entire Guru Granth Sahib written?	Gurumukhi

