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# ANSWERS

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- Minor spelling variations are okay, so long as it does not alter meaning
- For all answers which are names of people, just surname is acceptable. However, if surname is correct and first name is wrong, the answer is to be considered incorrect.
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1.	Interpreted as a show of strength by the newly elected Government, and accepted as a blunder of US Intelligence agencies, what event provoked the US administration to impose economic sanctions on India?	<b>Pokharan II</b> blasts of 1998
2.	Matt Biondi went to the Seoul Olympic Games bidding to emulate Mark Spitz's seven gold haul from Munich, but in the 100m Butterfly, he lost gold by 0.01 of a second. Who beat Biondi?	<b>Anthony Nesty</b> (of Surinam)
3.	Jollywood is the colloquial name given to a specific Indian language movie industry. It is in reference to the studio named after the person who made the first movie in what language?	<b>Assamese</b> (derived from Jyoti Chitran studio named after Jyoti Prasad Agarwala)
4.	The literal meaning of the name of this beach is "water breaking over rocks" or "noise of water breaking over rocks". It got the world's first beach life guards in 1907. It has hosted beach volleyball at the Summer Olympics and finds a place in the country's national heritage list. Which beach that also boasts of the largest swimsuit photo shoot, with more than a thousand women in bikinis taking part?	<b>Bondi Beach</b> (Australia)
5.	A 1951 film directed by Jean Renoir, it was filmed in India and was seminal to the launching of the careers of Satyajit Ray and Subrata Mitra, Ray's cinematographer whom he met during the filming. The film was based on a book by Rumer Godden, and talks about a teenager's first love, and how her heart was broken. Give the English name of this film, called <i>Le Fleuve</i> in French.	<b>The River</b>
6.	The international Avogadro project, which involves the use of a high-precision silicon sphere of 93.6 mm diameter, is going to define which unit using the Avogadro constant?	<b>Kg</b> (the constant will define number of SI atoms present in the sphere)
7. ★	The Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950. Which constitution came into effect from 26 January 1957?	<b>Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir</b> (J&K is the only state in India which has a constitution of its own.)
8.	Christa McAuliffe, with a Masters in Education and History, was a social studies teacher in a high school in New Hampshire. She was a part of new education program announced by the then President Ronald Reagan. What "accident rooted in history," stopped her from giving her first lecture of this programme?	The <b>Challenger Crash</b>
9.	In 2007, a doctor Mussadiq Khan tried to revive Benazir Bhutto when she was brought to his hospital following an attack at Municipal Park in Rawalpindi. Flashback to 56 years earlier. Same park. Similar attack. Same hospital. The doctor was Mussadiq's father. Who was the victim?	<b>Liaquat Ali Khan</b>
10. ★	Although this dish is most commonly made with pork in India, turtle meat is used in Brazil, especially in tribal areas. In 1863, the naturalist Henry Walter Bates described the natives cooking a turtle: "The entrails are chopped up and made into a delicious soup called _____, which is generally boiled in the concave upper shell of the animal used as a kettle". Fill in the blanks.	<b>Sarapatel or Sorpotel</b>
11.	As described in Puranas, this <i>Kashi Yatra</i> has the following steps. 1. Sand is collected from place 'X' and immersed at Triveni Sangam (Prayag). 2. After doing the required rituals at Kashi, water is again collected from the Ganges at Kashi and brought back for Ganga Abhishek for the idol at 'X'. Identify X.	<b>Rameshwaram</b>
12.	Who was the first coach of the University of Kansas Jayhawks basketball team, ironically the only coach of that team with a losing record?	<b>James Naismith</b>
13.	The Dewan Devdi was a magnificent palace complex that had 78 rooms. It was owned by a noble family, which gave five Prime Ministers or 'dewans' to a princely state in India. The palace was the original location of which vast collection of art and curios?	<b>Salar Jung museum</b>
14.	In 1981, a humorous "book of German poetry" was published in America, featuring poems such as these: "Schach an Schill! Wend' ab die Hilde –/Fesch Appel, oh Wortel/Schachfell Daunen, Brockensgrauen,/Und Schill Keim Tuümpel in Naphtha." What poem has thus been 'translated' into German?	<b>Jack and Jill</b>

15.	'The Story of _____', 'The Travels of _____', '_____ The King', 'A.B.C. of _____', '_____ and Zephyr', '_____ and his Children' and '_____ and Father Christmas' were the original seven books featuring _____, written by Jean de Brunhoff in the thirties and forties. After de Brunhoff's death, his son Laurent continued the series, writing more than forty _____ books in his lifetime. Fill in the blank.	<b>Babar</b>
16. ★	Although this product is a byword for fraud in the western world, the irony is that genuine _____, derived from the species <i>Enhydris chinensis</i> , has been found to have many beneficial properties, due to its high levels of Omega-3 fatty acids. What product, whose reputation was irreparably damaged by unscrupulous salesmen throughout America in the 19th century?	<b>Snake oil</b>
17.	This adventure fiction writer's well-known work was <i>Beau Geste</i> about the French Foreign Legion in North Africa. He also collaborated with a friend to write a book primarily for the children of British officers residing in India. This book, by two men who had bird surnames, became quite popular in India, Pakistan and Burma in the post-colonial era. Which writer?	<b>P.C. Wren</b> (of <i>Wren &amp; Martin</i> fame)
18.	The name of what substance, first extracted in 1908 from <i>Laminaria japonica</i> by chemistry professor Kikunae Ikeda, literally means "essence of taste"?	<b>Aji-no-moto</b>
19.	When Vibhishana decided to change sides and throw in his lot with Rama, who in the latter's camp rather ironically objected to the danger in taking in a man who had turned against his brother?	<b>Sugriva</b>
20.	The Government of India Act 1935, passed by the UK Parliament, removed two territories from British India. One of them was Burma. What was the other?	<b>Aden</b>
21.	The assembly of what began with the launch of Zarya, also known as the Functional Cargo Block, and continued with the addition of Unity, Zvezda, Destiny, Quest, Pirs, Harmony, Columbus, Kibo, Cupola, Rassvet and Leonardo?	<b>International Space Station</b>
22.	The king cheetah, the snow leopard, the ocelot and the jaguar have markings or spots on their fur and skin. What term is given to the spots because of their resemblance to a flower?	<b>Rosette</b>
23. ★ ★	The cover of the first edition of what best-selling 1997 non-fiction book featured the painting <i>Pizarro Seizing the Inca of Peru</i> by John Everett Millais?	<b><i>Guns, Germs and Steel</i></b> by Jared Diamond
24.	This personality test was originally developed by author Isabel X and her mother, Katharine Y. Having studied the works of Carl Jung, they designed the test questionnaire to measure psychological preferences in how various types of people perceive the world and make decisions. Name the X-Y test.	<b>Myers-Briggs Type Indicator</b> (just Myers-Briggs test will do)
25.	In 2004, British men's magazine <i>Loaded</i> started an annual comedy awards ceremony, honouring the best stand-up, TV, and movie comedy of the year. The name of the award is a combination of the magazine's name and another more prestigious annual British award, the resulting portmanteau being something of an appropriate pun. What award?	The <b>LAFTAs</b>
26.	In finance, this term means the amount subtracted from the market value of the asset offered as collateral for a loan; it falls when the market is stable and rises when the market is volatile. What is this term, which unlike its utility in the personal context, may result in "the financial markets being hot-headed in summer and frozen-eared in winter"?	<b>Haircut</b>
27.	A popular joke told at the time was that, following the defeat of the Spanish Armada, Sir Francis Drake sent a message to Queen Elizabeth I consisting of one word: "Cantharides". So, what is the English name of Cantharides?	<b>Spanish Fly</b>
28.	Used as prefix for many common words in theology, science, maths and medicine, what is the Greek word for "straight"?	<b>Orthos</b> (accept <b>Ortho</b> )
29.	Only one Indian parliamentarian has the distinction of being elected from four different states. This person also holds the record of winning from six different constituencies. Who?	<b>A.B. Vajpayee</b>

30. ★ ★	Even though an Arabic dialect, this language has Italian influences- for example, the bird falcon is a "falkun" like the Italian "falcone" and is not the Arabic "saqr". Name the sole Semitic language among the 24 official languages of the European Union.	<b>Maltese</b>
31.	Its north face is often called Mordwand, or murderous wall, a pun on Nordwand (North Wall). It is the easternmost in a set of three. If the 'maiden' is the Jungfrau, the 'Monk' is the Mönch, which is 'the Ogre'?	<b>Eiger</b>
32.	Give a two-piece name of a geographical formation to connect Bravo, Union, Yankee, Nector, Romeo and Koon.	<b>Bikini atoll or Bikini islands</b>
33.	Most of the work of this Rolleiflex wielder was published under the pseudonym 'Dalda 13', a moniker she chose because she was born in 1913, got married at the age of 13, and her Fiat's number plate read "DLD 13". Who is this eminent lady who passed away in 2012?	<b>Homai Vyarawala</b>
34.	One test for high-quality beer (and clean glasses) is to tilt the glass to see if foam adheres to the side. If it does, that's called "_____ _____" and the beer is considered of good quality. Fill in the blanks - It also describes a type of adornment done on pillow edges and a place famous for it.	<b>Brussel's lace / Belgian lace</b>
35. ★	Melattur, Pandanallur, Vazhuvoor, Thanjavoor, and Mysore are all different types of what rhythmic form of expression, with each one differing in the manner in which feet are stamped down, sitting and squatting positions, and so on?	<b>Bharatanatyam</b>
36.	The name refers to any musical instrument which produces sound primarily by way of a vibrating stretched membrane. Tablas, damarus, nagaras and the timpani are all examples. What's the 13-letter word we are looking for?	<b>Membranophone</b>
37.	"Steven Obanno", the terrorist played by Isaach de Bankole in the 2006 James Bond movie <i>Casino Royale</i> , is said to be based on which then-unknown figure, who came into worldwide prominence six years later?	<b>Joseph Kony</b>
38.	What two-word phrase that refers to intoxication originated during the Thirty Years' War, when English soldiers noticed the methods used by one of their allies to ready themselves for battle?	<b>Dutch Courage</b>
39.	As per legend, demon king Brishparva's daughter Devyani got married to King Yayati at this location. There is a temple for Devyani at the banks of the lake. Which lake? Think food! Think animal!	<b>Sambhar lake (Rajasthan)</b>
40.	Hans Kamper was a Swiss-born gentleman with a love for sports, who worked as an accountant and columnist. In 1898, en route to Africa to help set up some sugar trading companies he fell in love with a town on the Balearic coast and settled there. While there he helped publish a magazine <i>Los Deportes</i> . A year later, an advertisement he placed in the magazine helped establish what?	<b>FC Barcelona</b>
41.	His friends are Big Ears, Mr & Mrs Tubby Bear, Dinah the doll, Mr Plod and Bumpy the dog. The goblins Sly and Gobbo try to create problems for him. Who is he?	<b>Noddy</b>
42.	A period starting in the early 15th century and continuing to the 17th century, it saw Portugese and Spanish explorers discover alternative trade routes to Asia, and explore America and Oceania. What three word term is used by historians to describe this period?	<b>Age of Discovery (or) Age of Exploration</b>
43.	The last states to be formed in India were in Nov 2000 when Chattisgarh, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand were formed. Which was the last state formed before that, in May 1987, when a union territory was split into a state and a union territory?	<b>Goa</b>
44.	If you get a blue-grey variety from Carrara, a white variety from Makrana, where would you get a green variety from? Perhaps you should look it up in the _____ Public Library in Chennai.	<b>Connemara</b> , in Ireland. Robert Bruce, 1st Baron of Connemara founded the library
45. ★	An English word to express pity or grief is also a word in geography to describe a large steep-sided flat-bottomed depression found near the polar caps. What word?	<b>Alas!</b>
46.	This term is derived from the Latin for 'warm drink' and was originally used for a cooking method (mainly for eggs) involving very low heat, usually below 100 °C. It hence came to be a synonym for indulgence or overprotectiveness. What term?	<b>Coddle / Coddling</b>

47.	In October 1981, a Soviet submarine accidentally hit an underwater boulder formation on the Swedish coast, sparking an international incident. What nickname that would appeal to bar patrons was given to this Cold War event, a pun on the class of submarine that ran aground?	<b>Whiskey on the Rocks</b>
48.	It comes from 'ababu', a blood curdling battle cry that Irish soldiers employed to intimidate their enemies on the battlefield. It is used to refer to a loud noise, usually unpleasant, that is created when a lot of people get together. What word?	<b>Hubbub</b>
49.	He is a rugged, blue-eyed, masculine, hairy and bulky war veteran who lost half a leg in Afghanistan but can still fight. He seeks oblivion by drinking copious quantities of a Cornish ale called Doom Bar in one of Central London's many public houses. His soon-to-be-married secretary, Robin, can barely veil her infatuation with him. Who is this private detective, who arrived amidst a pseudonymous mystery earlier in 2013?	<b>Cormoran Strike</b>
50. ★ ★	Who is the first British recipient of the Pritzker prize, after whom another prize is named?	(James) <b>Stirling</b>
51.	Which Indian city, part of a group of four, was known as Arin in the past, and is believed to have come about when a drop of nectar from the Samudra Manthan fell on the city and made it sacred?	<b>Ujjain</b>
52.	He was awarded a Nobel in the 2010 season premiere of the Simpsons, and has been recently tilting swords with a real Nobel winner in his discipline. Which professor from a university in New York?	(Jagdish) <b>Bhagwati</b>
53.	If Wi-Fi stands for data communication done wirelessly using radio waves, Li-Fi refers to the wireless communication using what?	<b>Light waves (accept light)</b>
54.	In his first appearance before the movie cameras, he started his stellar career with an exclamation in English; he was awarded an Order of Arts and Letters by the French government and at least two cities in the USA honoured him. Which Indian actor born in 1928?	<b>Sivaji Ganesan</b> (His first recorded movie line was "Success!")
55.	One would normally associate this activity with homelessness, or food for horses and cattle. It has become fashionable in recent times thanks to Chef Rene Redzepi. What name is given to this popular neo chic pastime that has people collecting mushrooms, flowers, nettles, sorrel and the like as cooking ingredients?	<b>Foraging</b>
56.	First used by the Ram Rajya Parishad in the 1951 General Elections, which election symbol now stands for a regional party that dawned in 1949 as a breakaway from an anti-religious, anti-caste party?	<b>Rising sun</b>
57.	Sculptural drinkware that depict imagery from Polynesia, Micronesia or Melanesia are named after the types of bars with tropical themes which became popular in the US in the '60s. What are these mugs called?	<b>Tiki mugs</b>
58.	The only proper noun in The Beatles' <i>Revolution</i> , is the name of a person who has a title more often associated with the corporate world. Who?	(Chairman) <b>Mao</b>
59.	What four-letter word is added to the names of the two Mexican states in the Californian peninsula, to distinguish them from the U.S. state of California across the border?	<b>Baja</b>
60.	Derived from a French word that means "let us drink" that's frequently used as a refrain in poems, which word is part of the name of an American humour magazine that came out with the famous "Death" issue in 1973, threatening to kill a dog if customers did not buy the issue?	<b>Lampoon</b>
61.	Held on the morning of July 14th every year in Paris since 1880, almost without exception, what is the oldest regular military parade in the world?	<b>Bastille Day Parade</b>
62.	One of the holiest place for Jains, it is believed to be the birthplace of three Jain Tirthankaras. The city is named after an animal symbolising strength and honour. According to an ancient text, it is also called Kunjarpur. Which city, now a town in Meerut District in UP?	<b>Hastinapura</b> (from Mahabharatha)

63.	The Martin-Schultz scale has values from 1 to 16, moving from lightest to darkest. Most Indians have values from 14 to 16, while the majority of Europeans find themselves at lower values at the beginning of the scale. What does this scale measure?	<b>Eye colour</b> (1-2 blue iris ..... 14-15-16 dark brown and black iris)
64.	It is a National Park in Arizona, part of which extends into the Painted Desert. What is this natural feature full of fossils, which is also the name of a Humphrey Bogart and Bette Davis starrer, where it is used as a metaphor for the finality of life?	<b>The Petrified Forest</b>
65. ★ ★	This international music, arts and comedy festival held in Seattle, Washington every Labor Day weekend since 1971 is, appropriately enough for a rainy city like Seattle, named after a colloquial term for an umbrella. Name the festival.	<b>Bumbershoot</b> festival
66.	She fought in major battles including Trafalgar. She was the ship aboard which Napoleon finally surrendered. Known to sailors as the "Billy Ruffian", which is this ship named after a Greek hero?	HMS <b>Bellorophon</b>
67.	Traditionally this was announced by blowing a yobel, a trumpet made of a ram's horn. What modern English term for a special anniversary -especially a 50th- with cause for rejoicement comes about as a result?	<b>Jubilee</b>
68.	Its northern corner is known as the "the Iraqi corner", its western as "the Levantine corner", and its southern as "the Yemeni corner". What is located in the Eastern corner?	<b>The Black Stone</b> (no point for just Kaabah)
69.	Bertrand-François ___ de La Bourdonnais was a French naval officer and administrator in the service of the French East India Company. The largest island in the Seychelles and an enclave in Kerala, India are both named after him. What's the name?	<b>Mahe</b>
70.	London's famous fish market was once known for the foul language of its fishmongers. What is the name of the market that has since become synonymous with coarse language, and is today a word in English for foul-mouthed or obscene abuse?	<b>Billingsgate</b>
71. ★	This four-letter county in which the St Andrews Golf course is located, shares its name with a musical instrument, an abbreviation for the international cat registry, and an open source game engine. Name it	<b>Fife</b>
72.	Who is the only specialist wicket-keeper who has scored more than 10,000 runs in both ODI and Test cricket?	<b>Kumar Sangakkara</b>
73.	Which epic poem whose second half tells of the Trojans' victory over the Latins, begins with the statement Arma virumque cano - "I sing of arms and of a man"?	Virgil's <b>Aeneid</b>
74.	Pierce Egan, the 19th century British sports writer, is credited with inventing a three-word phrase to describe boxing that has since become synonymous with the sport, and has been used as the name of several magazines and online forums dedicated to boxing. What phrase?	<b>The Sweet Science</b>
75.	Featuring on the original scores of <i>Seven Years in Tibet</i> ; <i>Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon</i> ; and <i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i> , which friendly-friendly cellist is said to be the one of the nicest persons in the classical music business?	<b>Yo-Yo Ma</b> , whose generation name literally means friendly-friendly
76. ★	The Karaboudjan is the drug smuggling ship in the Tintin story <i>The Crab with the Golden Claws</i> . Crew of the ship include the infamous first mate Allan and Captain Haddock. Its name is supposedly in which language, regardless to the fact that this Eurasian country does not have a coastline. Which language or country?	<b>Armenian / Armenia</b>
77.	In the 17th century, fevers, marked by chills and recurring sweating (possibly malarial), were called ____, owing to their severity and sharpness. These two qualities are also applicable to a geometric measurement (that also sounds similar). Fill in the blank.	<b>Ague</b> . Acute angles share the same root
78.	With respect to what you find on their flags, complete this exhaustive list of countries: Belize, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Haiti and _____.	<b>Lebanon</b> - trees on flags
79.	Legendary rivals East Bengal FC and Mohun Bagan FC have a father-son duo as Chairmen. What surname?	<b>Mallya</b> (Vijay and Sidhartha)

80.	Also referred to as the Pilchard, what member of the Herring family is named after a Mediterranean island?	<b>Sardine</b>
81.	The Norwegian conglomerate Orkla's buying of which subdivision of a local company caused much comment in Bangalore around six years ago? Please be specific.	<b>MTR Foods</b>
82. ★ ★	The middle to upper-class youth in Nazi Germany who admired the British and American way of life and opposed the ideas of National Socialism were given a two-word name, on account of their musical tastes which ran to music played predominantly by black performers. What name, also the name of a 1993 film depicting a fictionalised group of _____ _____?	<b>Swing Kids OR Swing Youth OR Swingjugend</b>
83.	Dibakar Bannerjee's upcoming film will see Sushant Singh Rajput star in which title role - a character who featured in 33 stories along with his young friend and narrator Ajit, and was initially featured in the literary magazine Basumati in 1932?	<b>Byomkesh Bakshi</b>
84.	According to Roger Ebert, cars in high-speed movie chases that can shift through more gears than they have, are said to have the _____-shift in reference to which famous flick in which the car up-shifts more than 16 times?	<b>Bullitt</b>
85.	With nine medals to date, which alpine country is the smallest nation to win a medal in any Olympics, and the only nation to win a medal in the Winter Games but not in the Summer Games?	<b>Liechtenstein</b>
86.	Because of its connection to the number of the Beast, many Christians in 17th-century Europe saw this incident that destroyed 87 parish churches and about 13,000 houses as a fulfillment of the end of the world prophecy. What exactly was this scorcher of an incident?	<b>The Great Fire of London (also accept Fire of London)</b>
87.	First demonstrated by Léon Foucault, the time for one complete daily motion of stars around the Earth is 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.09 seconds. This equates to one day in what time-keeping system used by astronomers to keep track of the direction of a star?	<b>Sidereal time</b>
88.	In early 2012, torrent sites such as <i>The Pirate Bay</i> began offering a new category (alongside music, movies, TV shows and so on) known as "physibles", the word being a portmanteau of "physical" and "feasible". What are physibles?	<b>Designs used by 3D printers (variants are ok if 3D printers is in answer)</b>
89. ★	Widely quoted during the financial crisis of 2007, name the book written by Walter Bagehot in 1873, titled after the centre of the merchant, banking and insurance industries in the then capital of international finance?	<b>Lombard Street</b>
90.	The most abundant of the greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere, it is sort of a unique player in that the amount of this gas in the atmosphere cannot, in general, be directly modified by human behaviour. It is set by air temperatures- the warmer the surface, the greater the concentration of this gas in the lower atmosphere. Two-word answer.	<b>Water vapour</b>
91. ★ ★	Most of us strive for it in some field or the other including quizzing; in medieval systems of music notations what is the unit of duration equal to three tempora, akin to a three-beat?	<b>Perfection</b>
92.	Since Dec 2012, which football stadium serves as the home ground for four I-League teams in India - Churchill Brothers, Dempo, Salgaocar, and Sporting Clube de Goa?	<b>Duler Stadium (or) Mapusa Stadium</b>
93.	In 1856, the U.S. Congress passed the ----- Islands Act, which authorized Americans to lay claim to any deserted ----- islands they could find. Through the act, the U.S. did not come into much nitrogen for fertilizers; it did, however, acquire a host of minor territories, including Midway Island. FITB.	<b>Guano</b>
94.	One of the most prominent landmarks of this city is inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris; the romanized spelling of its name is of French origin. Name this capital city of a landlocked Asian country that shares the first four letters of its name with the capital city of another landlocked country in a different continent.	<b>Vientiane</b>

95. ★	What nine-letter word would you associate with a large sofa that can be converted into a bed; a small decorative writing desk, and an American tennis champion who won the Olympic Gold in 1996?	<b>Davenport.</b> Lindsay Davenport won the 1996 Olympic Gold
96.	<i>Eat Drink Man Woman</i> , a nominee for Best Foreign film in 1994 shows a romance between an older man and a younger woman that develops through lunchboxes. It doesn't happen through notes, but through the contents of the lunchbox, and the cook is the man- a famous Chinese chef in retirement. Name the director of the film, who is now a regular on the award circuit.	<b>Ang Lee</b>
97.	230 of them were constructed beginning from the 1st century B.C. 95 are in Italy, with the rest spread over France, Tunisia and other places. Name the most famous of them, which was christened after a massive statue of Nero that was located nearby.	<b>Colosseum</b> , after a colossal statue of Nero
98.	What word, now used mainly in the world of technology, derives from sailors' slang for any small mechanical thing or part of a ship for which they lacked, or had forgotten, a name?	<b>Gadget</b>
99.	Dictated by the diverse traditions of the school of Ju, the fundamental tenet of which philosophical system is the Golden Rule: Not to do to others as you wish not to be done to yourself.	<b>Confucianism</b>
100. ★ ★	Beginning with <i>A Man Lay Dead</i> in 1934, this NZ-born author has written 32 books featuring a gentleman detective called Roderick Alleyn. Her Maori first name is often mis-pronounced and means a tree, a bug that lives on it or simply "clever". Who is this Dame?	<b>Ngaio Marsh</b>
101.	This four-letter word for a type of wagon with a low wheel base and no side walls was also used for the type of large, heavy horses used to draw them, and for other difficult tasks such as ploughing fields. Today, the term is applied to any large horse, such as Shire horses, used for labour-intensive purposes. What word?	<b>Dray</b>
102.	Friederike Charlotte of Brandenburg-Schwedt was a German aristocrat and the last Princess-Abbess of Herford Abbey. In the second half of 18th century she received around 200 letters in French on science, mathematics and religion. The compiled version of these letters were widely read across Europe. Who was the writer?	Leonhard <b>Euler</b>
103.	One of the less serious effects of prolonged periods in zero-gravity is the swelling of facial tissues with fluid, resulting in an enlarged, rounded appearance of the head. This phenomenon has been called the "_____ Effect", after a fictional character with an existing NASA connection - to a "dress rehearsal" in 1969. Fill in the blanks.	<b>Charlie Brown</b>
104.	The Malaprabha river changed colour when Parashurama washed his bloodied axe after slaying the entire Kshatriya race. What stop on the Karnataka heritage trail gets its name from an exclamation of "Oh the river!" when some women noticed the water flowing red?	<b>Aihole</b> , from 'Ayyo Hole'
105.	This two-Oscar winner who made his acting debut on TV in 1978, is the only person to have received Oscar nominations in six different categories. Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas has a "Marrying him" photo-op, in which museum visitors can put on a wedding gown and stand next to his wax statue. Who?	George <b>Clooney</b>
106.	The ancient Israelites had a practice of anointing their kings with oil. The Hebrew word for this action later took on a more philosophical meaning of a leader who is anointed by God. What is this word that in the modern context is used to refer to a saviour or liberator?	<b>Messiah</b>
107. ★ ★	This place in Aurangabad district was the capital of Satavahana empire of ancient India. It was also home to Sants like Sant Dnyaneshwar and Sant Eknath. Today it is known for a special type of silk saree. Which place?	<b>Paithan</b> ( of Paithani sarees)
108.	A 15th and early 16th century hairstyle —a formidable hairpiece made of wire framework covered in ribbon, starched linen, and lace, was known in France as a "frontange," or tower. What was it called in English, a word that describes several pieces of furniture, and is also a euphemism for "toilet"?	<b>Commode</b>



109.	The current governor of Rajasthan is a senior Congress leader, and the daughter-in-law of freedom fighters Joachim and Violet, who were the first married couple in the Indian Parliament. What's their common surname?	<b>Alva</b>
110.	It is the largest subspecies of brown bear. Also known as the Alaskan Grizzly, what is the other name for this creature, one that it gets from a namesake archipelago in South-Western Alaska?	<b>Kodiak</b>
111.	The UNESCO World Heritage site "Great Living Chola temples" includes the Brihadisvara temple, the Gangakondacholisvara temple and the temple in Darasuram. What is the name of Siva and hence the name of the temple in Darasuram, that translates to "Lord of Indra's elephant" because the said elephant overcame a curse by bathing in the temple tank. No half-points.	<b>Airavatisvara/ Irvatisvara</b>
112. ★	The production of this multinational film involved nine different countries, hence it could not be specifically affiliated with any one of them. So it could not get the Academy nomination for Best Foreign Language Film. However it was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay and won the Academy Award for Best Original Song. Which film?	<b><i>The Motorcycle Diaries</i></b>
113.	In the food industry there are three scales used to measure specific gravity of a (usually sugar) solution - The Balling scale (older, rarely used) the Plato scale (used in brewing) and the ____ scale (widely used in the fruit-juice, carbonated beverage and, most frequently, in the wine-making industry, named after the German mathematician Adolph ____). Fill in the blanks	<b>Brix scale</b>
114.	The adjective form of this word came from the Latin word for "unhappy, wretched, pitiable, in distress," and is of unknown origin. The original sense of the word is now obsolete, and its modern meaning recorded in the 1560s, denotes a person exhibiting certain traits with regard to his money, and is representative of the presumed unhappiness of such people. Which word?	<b>Miser</b>
115.	In May 1944, after contracting malaria, Mahatma Gandhi was released from jail and went to the hill station of Panchgani to recuperate. A group of protestors shouted slogans against him and an attempt was made on Gandhi's life by a man rushing towards him with a dagger. Who?	Nathuram <b>Godse</b>
116.	Which actress was described by Empire magazine as "maybe the most honored actress on the planet", having won at the Oscars (in 1996), the Césars (in 1993), Berlin (in 1997), Cannes (in 2010), and Venice (in 1993), an unprecedented feat?	<b>Juliette Binoche</b>
117.	Less than three months after his death, the British Medical Journal published a paper titled "Hippocrates, -- -- and medical ethics", which argued that doctors had to be principled even if a high profile patient asks the attending physician to "Give in to me". Identify -- --.	<b>Michael Jackson</b>
118.	Give one word to connect [a] Twisted silk or cotton with cord wire running through it, used chiefly as upholstery trimming [b] Disability of walking due to crippling of legs or feet [c] An Open Source software used extensively as an alternative to Adobe Photoshop.	<b>GIMP</b>
119.	Much of this film was shot on location at an almost namesake address of #26 on the titular road, and showed a beautiful view of the Indian Museum, the Maidan along with adjoining landmarks such as the High Court, Governor House, and Shahid Minaar. Which movie?	<b>36 Chowringhee Lane</b>
120.	Sports lovers frequent the Newport Casino building in Rhode Island because it hosts a vast collection of memorabilia and honours the best players and contributors to a particular sport. What five word name is given to this home of legends?	<b>International Tennis Hall of Fame</b>
121.	This is an award given annually to the best new writer whose first work of science fiction or fantasy was published within the two previous calendar years. The award is named after a famous science fiction writer and editor of Analog Science Fiction and Fact. Who?	John W <b>Campbell</b>
122. ★	"Resistance to Tyranny is Obedience to God"- these words of Thomas Jefferson were quoted by Susan B. Anthony at her trial in 1873. She was fined \$100 for her act of civil disobedience. What exactly was her "crime"?	<b>Voting/ she voted</b>

123.	More than 60 years after the release of the play, people still disagree on how the name of the title figure should be spoken. Those who prefer the accent on the second syllable say the alternate view- which prefers the accent on the first syllable- is not what the playwright intended, with its obvious suggestion of the Almighty. A third view is "the French way, with equal emphasis on both syllables". Just write down that elusive name, no wrong spellings please.	<b>Godot</b> (god-OH or GOD-oh or GOD-OH)
124.	This heptalogy, consisting of Copacabana (1947), Mr. Music (1951), Double Dynamite (1951), A Girl in Every Port (1952), Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (1957), The Mikado (1960) and Skidoo (1968), starred a performer who felt he had outgrown the comedic team he had been a part of. The critical consensus, though, was that they were not a patch on his earlier team efforts. Name the performer.	<b>Groucho Marx</b>
125.	Getting its oxygen directly through the air, which is the only tissue in the human body that requires no blood supply?	<b>Cornea</b>
126.	It is the recommended five-letter ending for antibiotics derived from a particular order of filamentous, rod-shaped bacteria. What is this ending, so called because the bacteria from which the substances were first derived were originally mistaken for fungi?	<b>Mycin</b> (from the Greek Mykos for fungi)
127.	With 32 known species, all native to the Americas, which reptile is named because of the sound produced due to the rapid movement of its tail to deter predators?	<b>Rattlesnake</b>
128. ★	The black notebook deals with Africa and the novel the protagonist wrote from her experiences there; the red notebook chronicles her Communist Party days; the yellow is an autobiographical novel within the larger novel; the blue is a diary of sorts. So, at the end, which one brings together ideas and thoughts from the other sections?	<b>The Golden Notebook</b> (by Doris Lessing)
129.	In 2006 the US Senate passed a resolution to honor this person with the highest American Civil Award citing 'he has saved more lives than any other person that has ever lived'. Regarded as the creator of the Norin 10, who is this person?	Dr Norman <b>Borlaug</b> (father of green revolution)
130.	In 1975, it was discovered that the standard set revealed an interesting dietary message: "I AM DIETING. I EAT QUINCE JELLY. LOTS OF GROUND MAIZE GIVES VARIETY. I COOK RHUBARB AND SODA, WEEP ANEW, OR PUT ON EXTRA FLESH." What are these sentences comprised of?	The <b>standard Scrabble tile set</b> . (just <b>Scrabble tiles</b> is acceptable; Only "Scrabble" will not do)
131.	In 2007, British chef James Martin presented a BBC TV series in which he focused on desserts, puddings and cakes. The show was named after the title track of a breakthrough 1970 album by one of the best-selling folk musicians of all time, a song which was originally written as a lullaby to the singer's nephew. Name the song.	<b>Sweet Baby James</b> (song originally written by James Taylor)
132.	This gland in the human body, situated in the upper abdomen, looks like an inverted smoker's pipe. It secretes Glucagon and Somatostatin. What other hormone, one that profoundly affects metabolism, does it produce?	<b>Insulin</b> (in the Pancreas)
133.	The vertical flow of air in the atmosphere, or the expansion of an interstellar gas cloud are examples of what process, so named because it occurs without loss or gain of heat?	<b>Adiabatic process</b>
134.	This Indian State's capital shares its name with a river, which is a tributary of a river that shares its name with the State. Name the state where baseball has been played since it was brought in by American armed forces who were stationed in the region during WW II to counter a potential Japanese invasion of India through Burma.	<b>Manipur</b>
135.	"When We Held Kings: The Oral History of the 2003 _____" was the title of an article published by Grantland.com, telling the story of the pivotal 2003 edition of a tournament that has been held, in varying formats, since 1970. Name it.	<b>World Series Of Poker</b>
136. ★ ★	An epic poem written by the Persian poet Hamdollah Mostowfi, it is compiled in 75,000 couplets, and explores Iranian history from the Arab conquest to the Mongols. The poem shares its name with a couple of other Persian works that extol the victories of Timur. It is also the name of a letter sent by Guru Gobind Singh to Aurangazeb. What is this Book of Victory?	<b>Zafarnama</b>

137.	Schoenberg's style of composition beginning around 1908 was dubbed "atonal" by most commentators, a term which he never liked. What term did Schoenberg prefer, obtained by inserting two letters into "atonal", and thereby implying that the style freely used all 12 tones of the 12-edo chromatic scale?	<b>Pantonal</b>
138.	Whose death, re-enacted in a manner similar to the Passion Play, is mourned on the day of Ashura?	<b>Husayn</b> (grandson of Prophet Muhammed). Ashura is the 10th day of Muharram
139.	What is the name of the technique of resist wrapping and dyeing practiced in Rajasthan which creates wavy lines?	<b>Leharia</b> or <b>Lahariya</b>
140.	"A time between ashes and roses is coming/When everything will be extinguished/When everything shall begin." These lines by Syrian-Lebanese poet Adonis, allude to his emotions about something that got its name from occurrences between June 5-10, 1967. What?	<b>Six-Day War</b>
141.	The highest-grossing film of the year of Dolly the sheep and the winner of both the Pulitzer and PEN fiction prizes for that year share a name, but are otherwise unrelated. The book is about a trip in the titular weekend and the movie had the tagline "Don't make plans for August". What is the title?	<b>Independence day</b>
142.	He organized the 1907 Tiflis bank robbery, which resulted in several deaths and the stealing of 250,000 rubles. He incited strikes and raised money through robberies, kidnappings and extortion. Who is this steely person who was captured and sent to Siberia seven times, but always escaped?	<b>Stalin</b> , who gets his name from 'steel'
143. ★ ★	Cultural commentator Melvyn Bragg's list of Twelve Books that Changed the World includes this book which was compiled in 1863 by Ebenezer Cobb Morley. The book describes 13 laws and defines terms like hacking, holding, tripping, touch and a fair catch. What is this book about?	<b>Football</b> (The 1863 Football Association Minute Book)
144.	The working title of which smash hit multi-platform video game, the sequel to which was released earlier this year, was "Lawn Of The Dead"?	<b>Plants vs. Zombies</b>
145.	The message of the 2012 Richard Ashcroft documentary was that socially organised violence, debt, iniquity, and poverty, control our lives today. Ashcroft explains, "... if they are not arrested the planet will gallop to a logical conclusion." What is the bible-inspired name of the movie?	<b>Four Horsemen</b> (after the Horsemen of the Apocalypse, in the Book of Revelations)
146.	During the Renaissance in Italy, orphanages were attached to hospitals. The orphans were given a musical education and the term for orphans gradually began to be applied to music schools. How could we refer to an educational institution specialized in the study, training and research of music today?	<b>Conservatory</b> , from conservati (orphans)
147. ★	A travelogue by Robert Byron published in 1930s is titled "The road to X". X is the region around the river Amu Darya in central Asia, and is derived from the name that the Greeks used for the Amu river. ID X.	<b>Oxiana</b>
148.	Robbie Williams' eighth solo studio album, Reality Killed The Video Star, was released in 2009. Who, rather fittingly, produced the album?	<b>Trevor Horn</b> (of The Buggles).
149.	In July 1805, one of the persons involved carved his name into the soft rock of what he called Pompeys Tower, near Billings, Montana. This is said to be the only physical evidence of what journey of exploration?	<b>Lewis and Clark Expedition</b>
150.	In an article earlier this year, Ramachandra Guha compared the Fab Five instrumentalists of Indian music, with the Fab Five of Indian cricket. He compared a famous shehnai player to this opening batsman, because he thought both were joyful and guileless. Name the cricketer.	<b>Virender Sehwag</b>