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RULES

- Time allowed: **90 minutes**
- ★ -ed questions will resolve ties if needed
- When the answer is a person's name a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
- The first 13 answers might be lucky for you if you can figure out the pattern in those answers!
- Wait for start signal; please check that you have 8 printed sides, with 100 questions
- No negative marking
- A wrong first name but correct surname will count as a wrong answer
- Mobiles, Smartphones and similar gadgets must be switched off

TOTAL

STARS

★

1	In the original Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson had just returned from serving the Second Anglo-Afghan war in Afghanistan. In the TV series Sherlock, set in 2010-2014, Doctor Watson has just returned from serving in war in which country?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	During World War II, what popular name was given to the largest conventional bomb used by the RAF, also known as the HC or cookie, as it could destroy an entire length of houses along the city streets?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	The train from Gorakhpur to Kanpur honours the memory of the martyrs of which incident in Indian history in 1922 that brought a halt to the Non-cooperation Movement in the Indian independence struggle?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	The French Territory of Afars and Issas was formed after the region chose not to join the neighbouring and newly independent Somalia. A decade later it voted for independence from France. What much shorter 8-letter name did it rename itself to?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	In which part of the human body would you find bones named the hammer, anvil and stirrup?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Which pasta gets its name from the fact that it seems to have been spun and hence looks like a corkscrew?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	It is believed that after the flooding of Dwarka, Brihaspati and Vayu found a deity floating in the deluge. They took custody of the idol and searched for a suitable place to install it. Guided by Parashurama, where in Kerala was the deity finally installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	In which school do you need first pass the O.W.L. examinations and then the advanced N.E.W.T. level?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 ★	Which bulky herbivore dinosaurs were named because it was felt that their teeth, found in fossils, resembled those of herbivorous lizards that are nowadays found in Mexico, Central and South America?	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Two SCA (Shuttle Carrier Aircraft) have carried all Space Shuttles starting from the very first one. They are nothing but modified versions of which prolific commercial airplane?	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Due to security issues with having India's Western fleet in Mumbai harbour, which was also used by commercial, tourist and fishing ships, the idea of a dedicated west coast naval base was conceived. It was eventually commissioned in 2005 and named INS Kadamba. In which North Karnataka coastal town is it based?	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Most modern passports follow a common format - they identify the passport holder, ask for protection while abroad and give the holder the right to return. This format was originated by which entity?	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Which tiny Special Administrative Region is now said to be the world's biggest gambling centre?	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	This dynasty is said to have started as a feudatory of the Kushans. It lasted for more than two centuries and is considered to have ended with the arrival of Harsha Vardhana. Name this dynasty whose time produced the scholars Aryabhata, Kalidasa and Varahamihira amongst others.	<input type="checkbox"/>



15	We are currently in the Cenozoic era. Before that came the Mesozoic. And before that came an era whose name comes from the Greek for "old". It was a time which saw the fastest and most widespread diversification of life in Earth's history. Name that geological era.	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	If its first President was Kwame Nkrumah, and it was created from four separate parts including the Gold Coast and the Colony of Ashanti, which country are we talking about?	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	The United Kingdom Post Office produced the first of these in concrete in 1920 and designated it as 'K1'. It was not of the familiar colour we associate with it nowadays. Few survive, but one still is in use in Kingston-upon-Hull. What was the K1?	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 ★	Which South Indian hill station is said to get its name from its location at the confluence of three rivers (Madhurapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundaly)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	The third part of the Hunger Games trilogy is going to be split and released as two movies in 2014 & 2015. What bird name will they have?	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Born James Howlett, but usually called Logan. Which comic character, who claims "I'm the best there is at what I do, but what I do best isn't very nice"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Which Sufi mystic's followers and son founded the Order of the Whirling Dervishes, aligning with the mystic's passionate belief in the use of music, poetry and dance as a path for reaching God?	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Leaded fuels are now being phased out due to environmental concerns. But gasoline with agents like Tetraethyllead (TEL) was originally introduced to increase the fuel's octane rating and prevent uncontrolled combustion. What is such an agent known as?	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	The most visited museum in The Netherlands saw a record 2.2 million visitors in 2013. It has a collection of over 1 million artifacts of which about 8000 are on display, perhaps The Night Watch and The Milkmaid are the best-known. What is this museum called?	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 ★	Which South American capital city is named after James (also known as Jacob), who was one of Jesus's twelve apostles?	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	If Japan is the land of the rising sun, then which Indian state literally means the land of the dawn-lit mountains?	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 ★	Which 15th century composition in Sanskrit by Prativadi Bhayankara Annangacharya of Kanchipuram is widely heard in the mornings at homes and temples across South India?	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Which small-town NFL (National Football League) team's name refers to a local meat industry company that sponsored its first uniforms?	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Texts sent enciphered on Germany's Enigma machine were first broken by mathematicians from which country? They later shared these techniques with the British and French, swaying the tide of the war.	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Which cuddly looking bear has the scientific name <i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i> which literally means "black and white cat-foot"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Martin Scorsese's biopic The Aviator was based on the life of which eccentric and multi-faceted film producer, aviator and industrialist?	<input type="checkbox"/>



31	Complete this very famous line uttered on 20 July 1969, "That's one small step for [a] man, _____".	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	_____ can be played in three different ways: French, American and Californian. There is a Russian too, but that is neither Russian nor _____. Fill the blank.	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	The four-word nickname "_____ of the Orient" can refer to any of these places: Hong Kong, Shanghai, Penang and the Philippines. Fill the blank with a valuable product of the sea.	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Fill this quote by Napoleon with the name of a country: "_____, the Sleeping Giant!. Let it sleep. For if it wakes up, it will shake the world".	<input type="checkbox"/>
35	There is just one letter more in the term for fear of human beings compared to the term for fear of flowers. What is the letter?	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	Goethe Institutes are centres across the world to popularize German heritage and be a platform to connect with the local culture. By what alternative name of a German Indophile are they referred to in India?	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	As a tribute to their climate, both Queensland and Florida use the nickname "The _____ State?"	<input type="checkbox"/>
38 ★	The dictionary definition of this word suggests Indian origin. The etymology of the word suggests Egyptian origin. Which wandering group of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	A squat grey building of only thirty-four stories. Over the main entrance the words "Central London Hatchery and Conditioning Centre" and, in a shield, the World State's motto: "Community, Identity, Stability". Opening lines of which 1932 novel that took its title from lines in a Shakespeare work?	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	This eight letter adjective is defined by the Merriam Webster dictionary as "hopeful or romantic in a way that is not practical". It is derived from a character of a famous book first published in Spanish in 1605. Name the word.	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	The Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence, a group of retired CIA officers, gives away the Sam Adams Award every year to someone who has taken a stand for integrity and ethics in the world of intelligence. Who won the award in 2013?	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	Name the country whose spelling can be created by jumbling the letters from the chemical symbols of the following elements: Gold, Potassium, Tungsten, and Titanium.	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	Who was blessed thus: One child to kill Bheeshma, one to kill Drona and one to split the household?	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	The movies Kabuliwala (1961) by Bimal Roy, Upahar (1971) by Subhendu Roy and Lekin (1991) by Gulzar are all based on which Nobel Prize winner's works?	<input type="checkbox"/>
45 ★	Who was the first person in independent India to hold the title "Deputy Prime Minister" of India?	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	Which famous structure completed over 1957-1973 was based on the segments of an orange?	<input type="checkbox"/>



47	Ollie, kickflip, frontside and backside airs, grinds, nose grinds, lipslides and 50-50 grinds - moves in which sport?	<input type="checkbox"/>
48	In the mid 1930's the British government asked its scientists to research radio waves with an idea of creating death-ray weapons against enemy planes. Only a few weeks into his research, Robert Watson-Watt stumbled upon the possibility of using radio waves for what other military purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>
49	They sit in the ear and feed off the brainwaves of other people, excreting those frequencies into your ear so that you can understand what they're saying, whatever the language. You may also know this as an online technology which does much the same. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
50	Identify the comic character in Italian commedia tradition, usually masked and wearing a tight-fitting chequered costume?	<input type="checkbox"/>
51 ★	Which 1963 film, banned in India and based on a Stanley Wolpert book, attempted to explore the motivations of Gandhiji's assassin Nathuram Godse?	<input type="checkbox"/>
52	Which 'undesirable' score in cricket connects to a hold in wrestling where a wrestler places his arm under his opponent's arm and applies pressure to the back of his opponent's neck and a distinguished British military leader?	<input type="checkbox"/>
53	What word in its singular can mean any of: a kind of silk fabric; a color described as 'moderate reddish orange'; a pomegranate-flavored syrup used in preparing cocktails & mixed drinks? Also it is the name of an island chain in the Caribbean when plural.	<input type="checkbox"/>
54	There are two techniques in this sport. The glide is for beginners and requires sidestepping before discharge. The more advanced spin technique requires one to start facing backward and then spin 180 degrees to the front of the circle before discharge. Name the sport, a feature of the summer Olympics since 1896.	<input type="checkbox"/>
55	The story had been separately set to music by Jacopo Peri, Claudio Monteverdi, Henry Purcell and von Gluck in the past but it is the fun, satirical and partly debauched 1858 version by Jacques Offenbach that we know best. Which story/composition drawn from Greek mythology is this?	<input type="checkbox"/>
56	Which 19th century composer introduced the concept of the Leitmotif, where each character is given a short musical phrase that recurs in the composition at the points where they are at the forefront of the action?	<input type="checkbox"/>
57	If it is 'The Seven-Per-Cent Solution' in the Holmes canon, what is the equivalent addiction in the TV series House M.D?	<input type="checkbox"/>
58 ★	The object that he wore was actually made of black velvet stiffened with whale-bone and fastened behind the head with a padlock. He was buried under the name of Marchioly and the popular misconception relating to him originates from the writings of Voltaire. Who are we talking about?	<input type="checkbox"/>
59	The Trans Siberian Railway is the longest railway line in the world. Since 1916, it has connected Moscow with which major port city that lies at the head of the Golden Horn Bay?	<input type="checkbox"/>



60	Taking its name from the Greek roots for "to grow" and "to write", which device that measures growth in plants, was invented by Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose in the early 20th century?	<input type="checkbox"/>
61	If it's Celtics for Basketball, Bruins for Ice Hockey and the New England Patriots for American Football, what is the local state/city team for Baseball?	<input type="checkbox"/>
62	Sir Jonathan Ive is the influential designer and Human Interface Software leader of which company?	<input type="checkbox"/>
63	Grammar, logic and _____ were the three topics of basic education in Ancient Rome and were collectively called trivia. Fill in the blank with a word that is usually used to describe a question that is asked without expecting an answer	<input type="checkbox"/>
64 ★	The brand name of the new Dove range of hair oils, which word comes from Arabic and was used for a magical potion that had miraculous curing properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>
65	While there are three Christian majority states in India, which is the only one that has 90% of its population practising the religion?	<input type="checkbox"/>
66	The first letter of which famous car brand, when expanded, refers to the region which is the second-largest state in Germany?	<input type="checkbox"/>
67	This trilogy of movies had critics raving about the car stunts and action sequences. Directed by George Miller, the second movie in 1981 was called "The Road Warrior". Identify this trilogy with a two-word name that is also the name of the first movie in the set, from 1979.	<input type="checkbox"/>
68	Which recently shut-down website is reported to have been responsible for more than half of the daily trading volume of Bitcoins around the world?	<input type="checkbox"/>
69	What name is given to the series of wars between Rome and Carthage, which is also the name the Romans gave to the Carthagians referencing their Phoenician ancestry?	<input type="checkbox"/>
70 ★	The Marvelous Orange Tree is a well-known magic trick, made famous by a 19th Century French magician, from whom Erich Weiss took his stage name. Who?	<input type="checkbox"/>
71	<i>Jab Tak Hain Jaan</i> saw which actor, playing a cameo role, reunite on screen with Shahrukh Khan, 20 years after the latter's debut movie, <i>Deewana</i> ? Full name please.	<input type="checkbox"/>
72	Zoya Akhtar's story in the anthology <i>Bombay Talkies</i> is about a little boy from a middle-class Mumbai home who wants to be the eponymous character from a hit song that featured in a 2010 Hindi film. Which character?	<input type="checkbox"/>
73	Corals depend on certain unicellular algae called zooxanthellae for their coloration. Due to environmental stress, corals may expel their zooxanthellae, which leads to a lighter or completely white appearance of the corals. What is this phenomenon called?	<input type="checkbox"/>
74	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> , also called the carrot top weed, is considered the most common weed in India. Its invasion in India, since 1955, has been estimated to be about 35 million hectares, and it adapts and grows in all climatic conditions. What colloquial name is given to it, referencing Indian politics?	<input type="checkbox"/>



75	What is common to the batting position of the highest individual scorers for India in the three cricket World Cup finals that the team has played in?	<input type="checkbox"/>
76	Derived from the Greek word meaning wind, what is the name of the instrument used to measure wind speed in weather stations?	<input type="checkbox"/>
77	Succeeding Dr Zakir Hussain and preceding Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, who is the only person to have served as both an acting president and president of India?	<input type="checkbox"/>
78 ★	Havisham, by Ronald Frame is a new novel that imagines the life of Catherine Havisham from her privileged childhood to her macabre death scene that we would have read in which classic 19th Century novel by Charles Dickens?	<input type="checkbox"/>
79	Which Asian country was nicknamed the Shellfare State, an allusion to how that oil company dominates this country's economy?	<input type="checkbox"/>
80	Which suit in a standard deck of playing cards has a name that derives from the Spanish word for a kind of sword?	<input type="checkbox"/>
81	Which is the only combat sport in the Olympics which has no weight classes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
82	Professionals use something that is made using cork and geese feathers (specifically plucked only from the left wing). Ordinary folk usually just settle for the plastic variant. What am I talking about?	<input type="checkbox"/>
83	What shipping and navigational safety device was invented by Robert Foullis after he walked home in fog and realised he could only hear the low notes of his daughter's piano practice?	<input type="checkbox"/>
84	Spanish officials in the reign of Charles V would tie up documents with rope, except the ones that needed to be discussed further on the Council of State. What did they bind those documents with, resulting in a phrase that survives in the English language even today?	<input type="checkbox"/>
85	The registration code of the Dutch royal jet is PH-KBX. What does the BX stand for?	<input type="checkbox"/>
86 ★	The Chinese called him Kong Fuzi (literally, Master Kong). How does the rest of the world know this philosopher?	<input type="checkbox"/>
87	Which diminutive person has the most nominations for the Best Original Screenplay Oscar with 15 (so far)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
88	What word, associated most frequently with cigarettes, is used to refer to small or incomplete articles on Wikipedia?	<input type="checkbox"/>
89	The comic book superheroine Wonder Woman is a warrior princess of which mythological race that is also the name of a large river?	<input type="checkbox"/>
90	When USA moved from the two-letter codes of the National Weather Service (NWS) to the three-lettered IATA codes, what letter did the cities of Los Angeles, Portland, Phoenix, etc. append to their existing NWS codes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
91	A mental condition that is marked by a patient's belief that he or she is the star of an imaginary reality show is appropriately named after which 1998 movie?	<input type="checkbox"/>



92	The numbers on a roulette wheel add up to what number, thus prompting many wisecracks about the evils of gambling?	<input type="checkbox"/>
93 ★	What four-sided iron lattice structure served as the entrance arch to the 1889 World's Fair? The World's Fair may be long gone, but the structure that served as the entrance arch still draws millions of tourists.	<input type="checkbox"/>
94	The name of which fictional movie character is a portmanteau of the Japanese words for a gorilla and a whale?	<input type="checkbox"/>
95 ★	After the 23rd Amendment was ratified in 1961, the residents of which city could finally vote in US Presidential elections?	<input type="checkbox"/>
96	The world's first autonomous (self-riding) motorcycle was named after something from the world of comics and movies. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
97	With over 800 movies, which author has the most number of adaptations of his work?	<input type="checkbox"/>
98	Martin Cooper is considered by many to be a modern day Alexander Graham Bell because he invented the cellphone. At the time of his invention, he was an employee of which company?	<input type="checkbox"/>
99	Which tennis player was nicknamed the 'Crocodile', thus explaining the logo of the clothing company he later went on to form?	<input type="checkbox"/>
100 ★	In the Celebrity Cricket League (CCL), who captained the Kerala Strikers?	<input type="checkbox"/>

