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1	What eight letter word is used to describe the colourful truck-mounted cultural displays by various states and government undertakings following the military march-past in Republic Day parades?	Tableaus / Tableaux
2	Situated near Naples, and last erupted in 1944, name the only active volcano on mainland Europe.	Vesuvius
3	The symbol of which annual competition is a lemniscate (the mathematical symbol for infinity) intertwined with a circle, and features the same 5 colours as the Olympic rings?	International Mathematics Olympiad / Mathematics Olympiad
4	What short term, a homophone of a word that means dog-like, is often used to refer to police dogs?	K9
5	What 5-letter word is usually part of the name of the brightest star in any constellation?	Alpha
6	Which planet's astrological symbol is a representation of a trident?	Neptune
7	Which Hindu God is known by the alternate name of Halayudha, referring to his weapon of choice?	Balarama
8	Only two Governor-Generals of India were not noblemen (in other words, did not have titles such as Lord / Baronet etc). One was the last Governor-General, C. Rajagopalachari. Who was the other?	Warren Hastings
9	For many forms of competition, its official definition is that it measures less than 14.2 hands at the withers. Horses are defined to be 14.2 or taller. What?	Ponies
10 *	Between the reign of the Tughlaqs and that of the Lodis, for a period of 37 years much of northern India was under the sway of a dynasty whose rulers claimed to be descendants of Prophet Mohammed. Name this dynasty.	Sayyids
11	Which cantonment town of central India, whose name is considered an initialism, was renamed as Dr. Ambedkar Nagar in 2003 by the Government of Madhya Pradesh?	Mhow
12	If you were to earn the Golden Bails, Silver Bails or the Bronze Bails award, what profession would you have to be in?	Cricket Umpires / Umpires
13	Among the Navaratnas of Akbar's court, there were a pair of brothers. The elder brother's name was Faizi. What was the name of the more well-known younger brother?	Abul Fazl
14	The vertebral column in humans is divided into four divisions. The bottom three are thoracic, lumbar and sacral. What is the top-most division called?	Cervical
15	Which country's official Chinese name is Xinjiapo Gongheguo?	Singapore
16	The dihydrate of calcium sulphate is gypsum. What name for the hemihydrate of calcium sulphate includes the capital of a European country?	Plaster of Paris. Just Paris will not do.
17	After whom was the Islamabad International Airport in Pakistan renamed in June 2008?	Benazir Bhutto
18	Covering an area of 100km by 400km in East Antarctica, the Lambert is the world's largest what?	Glacier
19	What four-word phrase connects these places - Udaipur, Alleppey and Srinagar (India), Lijiang City, Suzhou, Tongli, Wuzhen and Zhouzhuang (China), Barisal City (Bangladesh), Ayutthaya and Bangkok (Thailand)?	Venice of the East
20 *	On September 19, 2009, Yoshito Usui's body was recovered by a climber in the mountain range straddling Gunma and Nagano prefectures. By creating which mischievous five-year old did Usui gain his reputation in the 1990s?	Shin-chan / Crayon shin-chan

21	In the novels <i>Executive Orders</i> , <i>Rainbow Six</i> and <i>The Bear and the Dragon</i> , who is the President of the USA?	Jack Ryan
22	Considered a holy place in multiple religions, which mountain peak located in the Gangdise ranges is the only major peak above 6000m that has remained free of climbing attempts?	Mount Kailash
23	What 2 word name would connect - a. the person who introduced Kundalini Yoga and Sikhism to the United States b. possibly the only Indian Army Officer who has a shrine built in his honour c. A famous Punjabi poet d. India's third highest overall wicket taker in cricket.	Harbhajan Singh
24	It is a mass that accelerates by 1 ft/s ² when a force of one pound-force (lbf) is exerted on it; it is a piece of spacing material used in typesetting; it is a gastropod mollusk without a shell. What?	Slug
25	Which cricketer who later gravitated to the London stage both preceded and succeeded W.G. Grace as the English cricket team captain and had a 100% win record as Test captain, in what was his only Test match?	C. Aubrey Smith
26	Before the start of shooting a movie or TV serial in Hawaii, a local priest is typically brought in to bless the set. By what word do Hawaiians refer to such a "priest, sorcerer, magician, wizard, minister or expert in any profession"?	Kahuna. Big Kahuna will not do.
27	This word typically refers to a road on the side of a cliff or mountain, with the ground rising on one side of the road and falling away on the other. Which word that comes from the French for 'road on a ledge'?	Corniche
28	It is believed that one of the probable origins for the name of the Malaysian dish, 'Roti Canai', which resembles the Kerala Paratha, is an Indian city. Which city?	Chennai / Madras
29	A well known form of this object is the America's Cup trophy. In the forms that we encounter this object it can hold between 48 oz and 64 oz of liquid. What are we talking about, which traces its origin to a Greek word meaning 'earthen vessel'?	Pitcher
30 **	Founder of the Satya Shodhak Samaj with the primary objective of dismantling the caste system, which 19th century social reformer is another person who is referred to as 'Mahatma'?	Jyotiba Phule
31	What anti-submarine weapon that destroyed its target by the shock of exploding near it, was first used in the 1910s and employed a hydrostatic pistol actuated by water pressure at a pre-selected depth to trigger the detonation?	Depth Charge
32	What word seen in medical literature as a counterpart of the word placebo is Latin for 'I will harm'?	Nocebo
33	Thiruvannamalai, a temple town midway on the Puducherry-Bangalore National Highway (NH66) found fame in the 20 th century because of its association with which Advaita Vedanta guru who spent his entire adulthood near this town?	Ramana Maharshi
34	Fill in the blanks in this line from a famous speech - "Two thousand years ago the proudest boast was civis Romanus sum. Today, in the world of freedom, the proudest boast is ____ _".	Ich Bin Ein Berliner
35	The 2010 World Cup Finals will be played at Soccer City on the eastern outskirts of Soweto. The stadium is built in the shape of which African vegetable?	Calabash / Bottle Gourd
36	One theory for the origin of this term is that it may be an alteration of the word 'coney' used for rabbits. Another theory suggests that the animals were brought to Europe by way of a particular place, leading people to think they had originated there. That place was also frequently used in English to refer generally to any far-off, unknown country, and so the name may simply be a colorful reference to the animal's foreignness. Which animal?	Guinea Pig. Just Guinea will not do.

37	Although it begins on an airplane in Germany circa 1987, most of the action of this novel takes place 20 years earlier near Tokyo. This is thanks to the protagonist hearing a rendition of a famous Beatles number that evokes nostalgia. Which novel whose lead character works in the same record store where the author worked in real life?	Norwegian Wood
38	Swedes Ake Senning and Rune Elmqvist developed in 1958 the world's first successful implantable device that could be inserted completely under the skin of a patient. What?	Pacemaker
39	Which actor, named for one of a pair of mythological twins, named his own twins after the twin sons of the same mythological twins' brother?	Shatrughan Sinha
40 *	This mathematician wrote a book on probability theory, <i>The Doctrine of Chances</i> , said to have been prized by gamblers. He is also reported to have correctly predicted the day of his own death by noting that he was sleeping 15 minutes longer each day. He did indeed die on 27 Nov 1754 - a date he predicted in advance. Who, well known for his theorem combining complex numbers and trigonometry?	Abraham de Moivre
41	This ancient handicraft probably originated in Flanders and is an openwork fabric, where holes are formed by removing threads or cloth from a previously woven fabric, or are created as part of the fabric. In another context related to drugs, it is also the act of secretly adding one or more substances to another. What?	Lace / To Lace
42	The flag of which country has a red background with a yellow sun in the centre with 40 rays that represent the 40 tribes which were united by epic hero Manas? The centre of the sun shows a stylized depiction of the top of a traditional dwelling.	Kyrgyzstan
43	Once known for its Tuberculosis sanatoria and Speed Skating championships, which city is now associated with the slogan "Committed to Improving the State of the World"?	Davos
44	By what nickname, referring to their attire reminiscent of Mussolini's army, were members of the Dravidar Kazhagam founded by Periyar E V Ramaswamy known?	Black Shirts / Karuppu-chattai
45	Going by his surname, the family of a very famous English footballer of the 1990s must have come from a region in Southern France which is home to a language similar to Occitan. Give the region or surname.	Gascoigne / Gascony
46	'Ornithology' is a jazz standard written by trumpeter Benny Harris with which bebop saxophonist?	Charlie Parker / Bird Parker
47	Connect the following three Indian navy ships - INS Chapal, INS Kursura and INS Vikrant.	Museum ships / Museums
48	In mythology his name means 'cunning worker' and he was well-known as an artisan and craftsman. Famous for creating the labyrinth on Crete he did something with his son that is venerated in art and literature in various forms. Who?	Daedalus
49	What term whose literal translation meant 'circular dance writing' is often seen in movie credits?	Choreography
50 *	The British version of blackjack, a flat-bottomed boat, floats used to support a structure, the small bouyant hulls of seaplanes and a floating dock all have the same seven-letter name. What?	Pontoon
51	In Hindu mythology, what do the following guard - Kubera, Yama, Indra, Varuna, Isana, Agni, Vayu, Nirruti, Vishnu and Brahma?	Directions (Ordinals, Cardinals not acceptable)
52	The name of which French media group primarily into publishing, translates into 'little axe'?	Hachette

53	This word is used to establish a single grammatical or semantic interpretation. The most famous example (apart from its use in audio techniques and computer science) is the way in which Wikipedia resolves conflicts in article titles that occur when a single term can be associated with more than one topic. What word?	Disambiguation
54	A British play that introduced the character of Lord Dundreary gained notoriety in USA. This character gave rise to two English words - Dundrearies (a style of facial hair taking the form of exaggeratedly bushy sideburns) and Dundrearyisms (expanded malapropisms e.g. "birds of a feather gather no moss"). Which play?	Our American Cousin
55	He is the eponymous mascot of a cereal brand. In Neal Stephenson's <i>Cryptonomicon</i> , half a dozen pages are dedicated on how to eat a bowl of this cereal. The mascot was born and raised on an island in the Milk Sea and later in life he also gave a famous phone phreak his nickname. Name the mascot.	Captain Crunch / Cap'n Crunch
56	The eldest of three who were part of an experiment to prove that "geniuses are made, not born", who was the first woman to earn the Grandmaster title conventionally in regular competition? Give the full name of this World Champion who was stripped of her title by FIDE.	Susan / Zsuzsa / Zsuzanna Polgar
57	'Fountain of the Four Rivers' is a Bernini-sculpted fountain in Rome that includes sculptures of four Gods, seeking to represent the four major rivers of the world then. Three of them are Nile, Ganges and Danube. The fourth is a geographic entity in South America that most people today do not consider a river, but rather an estuary. Name this 'river'.	Rio de la Plata / River Plate / Plate / Plata
58	The scene for three important battles during World War I, which Belgian town to which English soldiers gave a mispronounced nickname, was the hub of Flanders Field?	Ypres / Ipres
59	It consists of twelve Doric columns, six to each side. The Quadriga (a chariot drawn by four horses driven by Victoria, the Roman goddess of victory) atop the structure was removed and taken to Paris by Napoleon after defeating the Prussians in 1806. It was later restored. Which well-known structure?	Brandenburg Gate
60 **	In 1956 about whom did Life magazine report, "Wearing white pajamas and a yellow gnomelike cap, _____ today hobbles about his studio tenderly caring for and communing with the silent host of fish birds, heads, and endless columns which he created"?	Konstantin Brancusi
61	At Nagda in Rajasthan, you find ruins of a temple from the 9th Century that is locally referred to as 'Sas-Bahu' temple and even consider it auspicious for daughter-in-laws and mother-in-laws to visit together. The name 'Sas-Bahu' though is just a corruption of one of Vishnu's names, referring to his many arms. What name?	Sahasrabahu / Sahastrabahu
62	This species of insects were named either due to their size or possibly named in honour of King William III of England. They spend their winters crammed into only 12 acres in the Transvolcanic Mountains in Mexico. Their population is down by 60% owing to loss of tree cover in their primary habitat and unavailability of milkweed in their migratory destination in Texas. Name the species.	Monarch Butterfly
63	Which work's protagonist is the philosopher Socrates and other major characters include Glaucon and Adeimantus, the two brothers of the author?	The Republic
64	The Chinese government has honoured this person during every high-level official trip to India: Premier Zhou En-lai in 1950, Premier Li Peng in 2001, Premier Zhu Rongji in 2002 and President Hu Jintao in 2006 all visited his relatives in Mumbai. Who?	Dr. Kotnis

65	Feluda's favourite brand of cigarettes takes its name from a structure built in 1591 to commemorate the end of a deadly plague. Name the brand.	Charminar
66	Every president of the USA starting from Franklin Roosevelt, except one, has been featured as Time magazine's 'Person of the Year'. Who is the missing president?	Gerald Ford
67	Vedat Dalokay was a renowned Turkish architect and a former mayor of Ankara. Though his design for the Kocatepe Mosque was selected as part of an architectural competition, it was not used due to controversy and criticism. Later, he used a variation of the design to create one of the largest mosques in the world, winning an Aga Khan architectural award in the process. Which mosque?	King Faisal / Faisal (Mosque)
68	Named after a French finance minister, this country has the smallest population among all African states. Which country?	Seychelles
69	Dilnawaz Sheikh's first brush with fame was under an assumed name for an item song in Prakash Jha's Gangaajal. Her next brush with fame was as the controversial wife of a popular film star. How do we know her better?	Manyata Dutt / Manyata
70 *	Which cartoonist refuted in an interview the urban legend that his cartoons were used to train American bomber pilots to spot their hidden targets?	Al Hirschfeld
71	Complete the series: Bogie, Par, Birdie, Eagle, Albatross, Condor, _____.	Ostrich
72	She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times, though she never received the award. In India, she used the Theosophical Society HQ as her home for a decade. In America, Edison hosted her and Alexander Graham Bell was the president of the organization she set up. Who are we talking about?	Maria Montessori
73	The Quarrymen was a band that counted in its roster the people who would go on to form The Beatles. What genre of music, often described as jazz played with non-jazz instruments, did The Quarrymen play?	Skiffle
74	Give a 9-letter form of exercise or strength training in which the joint angle and muscle length do not change during contraction. The joint and muscle are either worked against an immovable force (overcoming) or are held in a static position while opposed by resistance (yielding).	Isometric
75	'To maffick' is to rejoice or celebrate with boisterous public demonstrations. It originates from the events in a town in South Africa over 217 days, from October 1899 to May 1900. Which town?	Mafeking
76	Which Prussian, after whom a 19th century movement in science is named, also has species of an orchid, a lily, a South American oak, a penguin, a skunk, a South American willow, a sub-species of Amazon River Dolphin and many more animals and places named after him?	Alexander von Humboldt
77	This British group got its two-word moniker as a pun on its colour and style when it approached Apple Corps with a reggae version of the Plastic Ono Band song - <i>Give Peace a Chance</i> . Their most famous hit was a 1975 number which was made famous by appearances in films like <i>The Full Monty</i> , <i>Boogie Nights</i> , <i>Bicentennial Man</i> , <i>Rat Race</i> and <i>Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo</i> . Which band?	Hot Chocolate
78	One of the possible etymological roots for the name of which mineral is the historical Hoysala town of Belur in Karnataka?	Beryl
79	The term for the heirs apparent to the throne of France over two periods between 1350 and 1830 refers to which animal depicted on their flag?	Dolphin. Dauphin is not acceptable.
80 *	Christopher McCandless of <i>Into the Wild</i> fame renamed himself Alexander Supertramp in honour of which Welsh poet when he began his famous journey?	W.H. Davies

81	Snell's law of refraction and the law of reflection of light both can be derived from the "principle of least time" which was stated in 1662 by a multi-faceted scientist whose "way of drawing tangents" inspired Isaac Newton's early ideas about calculus. Most of us probably know him for other marginal contributions. Name him.	Fermat
82	Followers cry "Hai Hussein, Hai Hassan" on Muharram, to lament the martyrdom of a grandson of Prophet Mohammed in which battle named after a town in present day Iraq?	Karbala
83	In 1958, which Indian became the first winner of the Ramon Magsaysay award in the Community Leadership category? He died in 1982, after falling ill and deciding to end his life by refusing food and medicines.	Vinoba Bhave
84	Which work of art covering 40 acres, by a former roadworks inspector with PWD, was formally opened to the public in 1976 after nearly two decades of illegal and obscured existence?	Chandigarh Rock Garden / Rock Garden. Chandigarh Garden will not do.
85	This sporting term comes from a military term for a man trapped behind enemy lines, where he is said to be "away from the strength of his side". What term that is generally applied in sports to prevent players from getting an unfair attacking advantage?	Off-Side
86	It is not conclusive which story from mythology is actually being depicted in the massive Pallava rock relief at Mamallapuram, because of which the relief has two popular names. One is 'Penance of Arjuna'. What is the other?	Descent of Ganga
87	Flamenco and bull-fighting are traditions originating out of which autonomous community in Spain whose capital is Seville and whose coat of arms shows the figure of a young Hercules and two lions between two pillars?	Andalusia
88	A grandson of Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, an Indian lawyer and a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, he has been dubbed "The Marco Polo of neuroscience" by Richard Dawkins. Name him.	Vilayanur Ramachandran / V S Ramachandran
89	The MKV format is a container for files with video and audio data. It allows for media within a form of media i.e. a container within a container and that explains the MKV format's Russian-derived name. What?	Matrioshka
90 **	The first split in Buddhism happened when two schools formed around 300 BC. One named Mahasanghika, which is now extinct. And another, with a name that means 'Teachings of the Elders', a school that has over a 100 million followers today. Name this school of Buddhism.	Theravada / Sthiravada
91	In 1998, which player known as one half of a ritual pre-match kiss, became the first ever to score a golden goal in a World Cup match?	Laurent Blanc
92	He was employed as a political commentator by All India Radio when he published his memoirs. The controversy that the memoirs created not only made him lose his job, but the Government of India came out with a law that prohibited government servants from publishing memoirs. Who?	Nirad C Choudhuri
93	A capirote is a headgear of Spanish origin. It was historically worn by the condemned during the Spanish Inquisition. A modification of the capirote where the outer fabric of the hat extends past the shoulders, covering the face and neck while leaving only a pair of holes for the eyes, was worn by some Spanish brotherhoods during Easter. In spite of its origins, with which group of people do people most associate the capirote with?	Ku Klux Klan / KKK

94	While atomic radii are measured in Angstroms (10 ⁻¹⁰ m), nuclear radii are much smaller and are measured in femtometres (10 ⁻¹⁵ m). This unit is also named after a scientist, but whichever name you use, the unit's short-form remains the same. Name him.	Enrico Fermi
95	Lexulous, the First Internet Backgammon Server, FIFA Women's World Rankings, the European Go Federation and for some time World of Warcraft all used a rating system created by a Hungarian-born American physics professor. Name the rating system.	Elo
96	Jan Van Eyck and several other painters of the Flemish school were based in which Belgian city, often referred to as 'Venice of the North' - also the subject of a film starring Colin Farrell written and directed by Martin McDonagh?	Bruges / Brugge / Bruege
97	In the 14th century Fa Ngum founded the state of La Xang - 'Kingdom of the Million Elephants'. Over the course of time, it warred against Ayutthaya, Myanmar and Vietnam (which controlled it from 1694 until its 1707 partition). It regained its independence in 1954, when France pulled out of Indochina. Which Southeast Asian nation?	Laos
98	A common Roman coin got its name from the Greek word for 'ten' and gained popularity because of its similarity with an Arabic word meaning 'give'. The official currencies of eleven countries also have the same origin. Which currency?	Dinar / Denarii / Denarius
99	What is the three-letter acronym for cars used in mostly suburban train services where the car that carries passengers also has motive power?	EMU
100 *	A trans-boundary river is a river that crosses at least one international border. With at least 58, which country has the greatest number of these rivers?	Bangladesh
101	This Austrian composer, later a renowned conductor of the New York Philharmonic, was so superstitious about dying after his ninth symphony (considering Beethoven, Schubert, and Bruckner had all died after their Ninth Symphonies), he called his ninth <i>Symphony -Das Lied von der Erde</i> meaning the Ninth and (incomplete) Tenth Symphonies. Name this person whose wife later married Walter Gropius?	Gustav Mahler
102	The name of the São Paulo neighbourhood which is the home of the Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix comes from the fact that the region is located between two large reservoirs, Guarapiranga and Billings, which were built in the early 20th century to supply water and electric power to the city. Name it.	Interlagos
103	Fill an eleven-letter word into this response to a famous line: "Roger, _____. We copy you on the ground. You got a bunch of guys about to turn blue. We're breathing again. Thanks a lot."	Tranquility
104	Forbes magazine called it one of the world's 10 ugliest buildings, while others describe it as a "blob" and some have nicknamed it "The Hemorrhoids". The building's design is supposed to represent a smashed electric guitar and has a fusion of textures and colors, including gold, silver, deep red, blue and a shimmering purple haze. Which building?	Experience Music Project
105	The language of Silbo Gomero is special in that it is whistled, and not spoken. Shepherds in the Canary Islands use this language to communicate across long distances over rough terrain. What modern day invention is driving this language to extinction?	Cellphones / Mobile phones
106	What dance form from Mizoram that uses pairs of horizontal and cross bamboo staves was originally intended to be performed for safe passage of the soul of a woman who died at childbirth but now is performed at all occasions?	Cheraw

107	The Junkers Ju-87 Stuka dive-bomber was one of the most recognizable symbols of the German Blitzkrieg. Some variants were fitted with noise-making propellers to damage enemy morale by enhancing the dive-bombing sound effects. They were nicknamed after a destructive musical instrument from the Bible. What name?	Trumpet of Jericho / Jericho Trumpet
108	The Smilodon is an extinct genus of predatory mammals. What was the most distinguishing anatomical characteristic of this genus, which in turn leads to the more common name by which this genus is known?	Sabre tooth
109	In 1852, India became the 10th country in the world and the first country in Asia to issue postage stamps. These stamps were not issued from Calcutta (the then capital) but from a province from the other end of the country. Which province?	Scinde / Sindh
110 *	South Africa is the holder of the Rugby World Cup, which it won in 2007. After which pioneer is it named?	William Webb Ellis
111	Which city in Russia was the site of the largest tank battle in World War II and also costliest single day of aerial warfare?	Kursk
112	Which word from the business of insurance is a loan-translation from Latin of the word 'subscribe'?	Underwrite / Underwriter / Underwriting
113	This budding director started his professional career as an advertising copywriter and then went to direct commercials for Horlicks, Promise and the latest Coca Cola commercials. He won National Film Awards for his first and second directorial ventures and his third and latest venture is India's first commercial digital film. Who?	Dibakar Banerjee
114	This species of bird is mentioned by Herodotus, Pliny the Elder and Aristotle and has got the nickname 'crocodile bird' as it shares a unique relationship with the crocodile, which does not hurt the bird because it cleans the bits of meat in between the crocodile's teeth. Which bird that also finds mention in Egyptian myth?	Egyptian Plover. Just Plover will not do.
115	Vyasa, author of the Mahabharatha, is often referred to as 'Dwaipayana' in the texts. This gives us clues as to the kind of place he could have hailed from. What does the word 'Dwaipayana' mean?	Island born
116	This inventor was influenced by The Age of Enlightenment in the early 18th century and is considered widely influential in bringing about the British Agricultural Revolution. He was one of the early proponents of a scientific and empirical approach to agriculture. However, he is remembered today for a different reason. Name him (full name please).	Jethro Tull
117	The phenomenon called fog (e.g. defined for pilots with visibility of 1km or less) is known by a different name when visibility is better. What name?	Mist
118	The third largest city in China is sometimes known by a romanized name, a word also used to refer to the administrative divisions in certain European countries. What name?	Canton. Guangzhou will not do.
119	Which famous work by composer Maurice Ravel was commissioned by Austrian pianist Paul Wittgenstein (the brother of the famous philosopher), who had lost his right arm during World War I?	Concerto for the Left Hand / Left Hand Concerto
120 **	Fifteen winter sports events were part of the 2010 Winter Olympics. They were divided into three categories: ice sports, alpine skiing + snowboarding and _____. The third category contained the biathlon, cross-country skiing, _____ combined and ski jumping events. Fill the common blank.	Nordic
121	A Directory is a political system where there is no single head of state, but instead a college of several men jointly exercise the powers of the head of state. Name the only country that follows such a system today.	Switzerland

122	Whose gravestone bears a pictogram of dot inside a circle, which is essentially a trail sign for "I have gone home"?	Robert Baden-Powell
123	She is an indentation caused by a structural variation in the facial muscle zygomaticus major. Her daughter is a flickering gleam of light. Who is her part-time designer, one-time actress sister? Easy! Full name please.	Simple Kapadia
124	A country that has one of the highest GDP per capita in the world has a capital city whose name may have come from the Arabic for 'bay' or possibly 'sticky tree'. Which city that is famous for being an Asian Games venue and also for a series of trade negotiations? In Hindi/Urdu poetry the same word implies a self-contained rhyming couplet that usually gives us a moral.	Doha
125	What is the Turkish word for 'skewer'?	Sheesh / Shish
126	The tiny island nation of Nauru acknowledges the vital role that compounds of an element play in its economy by incorporating the alchemical symbol in its coat of arms. Which element?	Phosphorous
127	Towards the start of her career in 1951, she was "monstrously fat". She managed to lose 36 kgs to become an "astonishing, svelte, striking woman". Some believe that the loss of body mass made it more difficult for her to support her voice, while others said it produced a new softness and femininity in her voice. Greece issued a 10 Euro coin on the 30th anniversary of her death in 2007. Who?	Maria Callas
128	Which spirit is produced from a mash made of grains like corn, malt and rye, distilled with juniper berries and various herbs and spices?	Gin
129	In vertebrates, it is an area where nerves branch and rejoin. There are almost a hundred of them in the human body. A blow to the stomach results in the feeling of "getting the wind knocked out of you" because it affects one such area, causing the diaphragm to spasm. What six-letter word?	Plexus
130 *	Charles-François Gounod, the French composer is most-famous for his <i>Ave Maria</i> as well as his operas <i>Faust</i> and <i>Roméo et Juliette</i> . In 1869, he composed the music for the silver jubilee of someone's ordination. This later became the National Anthem of which country?	Vatican (City)
131	In 1958, Queen Elizabeth II made a call from Bristol Central Telephone Exchange to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Afterwards, she operated a switch which put 18,000 telephones connected to Bristol Central onto a new system. What did the Queen thus introduce to UK?	STD / Subscriber Trunk or Toll Dialling. Trunk call is incorrect.
132	Which Basu Chatterjee film of 1986 had the following cast: Deepak Kejriwal as Juror #1, Amitabh Srivastav as Juror #2, Pankaj Kapur as Juror #3, S. M. Zaheer as Juror #4, Subhash Udghate as Juror #5, Hemant Mishra as Juror #6, M. K. Raina as Juror #7, K. K. Raina as Juror #8, Annu Kapoor as Juror #9, Subbiraj as Juror #10, Shailendra Goel as Juror #11 and Aziz Qureshi as Juror #12?	Ek Ruka Hua Faisla
133	The Indian variety of this tree is an endangered species and therefore very expensive. The Australian variety is decidedly inferior to the Indian variety, but its extract sells for half the price even compared to that from smuggled Indian wood and it is now the dominant variety in the export market. Which tree?	Sandalwood
134	Whose first overseas diplomatic posting was to New Delhi as the vice consul in the South Korean consulate in India?	Ban Ki Moon. UN Secy Gen'l will not do.
135	What medical condition's name derives from Greek word <i>hemicranium</i> meaning 'half skull' and is descriptive of its symptoms?	Migraine
136	Initially a 400m runner and javelin thrower, who took inspiration from Dingko Singh's Asian Games Gold and went on to win four consecutive World amateur titles and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award?	Mary Kom / M C Mary Kom

137	Which Indian actor did a Linda Hunt by winning an acting award at the 1997 Valenciennes Film Festival for the movie <i>Daayraa</i> ?	Nirmal Pandey
138	When the state of Madhya Pradesh was formed in 1950, which city served as the capital? The capital was changed to Bhopal in 1956 after state borders were redrawn on linguistic basis.	Nagpur
139	Which squirrel-sized New World monkey comes in varieties that include: Midas, Graelle's, Mustachioed, Martin's, Saddle-back, Black Mantled and Emperor?	Tamarin
140 *	Name the Indian Chief Minister who was in charge for 22 years and 8 months with a break of 4 years between 1999 and 2003 when he lost to Mukut Mithi, thus failing to surpass Jyoti Basu's record of the longest serving CM.	Geogang Apang
141	In October 1952, which technology received a patent under the name 'Classifying Apparatus and Method'? One of the scientists who came up with this technology claims to have received inspiration by drawing lines in the sand of a beach in Florida?	Barcode
142	Which Latin American style of dance and music attributed to a composer named Enrique Jorrín is derived from the rumba and mambo and has a name which originally referred to a component of a Haitian bell which made a noise when it was rubbed?	Cha-Cha-Cha / Cha-Cha
143	The world's first commercial jet airliner was built by DeHavilland and first flew in 1949. Early models suffered from metal fatigue and had a series of crashes, causing some wags to comment that it was appropriately named after a ball of fire. What name?	Comet
144	What was set up by English writer and journalist Auberon Waugh to "draw attention to the crude, tasteless, often perfunctory use of redundant passages ... in the modern novel and to discourage it"?	Bad sex award
145	What food item gets its name from the Aramaic word for bread?	Pita
146	The original experiment was devised by geologist John Michell, who constructed a torsion balance apparatus for it. However, Michell died in 1793 without completing the work, and after his death the apparatus passed to Francis John Hyde Wollaston and then to X, who rebuilt the apparatus but kept it close to Michell's original plan. This experiment was the first to yield accurate values for the gravitational constant and the mass of the Earth. Who was X?	Henry Cavendish
147	Eight months before the Constituent Assembly of India was convened, a new constitution was written wholly by the Allied Occupation for adoption by which country? It has not been amended since then.	Japan
148	What would these be early varieties of - Brassie, Spoon, Baffing Spoon (wooden varieties); Cleek, Mid Mashie, Spade Mashie, Mashie Niblick, Pitching Niblick, Jigger (metal varieties)?	Golf Clubs
149	What word connects a common concept across multiple religions, Jawaharlal Nehru's Alma Mater and the site of the world's first nuclear explosion?	Trinity
150 **	Which style of vocals is named after a Muppet character on Sesame Street who was known for eating anything and everything but with a preference for a particular baked food?	Cookie Monster

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