

KQA Solus Rex 2009 – Prelims

40 questions, 30 minutes, * questions for tie-break (7, 19, 26, 29, 40)

1. It is an acronym which is applied to people in the UK, who are between 16 and 18, who are “out of work or looking for a job, looking after children or family members, on unpaid holiday or traveling, sick or disabled, doing voluntary work or engaged in another unspecified activity”. What is this acronym, which has now spread to other countries like Japan?
2. Fill in the last two names in this exhaustive list: Archie Hahn, Ralph Craig, Percy Williams, Eddie Tolan, Jesse Owens, Bobby Joe Morrow, Valery Borzov, _____, _____.
3. All have died under odd circumstances: one in a “bizarre gardening accident”; another “choked on vomit,” (although it was never determined whose vomit it was, as “you can’t really dust for vomit”), and a third from apparent spontaneous human combustion onstage, leaving only “a small green globule”. Who are they?
4. The Sultanate of Oman does not have rail networks. The most popular public transport is the bus service, the cheapest of which are the “Baiza” buses. What does the word “baiza” refer to?
5. Dramatizations, dramatic readings and radio shows of the one short story in which she appears vary in the pronunciation of her first name. Some used the British English pronunciation with a long final “e” and some used the French (and also German and Dutch) pronunciation with a schwa or “ə” in the final syllable. Who?
6. The Indochinese tiger is a subspecies of tiger found in Cambodia, China, Laos, Burma, Thailand, and Vietnam. Tigers in peninsular Malaysia, formerly classified as Indochinese, have recently been reclassified as a separate subspecies, the Malayan tiger. The Indochinese subspecies is also referred to by another name, which is also reflected in its scientific name, *Panthera tigris* _____. Give this other name.
7. * He was born into a Russian-Jewish family in Ukraine in 1905. In 1920 during the turmoil of the Russian Civil War, he emigrated with his family to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, New York. He found work in Manhattan’s garment district as a clothing pattern maker. In 1941, following a job offer by a friend, he moved to Dallas to work for Nardis, a local sportswear company. In 1954, he co-founded Jennifer Juniors Inc. He became a sensation within the next decade. Who?
8. Which elected officials in the U.S. government take their name from the Latin for ‘old man’?

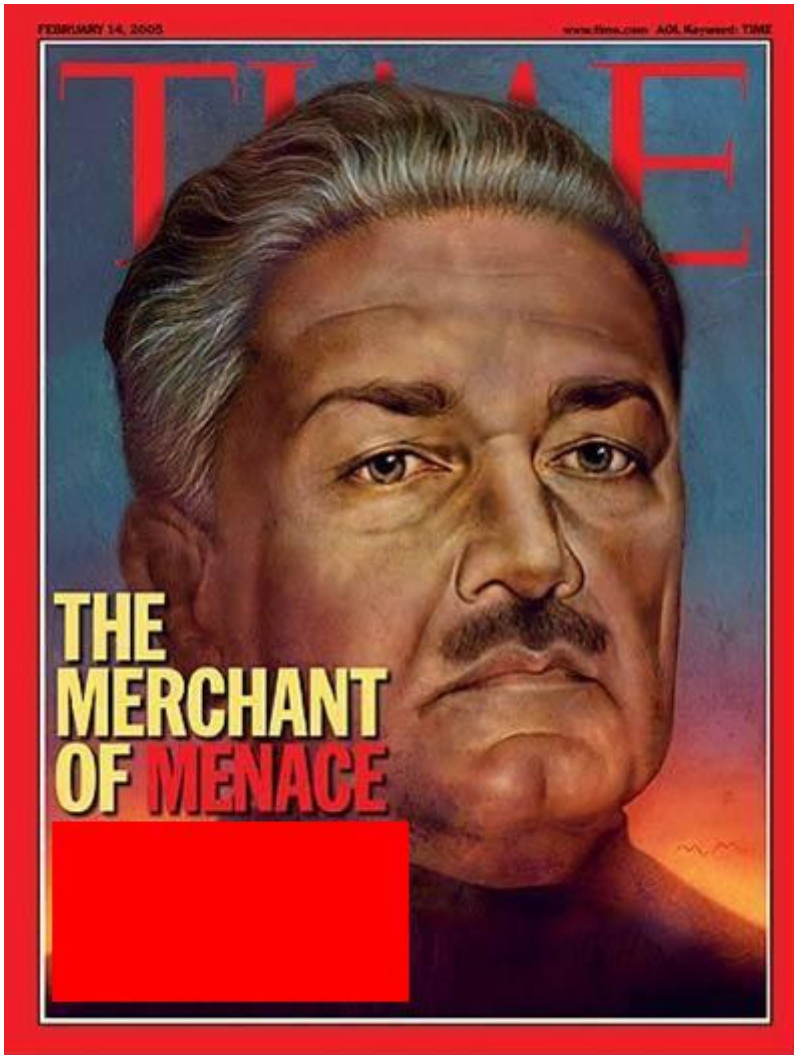
9. Gaëtan Dugas was a French-Canadian who worked for Air Canada as a flight attendant. He achieved dubious notoriety, for example he was featured prominently in the book *And the Band Played On*, mentioned in *The Tipping Point* and parodied in Seth MacFarlane's *Cavalcade of Cartoon Comedy* as a Canadian flight attendant who meets a monkey at an airport and eventually proceeds to have unsafe sex with it. What was he (perhaps incorrectly) labeled as?
10. In the human skeleton the 2nd cervical vertebra (C2) forms the pivot upon which the first cervical vertebra (C1), that carries the head, rotates. What is the common 4-letter term for C2?
11. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in Italy in the early 1980s but pardoned in June 2000. He was then extradited to his home country and promptly imprisoned for the 1979 murder of a journalist. He was released on parole in 2006 after an appeal, by a court which deducted the 19 years he had already served in Italy. However a week later the Supreme Court ruled that this time should not have been considered and so he was returned to jail. Who?
12. Name the British overseas territory that is part of the Leeward Islands, which has an active volcano and a capital city named after a famous English port. It was named by Christopher Columbus and it was the first Caribbean HQ of Ponzi scammer Sir Robert Allen Stanford.
13. It is the term for a distinguishing flag of a ship or a military unit. It is also applied to a junior officer who traditionally carries such a flag. What?
14. Who became the first female chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification of India? She held the post from 1998 to 2001 and received no salary but attracted plenty of controversy for censoring films like Nagesh Kukunoor's *Hyderabad Blues* and Shekhar Kapur's *Elizabeth*.
15. Gleaner Manufacturing Company was the name of a company which in 1923 made the first self-propelled combine harvesters. It was setup by the Baldwin Brothers of Kansas, whose Gleaner incorporated reaping, binding and threshing all into one machine. Their inspiration was a famous 1857 painting. Name the painter.
16. A left-arm spinner of some repute whom Bradman considered his greatest foe during the Bodyline series, he was a captain in the British army and died of wounds in a WWII POW camp in Italy after leading a company in attack on German positions in Catania, Sicily. Identify the cricketer.
17. This famous logo was first sketched by the British designer Gerald Holtom to accompany the Aldermaston march in 1958. He said later: "I was in despair ... I drew myself ... with hands outstretched outwards and downwards in the manner

- of Goya's peasant before the firing squad. I formalized the drawing into a line and put a circle around it". Which famous logo/symbol?
18. These belong to a class of minor planets that behave as half-comets and half-asteroids. 944 Hidalgo was the first one to be discovered. Till the discovery of 2060 Chiron they were not recognized as belonging to a distinct class. Name this class of minor planets which take their name from mythological characters.
 19. * Dream Type D was the first machine of this kind from the company. According to legend, the machine's name was inspired by a comment made by an employee during a company party where the workers had pushed aside the desks to toast their efforts with home-brewed drink. "It's like a dream," uttered one of the attendees. The name stuck. Identify the company.
 20. Though blacklisted by the House of Unamerican Activities Committee and jailed, he received screenplay Oscars for *Roman Holiday* under the name of Ian McLellan Hunter and for *The Brave One* as Robert Rich. Later, due to the insistence of Kirk Douglas and Otto Preminger he finally received full credit for *Spartacus* and *Exodus*. Identify.
 21. In 1994 Brendan Eich, a programmer working for Netscape, had the idea of embedding a webpage with mini-programs that a browser could run as it was rendering a page. Eich's scripting language was called Mocha but finally became well-known as what?
 22. The name of this ancient city means 'undefeatable' in Sanskrit and was a bustling metropolis founded by King U-Thong in 1350 till the Burmese army burned and sacked the city in 1767. Name this ancient city which is now a UNESCO world heritage site.
 23. When the West German stand at the Delhi Industrial Exhibition of 1959 folded up, parts of their equipment were offered to the Govt. of India. Using this equipment, what was started on Sep 15, 1959 within a 25km radius of New Delhi?
 24. Batik fabrics that Peranakan women used to stitch their sarong kebayas are now famous and visible on the uniform worn by certain employees of which organization?
 25. Deepak Mohoni, a stock market analyst, claimed that he was the first to use this word in 1989 in a newspaper column while trying to shorten a longer version. He claimed that the official usage started much later around 1995. Identify the word.
 26. * Clarence Saunders opened his first Piggly Wiggly in 1916 – where patrons roamed freely and paid on the way out. He patented the idea which is now copied worldwide. What are these ubiquitous entities?

27. He is the only Speaker of India since Independence who after assuming the office of Speaker formally resigned from his political party. He also had the distinction of being the only Speaker who was later unanimously elected as the President of the Republic. Identify.
28. Emperor Charles V and Catherine de Medici admired the work; Henry III and IV of France were carrying copies when they were murdered; Louis XIV used it as his favourite nightcap; an annotated copy was used heavily by Napoleon Bonaparte; and Adolf Hitler kept a copy by his bedside. What are we talking about?
29. * According to several accounts, though hotly debated, this well-known 'vehicle' used in the 17th century was broken up and sold, ending up as a barn that still stands at the village of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, about 20 miles from London. This is a special tourist attraction for Americans. What?
30. In Sufism (as practiced in South Asia) what word meaning 'marriage' is used to refer to the congregation held to commemorate the death anniversary of a Sufi saint at a dargah – also the surname of a chief minister of Karnataka?
31. Visual: Whose statue is shown here?



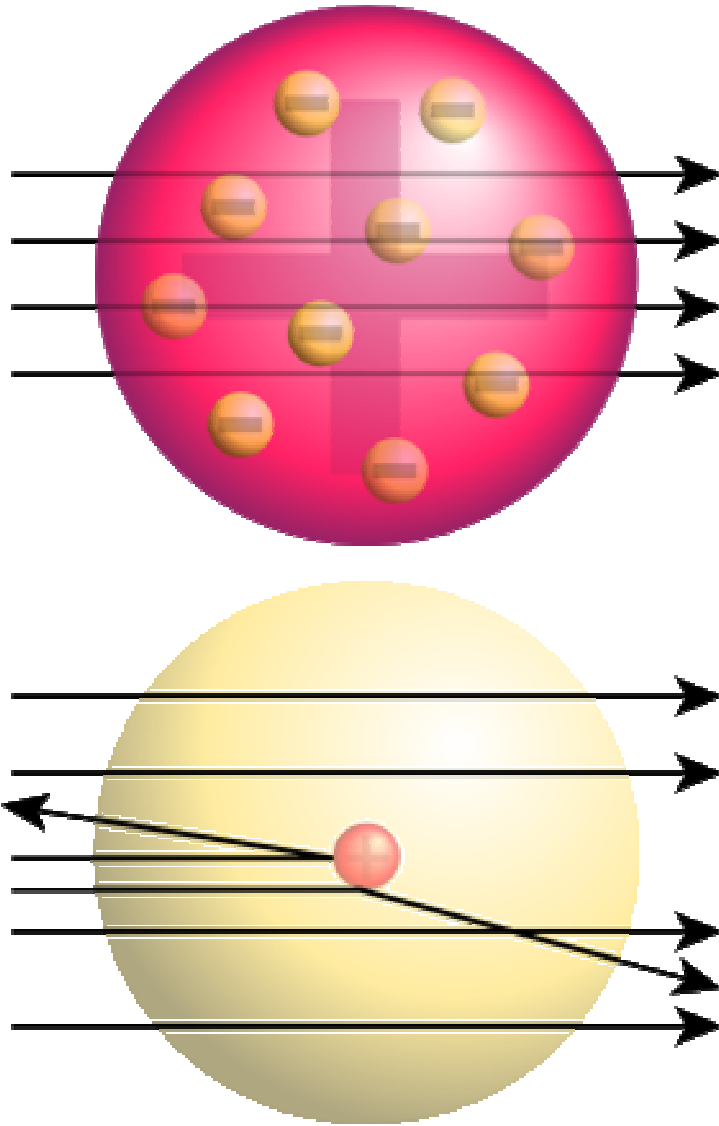
32. Visual: Identify the man on the cover of this issue of TIME magazine. It is dated Feb 14, 2005.



33. Visual: Identify the lady.



34. Visual: The model at the bottom came about due to a famous experiment. You have to name the model on the top that this experiment disproved, which was given a nickname after a dessert it resembled.



35. Visual: What (shown here) were inspired by the Dover Pictorial Archives, a series of books containing copyright-free collections of 18th- and 19th-century wood and copperplate engravings?



36. Visual: What is the name of this structure in Barcelona, the name being usually associated with another historical structure?



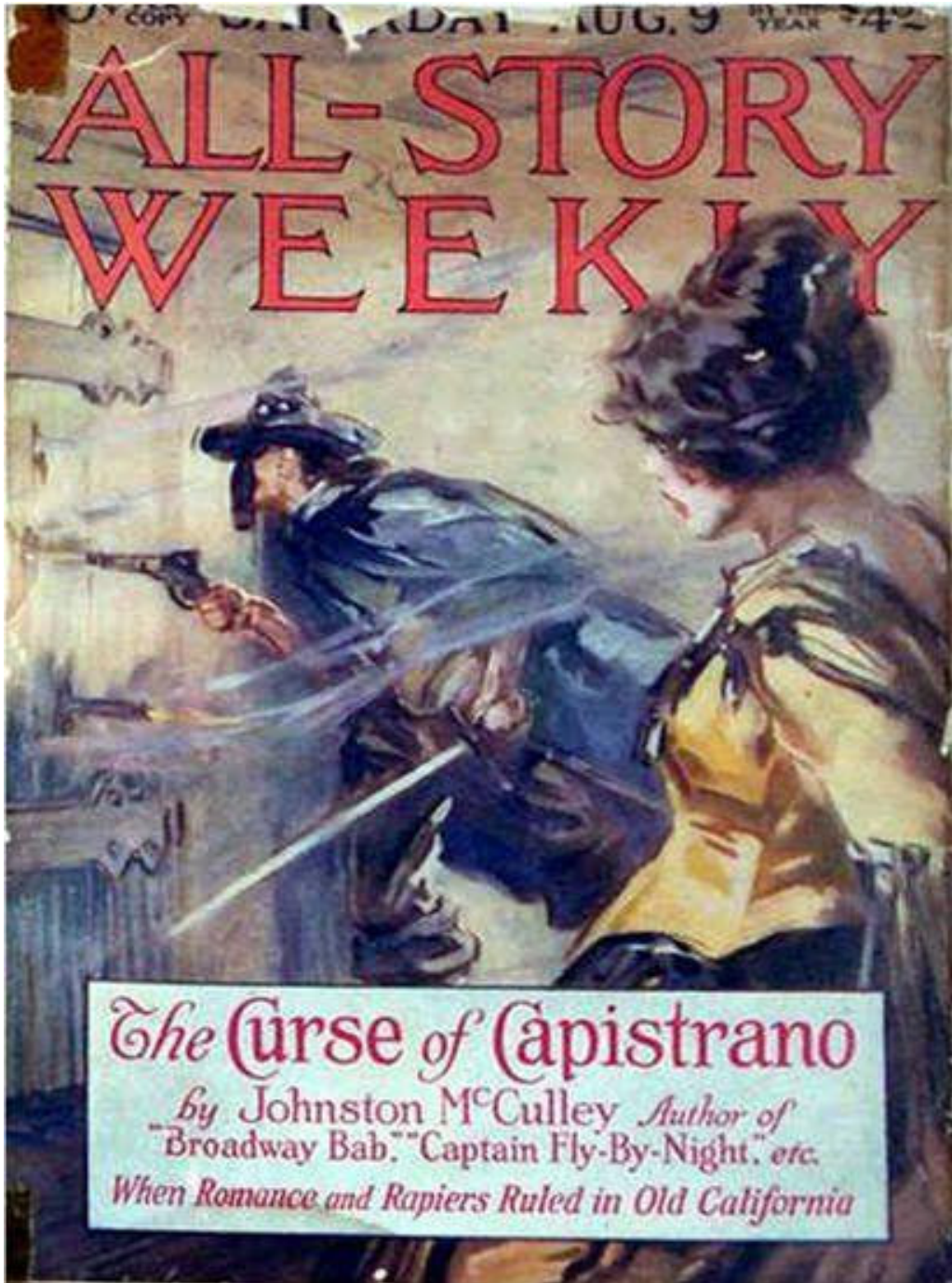
37. Visual: Why did their death in 2009 create news?



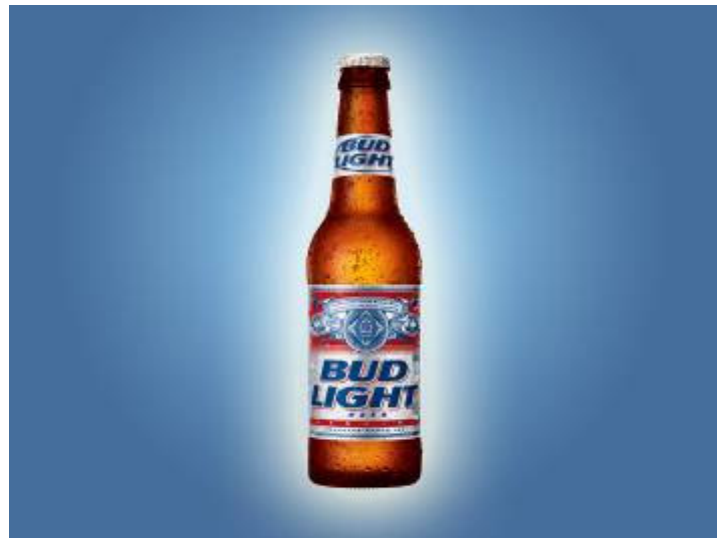
38. Visual: Why does the forecourt of this building have a permanent place in pop culture?



39. Visual: Who made his debut in this fashion?



40. * Visual: Who recently consumed these beverages?



Answers on the next page.
Go no further unless you want to!

Answers

1. N.E.E.T. (also the name of MIA's recording label)
2. Carl Lewis, Usain Bolt (100/200 Olympic double)
3. Drummers for Spinal Tap
4. Paisa
5. Irene Adler
6. corbetti from Jim Corbett
7. Abraham Zapruder of JFK assassination film fame
8. Senator
9. Patient Zero for AIDS
10. axis
11. Ahmet Ali Agca who tried to assassinate Pope John Paul II
12. Montserrat
13. Ensign
14. Asha Parekh
15. Jean Francois Millet
16. Hedley Verity
17. Peace / Nuclear Disarmament sign
18. Centaurs
19. Honda
20. Dalton Trumbo
21. Javascript
22. Ayuthiya
23. Doordarshan
24. Singapore Airlines
25. Sensex
26. Supermarkets
27. Neelam Sanjeev Reddy
28. Machiavelli's The Prince
29. Mayflower
30. Urs
31. Edmund Hillary
32. AQ Khan
33. Koneru Humpy
34. Plum pudding model
35. O'Reilly books
36. Arc de Triumph
37. Assisted suicides
38. Grauman's Chinese Theatre
39. Zorro
40. President Obama, Henry Louis Gates Jr., VP Joe Biden and Sgt. James Crowley, the policeman who arrested Gates - Beer diplomacy