

# KQA MAHAQUIZZER

*The 2008 edition*

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No negative marking

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1	The Latin word for "cut off" is currently used in Cartesian geometry to refer to the x-axis. The same word is used in a more general sense of the horizontal distance on the x-axis. What's the word?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	It is a victory condition in wrestling that is met by holding an opponent's shoulders or shoulder blades on the wrestling mat for a prescribed period of time. Situations which almost but not fully meet this condition, for example only one shoulder down are rewarded with points to encourage wrestlers to take risks. Name this 3-letter term.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	What major event in world history happened on June 28th 1919, on the 5th anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 *	Distributed on both sides of the North Atlantic, it is widely fished commercially and identified by a black lateral line running along its white side and a distinctive dark blotch above the pectoral fin, often described as the "Devil's thumbprint" or "St. Peter's mark". It is the main ingredient of Norwegian fishballs and of the classic Anglo-Indian kedgeree. Name the fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Its name comes from Greek roots meaning "food of the gods" and a suffix denoting it is an alkaloid. Despite its name, it does not contain the element which is part of its name. Name this chemical contained in cocoa and chocolate which now has multiple therapeutic and pharmacological uses.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Originally a talisman against evil, this symbol was used in the courts of Vikramaditya and Akbar. Now it is also used to classify specific Public Sector Undertakings. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	The Dutch word for a donkey is often used in the world of art because it serves the same purpose of carrying a burden. What's the good word?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	What 5-letter word refers to both the constitutional capital of Bolivia and to the currency of Ecuador before it was changed to the US Dollar in 2000?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Which adventurer is depicted on the front side of the New Zealand 5 dollar note?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Manoj Bajpai has won the National Film Awards for acting twice in his career. One was for his portrayal of Bhiku Matre in <i>Satya</i> . Which movie, based on an Amrita Pritam novel, earned him his second win?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	In a recent poll conducted by Daily Telegraph, the E-Type was voted as the most beautiful car ever. Which company that started life as Swallow Sidecar Company in Blackpool manufactured the E-Type between 1961 and 1974?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	It is commonly thought of as a jellyfish but is actually a colony of polyps and medusoids. It has an air bladder or sail that allows it to float on the surface of the ocean. It has no means of propulsion and is pushed by the winds and the current. It gets its name from its air bladder, which looks similar to the sails of a fighting ship of the 14th and 15th centuries. Name the creature.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Nicknamed "short, fat _____", this predator scored 365 goals in 427 league games and 68 times in 62 internationals. When he was signed by his club, the coach mocked his odd build, quipping: "What am I supposed to do with a weightlifter?" because of his massive thighs, short legs and barrel-like upper body. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	The initial proposed name was Laboratory for the Development of Substitute Materials. General Leslie Groves, mindful of such a name attracting undue attention, changed it to a more innocuous one. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Identify based on these clues: has won many Filmfare awards including Best Villain award in 1998; paternal grandmother was the sister of Ashok/Anoop/Kishore Kumar; maternal grandmother was one of the stars of the early days of sound in the Indian film industry.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	It is also known as "devil's dung", "devil's herb", "stinking gum", "food of the gods" and "giant fennel". Its English and scientific name is derived from a combination of the Persian word for resin and a Latin word which refers to its strong sulfurous odor (the reason for its many unpleasant names). What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	17 *	It is form of tribal dance found in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Orissa. Seraikella, Purulia and Mayurbhanj are the three subtypes. It has martial and folk aspects, was originally performed in the month of Chaitra and is characterized by the use of masks. Name it.	



<input type="checkbox"/>	18	What usually consists of 3-5 violins, 2-3 trumpets, 1-2 <i>vihuelas</i> (5 stringed guitars), 1-2 Mexican guitars, and a <i>guitarron</i> (a bass instrument)?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Which was the German expeditionary force led by General Erwin Rommel during World War II across Egypt and Libya that earned him the nickname "Desert Fox"?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	In paleontology, a Lazarus taxon refers to one that disappears from one or more periods of the fossil record, only to appear again later. Similarly, what name is given to a taxon that is believed to be extinct but is falsely claimed by someone to still exist?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Appointed as the Governor of New South Wales, he faced the second major rebellion of his life in the form of the Rum Rebellion led by Major George Johnston, and John Macarthur. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	He is considered to be one of the best short story writers of the 19th Century, writing realistically about the horrors of war. But he is most famous for being the author of a 1906 book, originally published as <i>The Cynic's Word Book</i> . Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	His nickname which he initially disliked came about in the 60s when he was in his youth and he was given the job of collecting his band's nightly pay and distributing it amongst the band members. Consequently the rest of the band jokingly referred to him as "_____". Name him.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Back in the 18th century, Eton College had a grammar book which listed a set of words from Latin which all meant "of little or no value". As a joke, somebody put all four of these together and created a new word. The first recorded use is by William Shenstone in 1741. What word?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	In mid 2005, Vanity Fair put a name and face to what they called "one of American democracy's heroes". His experience as an anti-Nazi spy hunter early in his career endowed him with a bag of counter-intelligence tricks and is believed to have helped him keep his identity a secret from federal agencies. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Connect: a policeman, an American Indian chief, a cowboy, a construction worker, a leatherman and a military man.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	In chronological order - Newport Casino, Newport; Forest Hills, New York; Germantown Cricket Club, Philadelphia; Forest Hills, New York; _____, New York. Fill in the two-word blank.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	In 1987, John Knoll wrote an image viewer called Display. His brother, Thomas Knoll was quite impressed with it, and the two brothers collaborated to spruce it up into a full-fledged image editor called ImagePro. This name did not last long, and with a changed name, the brothers gave a demo in Silicon Valley, and thus began this product's journey. Identify the product.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	This crystalline form of Aluminium Oxide is 9.0 on the Mohs scale. It is used largely as an abrasive. Name this rock forming mineral which gets its name from a word in Tamil.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	Derived from the plural of the Arabic word for "boundary", which is the only African language among the official languages of the African Union?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	It is a Hindu dynasty which ruled parts of western and central India between the 10th and 13th centuries AD. It was a patron of the seaside temple of Shiva at Somnath: one of its kings Bhima Dev helped rebuild the temple after it was sacked by Mahmud of Ghazni. His son Karandev established a city named Karnavati on the banks of the Sabarmati River. Which dynasty?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Mohan Rakesh's <i>Ashad ka ek din</i> , Surendra Varma's <i>Athavan Sarga</i> and Krishna Kumar's <i>Asti Kashchid Vagarthiyam</i> are plays depicting the less known life of which litterateur?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	It is a genus containing a large number of tall perennial grasses, which have stout, jointed and fibrous stalks which are rich in an edible crystalline substance which is associated with many ailments. Its cultivation requires a tropical or subtropical climate. India is the world's second largest cultivator of this grass. Name it.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	That his younger brother Weiland died in the Vietnam war; that it was Steve McQueen who encouraged him to take acting classes; that he acted as Bruce Lee's nemesis in <i>Way of the Dragon</i> ; that he is an "Honorary Marine" - these are some ascertained facts about which person?	



<input type="checkbox"/>	35	This construction material's name comes from a Latin word meaning "hardened". It solidifies and hardens after mixing with water and placement due to a chemical process known as hydration. It is used more than any other man-made material: more than seven billion cubic meters per year. It powers a US\$35-billion industry worldwide, with China consuming 40% of the world's production. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	<i>Enma-gao</i> , meaning "a face like that of Enma" is an idiom commonly used in Japan to describe someone with a fearsome face. Enma is a character in Japanese mythology portrayed as a large man with a scowling red face, bulging eyes and a long beard. Which character common in Hindu and Buddhist mythologies is Enma the Japanese version of?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	37 *	The term is used to refer to an employee who lives on the premises of an apartment building or hotel and serves as a caretaker. The term evolved from French for "Keeper of the Candles", who tended to visiting nobles in castles of the medieval era. The equivalent in Spanish speaking regions is <i>portera</i> . What term?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	38	It is a bootloader for Linux, a nickname for Lindsey Lohan, a type of tax shelter, a configuration for a road intersection, and the name of a Hawaiian girl who is a title character in a Disney sci-fi animated film. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Empresa Brasileira de Aeronáutica, is a Brazilian aerospace conglomerate which produces commercial, military, and corporate aircraft. Among all aircraft manufacturers, it currently has the fourth largest yearly delivery of commercial aircraft. What is the company known as in short?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	From 1981 to 1983, Douglas Hofstadter (of <i>Godel, Escher, Bach</i> fame) wrote a column named <i>Metamagical Themas</i> in the Scientific American magazine. The name of the column is an anagram of the famous Martin Gardner column that it replaced. What was Gardner's column called?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	He was accompanying King Abdullah, his grandfather, to perform Friday prayers at Jerusalem, when a Palestinian extremist opened fire killing the King. The boy's father Talal was crowned as King, but within a year was forced to abdicate because of poor mental health. The boy was proclaimed king at the age of 16. Name him.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	42	The "Festival of the Kiss" is celebrated in Roquemaure, France. It commemorates the arrival of the village's most famous historical resident's mortal remains to a town reliquary in 1868, many centuries after his death. Celebrations revolve around a return to a 19th century way of life, including costumes and markets, drawing more than 20,000 visitors every year. Who was this resident?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	43	The term literally means "pearl of irregular shape". It is used denote a stylistic period in art & music, approximately between 1600 and 1750, and usually associated with Europe. It is seen as following the Renaissance period and preceding the Classical. The term only acquired currency in English in the 1940s. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	44	The name of this country is the Spanish word for "depths". Legend has it that Columbus wrote in his log book " <i>Gracias a Dios que hemos salido de esas _____</i> "; translating to "Thank God, we have come out of those depths." when he spotted its northeastern coast. Which country?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Used to refer to people or works that are experimental or innovative, particularly with respect to art, culture, and politics, this word has its origins in the French military and was used to refer to a small troop of highly skilled soldiers that would explore terrain ahead of a large advancing army and plot the course for the army to follow. What hyphenated word is this?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	46	There is only one extant family and one genus of these mammals. They are found in tropical regions of Africa and Asia. Their name derives from a Malay word which means "something that rolls up". They spend most of the daytime sleeping, curled up into a ball. They are marked by large, hardened, plate-like scales. Name the animal.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	47	He began his career as a cinematographer, after graduating from Shree Jayachamarajendra polytechnic, Bangalore, 1962. The first feature film photographed and co-produced by him was <i>Shantata! Court Chalu Ahe</i> . His most recent movie paired Om Puri and Amitabh Bachchan for the first time in	



		their careers. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	48	The word for island or peninsula in Arabic is used to refer to many things, including the Arabian peninsula, a settlement in Sharjah and a major Arabic television network and channel based in Qatar. Which national capital also gets its name from the same root?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	49	It is a clause in a life insurance or accident policy whereby the company agrees to pay twice the face-value of the contract in cases of accidental death. As only a small percentage of deaths in the United States are declared accidental, such clauses are usually relatively cheap and often aggressively marketed, especially to people over 45. What is the clause called?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Gastropod species which have an external shell large enough to allow the soft parts to withdraw into it are called "snails". What are gastropods without a shell, or with very small internal shells called?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	51	There is a human-computer interaction research experiment in which subjects interact with a system that they believe is autonomous, but is actually operated by an unseen human being. The name of the experiment comes from a famous story, in which an ordinary man hides behind a curtain and pretends, by use of "amplifying" technology, to be someone powerful. What story?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Which Hollywood actor, called "The King of Cool" and once the highest paid actor, has also been inducted both into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame (1978) as well as the Motorcycle Hall of Fame (1999)?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	53	There are three countries in the world which are totally landlocked and which share a border with only one other country. Two are Lesotho and Vatican City. Which is the third country?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	54 *	It is a profiled wheel with teeth that meshes with a chain, track or other perforated or indented material. It is distinguished from a gear in that it is never meshed together directly, and from a pulley by not usually having a flange at each side. What is it?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	55	In March 2008, he became the third man (after Richard Gere and George Clooney) and the first sportsman to appear on the cover of Vogue magazine. His appearance in a King Kong pose created controversy about stereotyping blacks as gorillas. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	56	Mansoor Ali Khan (Tiger) Pataudi is regarded as titular inheritor of the crowns of two erstwhile princely states. One is from his father, Iftikhar Ali: Pataudi. The other one is from his mother, Sajida Sultan. Which?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	57	Raja Maharaj Singh was the first post-independence Governor of Bombay. He has also played one first-class cricket match, captaining Bombay Governor's XI against a touring Commonwealth XI, in which he was dismissed by Jim Laker for the score of 4 runs. What first class record does he thus hold?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	58	Originating from the Latin word for a small cave, it was used to describe decorative interlaced garlands and strange animal figures on walls. Later, the word was used to refer to characters in literature that invoke both empathy and disgust. Today though, it is used mainly to refer to anything strange, ugly or bizarre. What word?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	59	Born Thyagaraja Sundaram at Tirukkuvalai village in Thanjavur district, influenced by the Dravida movement he changed his Sanskritised name to a pure Tamil name. When he started scriptwriting, there were three other persons in his field with the same name. To distinguish himself from them, he prefixed the DMK mouthpiece's name to his name as he was then its editor. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	60 *	This term was coined by Richard Feynman to refer to work that had the semblance of being scientific, but lacked integrity. He based the phrase on a concept common in anthropology used to refer to primitive tribes that try and attract the attention of non-native advanced tribes for material benefit arising from the contact. What term?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Born in Casablanca, she was the first Muslim and African female Olympic champion. The King of Morocco declared that all girls born the day of her victory were to be named in her honour. She was president of the IOC's commission for selecting the host for the 2012 games and one of the eight flag bearers at the 2006 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. Name her.	



<input type="checkbox"/>	62	Which 2003 work of fiction that won international acclaim (the Whitbread award and the Commonwealth Prize) deals with symptoms of the Asperger's Disorder?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	63	This novel, whose title means "one who has attained his goals" in Sanskrit, deals with the spiritual journey of a Brahmin's son (the title character) and his friend Govinda. It was also made into a critically acclaimed movie which was extensively shot in Rishikesh and the private estates and palaces of the Maharajah of Bharatpur. Identify.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	64 *	In the mid 19th Century editions of the Encyclopedia Britannica, which expert contributor wrote the article on Egypt, which included his translation of the text on the Rosetta Stone? Apart from being an Egyptologist he also made path-breaking contributions in optics and mechanics.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	65	His name comes from two consecutive musical notes. A pseudonym that he adopted last year was a tribute to Ayrton Senna. He is also the frontman of a band called <i>thenewno2</i> . Who am I talking about?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	66	In particle physics what name is given to the elementary particles that cause quarks to interact, and are indirectly responsible for the binding of protons and neutrons together in the nucleus of the atom?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	67 **	A chemical engineer by profession, he was responsible for setting up the Thorium and the Plutonium plants at Trombay and the Uranium Mill at Jaduguda. He was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission when India had its first peaceful nuclear explosion in 1974. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	68	She was born Jane Alice Peters. At her untimely death, FDR declared her the first woman killed in the line of duty during WWII and posthumously awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Name the actress.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	69 *	The first 8 lines is called the octave and rhymes as follows: a-b-b-a-a-b-b-a. The last 6 lines is called the sestet and can have rhyming patterns arranged in a variety of ways, e.g. c-d-e-c-d-e, c-d-c-c-d-c, c-d-c-d-c-d, though strictly speaking, an ending with a couplet (d-d or e-e) was never permitted in Italy. This form of verse is referred to by the name of one of its most famous exponents. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	70	This 1984 movie won 8 Oscar awards. It was based on a stage play written in 1979, which itself was inspired by a short play by Aleksandr Pushkin. The Pushkin play was also adapted into an opera of the same name by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov. Name the film.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	71 *	This Padma Bhushan recipient was born in Bengal in 1887 into a middle-class family of land-owners. He was sent at 16 to study at the Govt. School of Art in Kolkata. He was taught to paint in the prevailing academic tradition but he realized that he needed to draw inspiration from his own culture and so he looked to folk and tribal art. His paintings have featured on Indian stamps. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	72	The Chinese emperor Yao despaired at his son Danzhu's behaviour, and commanded his minister Shun to take charge of the boy. Shun came up with a game to instill discipline, concentration and balance in the prince. It soon gained popularity, especially among generals to map war positions. It is now popularly known by a non-Chinese name. Identify.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	73	The movie <i>My Blueberry Nights</i> by Wong Kar-wai marks the acting debut of which singer?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	74	The American version of this dessert is normally made in a tall clear glass so as to make all the layers visible: ice-cream, syrups, nuts, fresh fruit, whipped cream and cherry topping. It takes its name from the French word for 'perfect'. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	75	What is Italian for "baked earth", the most prolific use of which was discovered by farmers in Xian, China in 1974?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	76	Claude Vorilhon started off as a singer, and soon became a sports-car journalist and test driver for his own car-racing magazine, <i>Auto Pop</i> . Later on, claiming to have met aliens, he changed his name and started a "religion" whose beliefs center around materialism, human cloning, and nanotechnology. Identify this religion.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	77	Directed by Sergei Bondarchuk, and produced with the backing of the Soviet Union, this movie took seven years to make. The work paid off though, when	



		this eight hour epic won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 1969. Identify this movie, based on a novel of the same name.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	78	Published as an international standard ISO 2108 in 1970, it used to be 10 digits before 1st January 2007 and 13 digits since then. In the 10-digit version, the last digit must range from 0 to 10 (the symbol X is used instead of 10). In the 13-digit version, the last digit must range from 0 to 9. In both cases the last digit is a "check" digit. What is this describing?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	79	After a stint in the USA to study, he returned to India and became active in the freedom movement. He helped form a left-wing group in the INC, which later became the Socialist Party. He quit politics for some years to serve the <i>Sarvodaya</i> movement and in 1965 was awarded the Magsaysay Award. Later he returned to politics and in spite of his age became popular with students and led the <i>Sampurna Kranti</i> movement. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	80	Colloquially referred to as <i>Y Ddraig Goch</i> meaning "The Red Dragon", it is sometimes claimed to be the oldest national flag still in use. Identify the country.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	81	Her first appearance on the silver screen was as part of a bevy of dancers in the 1961 Telugu movie <i>Pandava Vanavasam</i> . She had to wait seven more years for her next role, but this one catapulted her to fame. Her directorial debut was a TV serial called <i>Noopur</i> , which was about a Bharathanatyam dancer going to America. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	82 **	The word comes from Latin and means "capable of being steered". It was used as a synonym for airships, which were the first aircraft to make controlled, powered flight. What word?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	83	Snekke, Dragon and Roskilde were the three different types. The best preserved specimens are the Tune, the Gokstad and the Oseberg, kept at the Bygdøy Museum in Oslo. What are these?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	84	The order Coleoptera (meaning "sheathed wing") is estimated to have anything between 5 to 8 million species, prompting evolutionary biologist JBS Haldane to famously remark that God had an inordinate fondness for these creatures. How do we better know the order Coleoptera?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	85	It is a 6-letter name meaning "wooded" or "forest" and it is also the genus of warbler birds. Famous people in literature and history with this name include the mother of the founders of Rome, a character in <i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i> and a poetess. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	86	An interesting story of how the contraption got its name comes from a biography of Sir Winston Churchill: to disguise the device, drawings were marked "water carriers for Russia." When it was pointed out this might be shortened to "WCs for Russia," the drawings were changed to "water _____ for Russia." Eventually that's what the device became known as. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	87	Originally, this term was used in classical music to refer to a short melody associated with a particular person, place or idea. By extension, it now refers to a recurring theme in various fields: like in literature or real life. What term?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	88 **	This transnational corporation headquartered in London, started in Liverpool in the early 19th century. It is one of the largest property developers in Hong Kong, the largest shareholder in Cathay Pacific, and a key bottler for Coca Cola in HK, Taiwan, China and parts of USA. Name the group.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	89	At the same time that Jean Luc Godard was shooting <i>Breathless</i> , another soon-to-be-released American movie was being made, with the same working title, which probably evoked how the hero felt throughout the movie. What was its eventual title of the American movie?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	90 *	Early settlers in America happened to notice the mating habits of the prairie-chicken. They would usually gather in one area, with the males strutting around and making noises as part of the courtship ritual. Over time, these areas would be worn bare by the antics of the birds. It now is used to denote places where people come from or call home. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	91	He is a novelist and physician, whose 2003 debut novel became a surprise bestseller. He is currently a Goodwill Envoy for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and lives in California with his Persian-American wife and their two children. His second novel was released in 2007. Name him.	



<input type="checkbox"/>	92	It is the common name for a group of flowering plants characterized by leaves with sharp prickles all over the plant, such as on the stem and leaves. This prickly nature has made it the national emblems of Scotland and fictional Syldavia. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	93	In March 2008, Mark Zuckerberg, at the age of 23, became the youngest self-made billionaire to find his name in the Forbes Billionaire List. He is the founder of which popular enterprise?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	94	In April 1961, this inlet became the site of a famous failure. It is named in English after a farm animal, whereas it should probably be named after a species of triggerfish. What place?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	95	The town is about 80 miles southwest of Denver. A peculiarity is that it is almost always winter there and usually snow on the ground. The town flag was changed from the racist image of white people lynching a black man, to a politically correct one featuring a black man being lynched by people of all races and nationalities, including another black man. Name the town.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	96	Kulbushan Pandit joined the Bombay police force and became an Inspector at the Mahim Police Station in the 1940s. Given his irreverence to senior officers, he knew that he did not stand much of a chance of quickly rising through the ranks. So he made a drastic career change. By what name do we know him better?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	97	A 1969 article in the Time magazine starts thus: "It could be argued that the world does not need a new science, but Laurence J. ____, a professor of education at the University of Southern California, has invented one. He calls it hierarchiology...". How do we better know "hierarchiology"?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	98	He was born in Alwar district of Rajasthan in the year 1501. His father was a purohit who moved to Rewari in present day Haryana and became a trader. He rose to become a military chief of Adil Shah Suri. He opportunistically managed to get control of Delhi following which his coronation took place at Purana Quila on 7th Oct 1556. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	99	Situated on the Silk Road, it was the capital of the Hephtalite kingdom. It is the cultural centre of the Hazara ethnic group and once one of the most visited places in Afghanistan. It shot into prominence in 2001. Name this place.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	100	The bricks used to build this building were brought from Burma. The building had seven wings, with a central tower. The wings forked out of the tower in straight lines, much like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. A large bell was kept in the tower to raise an alarm in any eventuality. What nickname did this building have, which evoked the deep seas and a sense of exile?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	101	In Nov 2007, paying \$319 million, the Saudi Prince Al-Walid bin Talal became the world's first private buyer of what?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	102	There is no contention on what the meaning of the country's name means. Exactly what it refers to is controversial: it might refer to the long, hanging roots of a particular variety of fig-tree which is indigenous to the island, to a facial feature of the Caribs inhabiting the island, or to the foam spraying over the outlying reefs. Which country?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	103	In the center of the bronze disc, on a raised circle, is the lion capital. Surrounding this, four depictions of Indra's <i>Vajra</i> . This decoration is suspended from a bar. Its name is on the back of the disc in Hindi and English, separated by lotus flowers. The ribbon which holds the disc is of 32mm length and purple in colour. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	104 **	He was the last male player from the UK to have reached the singles finals in Wimbledon. He was one of the earliest to discard the traditional flannels for shorts, a move that made him a heart-throb. Identify him.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	105 *	"He approaches life as he does the chessboard: the gambits fascinate him without leading him to imagining that there is a meaning behind it all which might make it necessary for him to believe in something", so said Hans Richter about a famous artist, who quit the art scene at the peak of his powers and turned to playing and studying the game of chess. Identify the artist.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	106	Who, upon hearing of Jimi Hendrix's death is rumoured to have remarked, "Goddamn it. He beat me to it!?" Not by much it turns out, as this person died barely three weeks later, overdosing on heroin.	





<input type="checkbox"/>	107 *	This term was coined by Indian sociologist M N Srinivas in a 1955 paper titled <i>The Social System of a Mysore Village</i> . He used it to refer to the political influence a patron had over his client. The anthropologist F G Bailey popularized its use to refer to caste politics, but it has now come to describe the politics of other community characteristics like religion, language, economic status. What term?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	108	This bird is known as Maldhok in vernacular tongue. Spread across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, this bird is now threatened by incessant loss of habitat. Name this bird, which Salim Ali had proposed to be the national bird of India.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	109	Her name is Latin for "newfoundland". Her most famous captain Robert F. Scott described her as "a wonderfully fine ice ship.... As she bumped the floes with mighty shocks, crushing and grinding a way through some, twisting and turning to avoid others, she seemed like a living thing fighting a great fight." Name?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	110	Victims of the Biotic Baking Brigade (BBB), an anarchist organization, include such figures as Bill Gates, San Francisco mayor Willie Brown, anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps, economist Milton Friedman, Swedish King Carl Gustaf, former WTO head Renato Ruggiero, and Ralph Nader, among others. What do the BBB do?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	111	The name "Australia" was popularized by a navigator and cartographer who also sailed with Captain Bligh. After Queen Victoria, his statues are the second most numerous in Australia. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	112	It is the fourth largest city in Ukraine, and a major sea port on the Black Sea. The formal entrance into the city from the direction of the sea is its best known landmark, and is actually named after the French nobleman Duc de Richelieu, though people tend to know it better by the name of a naval vessel, thanks to a famous movie. Identify the city.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	113 *	Russian-born American Ida Rosenthal is often considered as the inventor of the brassiere. She was also the first to come up with the concept of cup sizes. What company did she found along with her husband William Rosenthal and Enid Bissett, the owner of the dress shop she worked at?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	114	An officer in the New Hampshire Public Health Service authored a book titled <i>101 Ways to Survive the ___ Crisis</i> . The book claimed to be a vital resource on things ranging from preserving food to safeguarding financial assets. The book sold well initially, but sales plummeted later. An interesting review on Amazon was "I'm writing this review on January 3rd... 'nuff said!". What was book about?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	115	The M998 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles 4WD motor vehicles are used as cargo/troop carriers, automatic weapons platforms, ambulances, missile carriers and for many other roles. What are these military vehicles specifically known as in short?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	116	It gets its name from a French word meaning "to toss food". It originated in the area around present day Nice. It was originally a poor farmer's dish, prepared in the summer with fresh summer vegetables. The original used only courgettes, tomatoes, bell peppers, onion, and garlic. Nowadays aubergine is added. Name the dish.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	117	He has translated Gabriel Garcia Marquez's <i>Clandestine in Chile</i> into Bengali, is said to be able to quote from memory 500 songs of Tagore, lives in a two-bedroom flat in south Kolkata with his librarian wife and daughter, doesn't have a cellphone, and is addicted to cigarettes. He is usually clad in white dhoti and kurta. Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	118	It is supposed to be the most common place name in the world. Two of the more well known such places are the capital city of a Central American country, and the tenth largest city in the United States. Name?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	119	Its inventor Jack Cover derived its name from a similar object used by his childhood hero in a science fiction novel. The primary models for the police are the M26 and the X26. The civilian variant is the C2. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	120	The dictionary defines this word as: of or relating to rogues or rascals; also: of, relating to, suggesting, or being a type of fiction dealing with the episodic adventures of a usually roguish protagonist. <i>The Betal Pachisi, Candide, Kim,</i>	



		<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> and the Flashman novels are all quoted as examples of this type of fiction. Name it.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	121	In October 1884, at the behest of US President Chester Arthur, 25 nations met at the International Meridian Conference, and selected Greenwich Meridian as the official Prime Meridian. One country abstained from the vote, and thus until 1914, the world had two Prime Meridians. Name the city with the other Prime Meridian.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	122	Which river, originating in the Eastern Satpuras and running a length of 724km, is named after the daughter of Lord Surya?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	123	In July 1996, who became only the third batsman in cricket Test history to score two centuries in his first two innings, the first two being Lawrence Rowe and Alvin Kallicharan?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	124	It had limited practical use, until the "Double-Walled Flexible Skirt" was developed by American Norman B. McCreary. This made it possible to travel over uneven terrain or waves. Later "fingers" were added to the bottom of the skirt to compensate for wear and reduce drag. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	125	The word is derived from the Ojibwe word <i>odoodem</i> meaning "kinship group". The designs recount legends, clan lineages, cultural beliefs and notable events. They are never objects of worship. Vertical order of images is widely believed to be a representation of importance, hence its usage in common parlance nowadays. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	126	_____ wool comes from the downy coat produced by the _____ rabbit. It is distinct from mohair which comes from the _____ goat. It known for its softness and thin fibres. Fill in the common blank, which indicates its origin, a city in Turkey.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	127	This 3-word term refers to a peninsula of East Africa that juts for hundreds of kilometers into the Arabian Sea, and lies along the southern side of the Gulf of Aden. The term also refers to region containing the countries of Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia. It is one of two entirely arid Biodiversity Hotspots. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	128 *	Not even on the list of the world's top 10 wind-turbine manufacturers as recently as 2002, Suzlon is now in the top five. It was started by a Gujarati textile businessman who found his prospects stunted due to power problems. In 1990, he invested in two windmills and realized wind-power's huge potential. In 1995, he formed Suzlon and gradually quit textiles. Name this billionaire.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	129 *	This adage was coined by Edward Bulwer-Lytton (of "dark and stormy night" fame) in 1839 for his play <i>Richelieu; Or the Conspiracy</i> . But the list-obsessed Irving Wallace managed to dig up many instances previous to Bulwer-Lytton's work that seem to allude to the same adage. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	130	A form of Fuller's Earth, its cosmetic property comes from hydrated aluminium silicate. Fashionable as a cleanser and face mask, it gets its name from a city on the banks of the river Chenab. Identify this cosmetic.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	131	In Madagascar they are called <i>pousse-pousse</i> , they were introduced in Dublin in 1996, and the colourful ones run by Zulus in Durban are very popular with tourists. In India, there have been attempts to ban them, and specifically the West Bengal government did ban them in Nov 2006. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	132	This Japanese city noted in '06 that a certain person had become very well known and decided to use their common name for publicity. It sent that person a set of the city's famous lacquer chopsticks, a DVD about the city and a letter wishing him the best. As the person became even more popular in early '08, it began to organize parties, posters and T-shirts in support. Name the town.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	133	This city in Southern Egypt is the site of the ancient city of Thebes. It is often called the "world's greatest open air museum". Apart from visits to the various temple ruins found in this city, another popular tourist activity is to take the trains along the Nile, either towards Aswan in the South and or Cairo in the North. Name the city.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	134	The administrative capital of the Nicobar district shares its name with the third smallest state in Malaysia and a water body that connects the Pacific Ocean with the Indian Ocean. The etymology is supposedly either the Sanskrit word for a particular plant, or the Tamil word for "upside down". Identify.	



<input type="checkbox"/>	135	In economics, the word is used to indicate a hypothetical "any-product". In computing, it denotes software components for web services, mini-applications and user interface objects in graphical user interfaces. What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	136	This eminent dancer is the youngest person to be awarded the Padma Bhushan (1992). She is proficient in Sanskrit & German and the founder of Delhi based Centre For Indian Classical Dances. Prakash Jha made a National Award winning film based on her, released in 2002. Name her.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	137	"Leaves of three, let it be; berries white, danger in sight" or "Leaves of three let it be; hairy vine, no friend of mine": these are identification mnemonics for what?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	138	In Salman Rushdie's <i>The Moor's Last Sigh</i> , the mother of the protagonist Moraes "Moor" Zogoiby is a famous artist by name of Aurora. On which Hungary-born painter is this character modeled?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	139 *	It is a type of wire that is formed in large coils which can be contracted like the musical instrument from which it gets its name. Along with plain barbed wire and steel pickets, it is used to form military wire obstacles. A platoon of soldiers can deploy a fence at a rate of about 1km per hour. It is sometimes mistakenly called "constantine wire". What?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	140	In a certain village there is a man, so the paradox runs, who is a barber; this barber shaves all and only those men in the village who do not shave themselves. "Does the barber shave himself?" is an example of a concept in set theory named after which British nobleman?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	141	<i>V-J Day in Times Square</i> is the name of a famous Alfred Eisenstaedt photograph showing an American sailor kissing a young nurse in Times Square in 1945. What does V-J stand for?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	142	A robotic nasal voice that chants "ella ella ella, ay ay ay" was rated as the one of the catchiest pieces of music of 2007 by Rolling Stone magazine. To which green-eyed lady did that voice belong?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	143	Connect Professor Calculus, Sophia Loren, Kansas, Vogel's model, Vincent Van Gogh and the Vegan society through a 9-letter object.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	144	Which company was created by the 1996 merger of Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz Laboratories, both Swiss pharmaceutical companies with long histories, and is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	145	Most famous for drawing flags and maps, this 1930-born artist became the most expensive living artist when his work <i>False Start</i> was purchased in 2006 for a whopping \$80 million. Identify this artist.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	146	He was awarded a Padma Bhushan in 1982; his biography, titled <i>Touch Play</i> was released in 2006; the younger generation though would know him more for being the father of a famous person. Who is he?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	147	In most languages, it is known by a word that is the equivalent of "condenser", for example, " <i>condensador</i> " in Spanish, " <i>kondensator</i> " in German etc. Though in English, calling it a "condenser" is considered antiquarian. How do we better know this energy-storage device?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	148	Identify the country: its national airline is named LAN, it is home to the world's largest copper producing company, it is one of the world's top wine producers, residents call their country " <i>país de poetas</i> " or "country of poets" and it has two time zones, one for the mainland and one for an island owned by it.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	149	He majored in communication from Stanford University where he co-founded a student newspaper named <i>Stanford Commentator</i> . He married a Frenchwoman and lived for some time with her in Mumbai. Amongst his last words were "My father's Jewish, my mother's Jewish, I am Jewish." Who?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	150 **	Gunter's Chain is a measuring device used for accurate land survey by triangulation. It consists of a chain formed of 100 long wire links, with brass tags along the chain for intermediate measurement. One of its lasting legacies is as a very well-known length. Of what?	

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