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## Rules

- Time allowed: $\mathbf{9 0}$ minutes
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- Questions marked with $\star / \star \star$ will resolve ties (first total stars, and if still unresolved, count of double stars)
- No negative marking
- No half marks for any question
- When the answer is a person's name a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
- A wrong first name but correct surname will count as a wrong answer
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| 1 | The official name of Guyana is the $\qquad$ Republic of Guyana, the only country in the world to have this prefix. Which prefix that will remind you of Banks and Societies in India? |  | $\square$ |
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| 2 | In July 2016, Sky TV released a documentary titled The Fall in which the two protagonists come together to tell the story of their infamous clash that happened 32 years earlier. Identify the two people in question. |  | $\square$ |
| 3 | The ancient Sassanid Army of Persia differentiated various levels in the army by dressing them in different colours. What common English word owes its origin to this practice? |  | $\square$ |
| 4 | Self assembling robots, airbags, satellite solar panels, heart stents, and expandable lithium-ion batteries are just some of the products being designed and developed based on the prinicples of this age-old art form. What is it? |  | $\square$ |
| 5 | This word, surprisingly, was made up by van Helmont in the 17th century from the Greek word that also gave us 'chaos.' This was probably because he realized that there were many types of $\qquad$ , as evidenced by his discovery of carbon dioxide. What simple word? |  | $\square$ |
| 6 | The Romans gave three distinctions for this activity: basium, osculum and savium. Basium: between acquaintances; osculum: between friends; and savium: between lovers. What? |  | $\square$ |
| 7 | In geography, this is an area or ridge of land that separates waters, which then flow into two different rivers, basins, or seas. The word is also metaphorically used to refer to a major historical event or period marking a turning point. Which word? |  | $\square$ |
| 8 | Faux, pageant, fish, androgynous, camp, goth, trans, fluid, tranimal, activessle and club are all (non-exhaustive) styles of what LGBTQ subculture? |  | $\square$ |
| 9 | This event happened in February 1983 at Bhind in Madhya Pradesh. Ideally, it should have been Uttar Pradesh where much of the action had taken place, but the protagonist did not trust the UP authorities and insisted on MP as the venue. It took place before the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Goddess Durga as per the request of the protagonist. The onlookers included a crowd of around 10,000 people and 300 policemen, apart from the then Chief Minister of MP, Arjun Singh. What event are we talking about? |  | $\square$ |
| 10 | The expression non sunt multiplicanda entia sine necessitate is better known to us after a small village in Surrey where its proponent was born. Which two-word phrase? |  | $\square$ |
| 11 | What eight-letter word connects an especially violent player on an ice hockey team, a member of Megakat City law enforcement in the series SWAT Kats, a Marvel character with the alter ego Charles Delazney Jr., and the third film in the Dirty Harry series? |  | $\square$ |
| 12 | A capital "O", a left bracket, a plus symbol and a less-than sign in that order and with no spaces in between, was the workaround used by writers and journalists who did not receive a special floppy disk from Warner Brothers Records in 1993 with this pre-made symbol. What symbol, in the news again earlier this year, was approximated by using these four characters? |  | $\square$ |
| 13 | He made his directorial debut with the 1989 TV series Circus starring Shahrukh Khan and Ashutosh Gowariker. Four out of the five movies directed by him had SRK in the lead, starting with Raju Ban Gaya Gentleman in 1992, while the last movie he directed (Kismat Konnection) had the actor as the narrrator. Identify this writer-director-producer whose brother incidentally is a much more famous director, known for his long movie titles with the protagonist's name. |  | $\square$ |
| 14 | In one of the rare instances of non-sportspersons lighting the Olympic flame, two 15-year old teenagers, Stephane Prefontaine and Sandra Henderson lit it together, the first time this has happened. They were chosen to represent the unity within the host country's linguistic heritage. Which Olympics? |  | $\square$ |
| $\left.\begin{gathered} 15 \\ \star \star \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | A monument erected by Britain in this Normandy town to those killed in the Battle of Normandy during WW2 reads nos a gulielmo victi victoris patriam liberavimus - freely translated, this means "We, once conquered by William, have now set free the Conqueror's native land." Name this town synonymous with a famous cultural artifact. |  | $\square$ |
| 16 | Developed as part of a 1952 contest, it competed against three other potential mascots for the public's affection: Katy the Kangaroo, Elmo the Elephant, and Newt the Gnu. Within the year, the other mascots were dropped (with Elmo and Newt never once gracing the front of the box). Identify this mascot that has become an icon in its field. |  | $\square$ |


| 17 | Considered by Hindus to be an incarnation of the Divine Trinity, he is typically shown with three heads and six hands, one head each for Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and a pair of hands holding the symbolic items associated with each. The first part of his means "given", as the Trinity have "given" themselves in the form of a son to the sage couple Atri and Anasuya. The second part of his name signifies this parentage. Identify. |  | $\square$ |
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| 18 $\star$ $\star$ | This was a unit described by Theodore Maiman, the inventor of the first working laser, as an early measure of laser output power. Due to the relative uniformity of these products, the measure had some usefulness as a rough comparison. Thus, scientists would brag about having a "4 $\qquad$ " laser versus their competitor's puny "2 $\qquad$ " laser. Identify this unit named after the brand-name of a personal care product. |  | $\square$ |
| 19 | He is generally credited with the invention of correspondence courses. He first proposed his eponymous method in 1837 and by the 1840s was teaching it at his "Phonetic Institute" in Bath, Great Britain. He was also mailing instructional information on the techniques of the method to anyone requesting the material, for the small sum of a penny, the cost of postage at that time. Who OR what? |  | $\square$ |
| 20 | Named after the Italian city where it was built, this research bathyscaphe reached the deepest known part of the Earth's oceans, the Challenger Deep, in the Mariana Trench on 23 January 1960, with Jacques Piccard and US Navy Lieutenant Don Walsh. The name is familiar to us from the 5 March 1946 "Sinews of Peace" address at Westminster College. What? |  | $\square$ |
| 21 $\star$ | This medical procedure saved more lives during the US Civil War than any other wartime medical procedure by instantly turning complex injuries into simple ones. Battlefield surgeons eventually took no longer than six minutes for this procedure. Even in deplorable conditions, they lost only about $25 \%$ of their patients - compared to a $75 \%$ mortality rate among similarly injured civilians at the time. Which medical procedure? |  | $\square$ |
| 22 | This term is used to denote the phenomenon in religious communities for difficulties faced by women who seek to gain a role within church leadership. It is a slight variation of the term used in the corporate world in a similar context, and refers to an item that is an integral part of church architecture and artwork. Which term? |  | $\square$ |
| 23 | According to historians, this is the oldest device of personal hygiene still used by humans. The skulls of Neanderthals, as well as Homo sapiens, have shown clear signs of usage of this item.Versions made of bronze, silver and mastic wood have been found as burial objects in prehistoric graves in Northern Italy and in the East Alps. Their use was also well known in Mesopotamia. Which item that is made available in all modern-day restaurants? |  | $\square$ |
| 24 | The first empirical research on this phenomenon well-known to quizzers was undertaken by Harvard researchers Roger Brown and David McNeill and published in 1966 in the Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior. Brown and McNeill wanted to determine if the feeling of imminent retrieval experienced was based on actual retrieval ability or was just an illusion. Which phenomenon / condition usually referred to by a 4 -word phrase? |  | $\square$ |
| 25 $\star$ | In 1973, after retiring as Chairman of his eponymous company, he moved to his estate Touffou in France. While no longer involved in day-to-day operations, he stayed in touch. His correspondence so dramatically increased the volume of mail handled in the nearby town of Bonnes that the post office was reclassified at a higher status and the postmaster's salary raised. His autobiography was titled Blood, Brains and Beer. Who? |  | $\square$ |
| 26 | This city on the Umgeni river lays claim both to having the most Indians outside of India, and being the largest container port in its continent. Vasco da Gama first sighted it in 1497, and christened it with the name now used for the province where it lies. Which city? |  | $\square$ |
| 27 | The Spanish Tragedie, or $\qquad$ , an Elizabethan play by Thomas Kyd contained elements such as the play-within-a-play used to trap a murderer and a ghost intent on vengeance, and is thus considered the forerunner of Hamlet. The subtitle is more familiar to us as a part of which seminal 1922 literary work? OR, just fill in. |  | $\square$ |
| 28 | In God with Revolver, Rene Ricard called it a "vicious cabal of warring factions." A 35-minute film of this "cold, frightening, forbidding place" is dominated by DeVeren Bookwalter's changing facial expressions. A sex club called The Toilet inspired "ghost pissers" like Victor Hugo to come here and urinate to produce "oxidation paintings." A notorious assassination attempt at this place was perpetrated by the author of the S.C.U.M Manifesto, which advocated that all males should be exterminated. Identify the location, where films and silkscreen prints were produced with equal abandon. |  | $\square$ |


| $\stackrel{29}{\star}$ ^ | William Gladsdale led a surprise attack on a bridge, but died when the iron bars of a window lacerated his face after a small child fired a cannon at them. Thomas de Montacute, the Earl of Salisbury, also died of a cannon wound while storming the Tournelles. John Fastolfe laid a trap of salted fish during a part of this clash called the Battle of the Herrings. A council at Chinon approved the involvement of another commander, who entered the central locale by taking a ship down the Loire River, before rallying the people and storming forts around that city, making it the turning point of the Hundred Years' War. Name the battle OR the inspirational commander. | $\square$ |
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| 30 | Its existence was first postulated by the Estonian astronomer Ernst Öpik, but we will only have direct physical evidence when Voyager 1 reaches it in about 300 years. The idea was revived by a Dutch astronomer, after whom it is now named, as a means to resolve a paradox. Its outer limit defines the cosmographical boundary of the Solar System. What? | $\square$ |
| 31 | At Eton, he modernised the white school cravat and added a gold buckle to it. He is credited with introducing the modern men's suit, worn with a necktie; and the fashion of understated, but perfectly fitted and tailored bespoke garments, based on dark coats, full-length trousers, immaculate shirt linen and an elaborately knotted cravat. He took five hours a day to dress, and recommended that boots be polished with champagne. More seriously, his personal habits, such as a fastidious attention to cleaning his teeth, shaving, and daily bathing popularized personal hygiene in high society. Who? | $\square$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 32 \\ \star \end{gathered}$ | Christian tradition conflates this figure with the Regina Austri, or Queen of the South, described as "dark, but comely." Josephus says she introduced balsam to the Holy Land. She is Bilqis in the Quran, but scholars agree that her story there is derived from a Jewish midrash. The Luhya people of Kenya call her Nakuti. But the most detailed description of her legend is found in the Ethiopian Kebra Nagast, which names her Makeda. Who? | $\square$ |
| 33 | The story goes that this man started to write a book assisted by Sulpicius Flavus, but during an initial public reading couldn't stop laughing at a fat man in the audience who broke the bench on which he sat. When a killer whale became trapped in the harbor at Ostia, he ordered it to be covered in nets so he could battle it. Who was this reluctant stutterer who became Emperor, and probably died of having been fed a poisoned mushroom by his wife? | $\square$ |
| 34 | According to legend, the sage Jamadagni (the father of Parashurama) was once practicing archery on the beach, while his wife Renuka retrieved the spent arrows. The sun and sand were hot and hurt her delicate feet, so she tarried. Jamadagni, on learning the cause for the delay, grew furious with the Sun and aimed a deadly arrow at it; upon which Surya the SunGod appeared bearing two separate gifts for humanity. Name both - no half points. | $\square$ |
| 35 | He was a second cousin of Alexander the Great and his Roman parallel in Plutarch's Lives was Gaius Marius, the uncle of Julius Caesar. He was born in Epirus and ruled Sicily, but his life was defined by his lifelong battles with Rome. He was fighting a soldier at Argos, when the soldier's old mother watching from a rooftop threw a tile that knocked him from his horse and killed him. He is chiefly remembered today for his aside on the pivotal Battle of Asculum. Who? | $\square$ |
| 36 | A condyloid joint is a type of anatomical joint that consists of an ovoid prominence at the end of one bone (or set of bones) that fits into an elliptical cavity in another. It is similar to the ball-and-socket joint, but allows movement in only two planes of motion (as opposed to all three, in the case of the ball-and-socket joint). What is the biggest condyloid joint in the human body? | $\square$ |
| 37 | Though the Manusmriti states that the first thirteen of them were created to accompany the first seven Manus, some sources derive their birth from the union of Arishta (or Muni) and Kasyapa. Most accounts, however, trace their origin to the Churning of the Ocean. They are able to change their shape at will, and rule over the fortunes of gaming and gambling. Name these celestial beings sometimes compared to the Muses of ancient Greece. | $\square$ |
| 38 | Michel de Montaigne argued that this philosophical premise characterized by the sceptical sentiment "I do not move" provides the best possible way of attaining happiness. The Greek word was first borrowed into English as the fixed point used to mark the beginning of a system of chronology. In astronomy, it still means "an instant of time or a date selected as a point of reference," but in common parlance today, refers broadly to an event or a time that begins a new period or development. Give either the Greek OR the English word. | $\square$ |
| 39 $\star$ | Its roots originate in Angola and the Congo, though it is now associated with a country on another continent. It was developed by slaves in the 16th C. and is known for its speed and complexity, the rhythm being set by a berimbau. The name comes from Tupi words meaning "it was a jungle", referring to areas of low vegetation where fugitive slaves would hide. What? | $\square$ |

    This genre of literature derives its name from a Latin phrase meaning "a full dish of various
    He made his debut in books by the nudist novelist John Ball. In a 1965 novel made into a
    celebrated Best Picture Oscar-winner in 1967, he is arrested while waiting for a train at a depot that is closed. He also correctly deduces that another character altered his nightly patrol route so that he could peep on Delores Purdy. But what is his exact reply when asked what he is called in Philadelphia?
    In January 2015, there were only 777 remaining members, living mostly in Holon and Kiryat Luza. They claim direct descent from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, though according 3 to Abu'l-Fath's Kitab al Ta'Rikh, they were the loyal children of Hophne and Phinehas. They split from rabbinical Judaism during the time of Eli. Who, now known chiefly as part of a twoword phrase based on a humanitarian story, and as the name of a prominent British charity?
He was Professor of the History of Art at the University of London and Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures. His 1967 monograph on Nicolas Poussin is still widely regarded a landmark book in art history, and his 1953 teaching text and reference work Art and Architecture in France 1500-1700 reached its fifth edition in 1999. He was conferred a knighthood and remained Knight Commander of the Victorian Order from 1956 to 1979. Name this once highly-regarded Cambridge art historian.
They hold the record for inflicting the heaviest defeat ever on Manchester United (11-3). Real Madrid wear white in honour of their jersey. Their worldwide tours were instrumental in popularising football around the globe, so much so that the FIFA World Club champions in 2002 and 2012 from another continent were actually named for them. Today, they play in the 8th tier of English football. Name this proudly amateur club founded in 1882 whose very name epitomises the spirit of sportsmanship.
This section of the army was introduced to the world by Osman Nuri Pasha at the Siege of Plevna during the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78. Its origins date back to the Ottoman mehtaran as early as the 13th century. Modern units are sometimes headed by the distinctly un-martial rank of Director. What?
Born in 1922 to a Scottish father and Swiss mother, he was orphaned at 11 when both parents died in a climbing accident in Chamonix. Brought up by his aunt, Miss Charmian, he went to 47 Eton and Fettes, which he represented twice as a lightweight boxer. Briefly married in 1962, he was created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) and was a member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. The proposed words for his epitaph were "I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them." Who?
This is the largest citrus fruit, even bigger than a grapefruit which it otherwise resembles. Its English name comes from a late 17th century British East India Company captain who left its seeds at Barbados or Jamaica en route from the East Indies to England. Its more familiar US name may derive from the Dutch words for "apple-melon." Give either name.
This German-Austrian pediatrician was born at Ansbach in 1857, and his long and distinguished career there made the Graz pediatric hospital one of the best-known in Europe. He was especially interested in infant digestion and his research on it led to the landmark 1885 discovery that today bears his name. That discovery owes its popularity to the fact that it can reliably perform in 20 minutes (under favourable conditions) what others take far longer. Name him OR his discovery.
After the Danes lost the Battle of Bornhöved in 1227, the Slav-inhabited region south of the Baltic Sea became available for German colonization. The bishops and dukes of Pomerania, Brandenburg, Uckermark and Prignitz sent out glib "locators", or medieval recruitment officers, offering rich rewards for relocation. Thousands of young adults from Lower Saxony and Westphalia headed east - there are five villages called Hindenburg running in a straight line from Westphalia to Pomerania, as well as three eastern Spiegelbergs. This trail of history and etymology may explain which fairy tale?
Sumer, the first urban civilization, was built around the Fertile Crescent in southern Iraq. It lost 1 its pre-eminence to Assyrian invaders around 2000 BCE, as the land around the mouth of the Euphrates became infertile and the population dwindled. This has been traced to a particular agricultural practice that killed the earthworms and rendered the soil useless. What practice?

| 52 | In 2008, Peter Matthiessen revealed that he founded this quarterly literary magazine in 1953 as cover for his CIA work. It was initially located in a small room of the publishing house Éditions de la Table Ronde. Other legendary sites include a Thames River grain carrier anchored on the Seine from 1956 to 1957, and the Café de Tournon on the Rive Gauche. It moved headquarters to New York in 1973, to the first-floor and basement rooms of its legendary founding editor's 72 nd Street apartment. Name the magazine. | $\square$ |
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| 53 | In Malaysia, it was entrepreneur Tony Fernandes. In Italy, it was Renault F1 chief Flavio Briatore. In Nigeria, it was advertising magnate Biodun Shobanjo. In New Zealand, it was property devloper Terry Serepisos.In Australia, it was businessman Mark Bouris. In Ireland, it was automobile salesman Bill Cullen. In the UK, it is still businessman Lord Alan Sugar. From 2004 to 2015, who was it in the USA? | $\square$ |
| 54 | In a recruitment ad, this spin-off of the Douglas Aircraft Company directly connected its president Frank Collbohm to Isaac Newton. This organization took 10 years to answer "no" to Nixon's question of whether free health care made people healthier, and outlined the importance of satellites in Preliminary Design of an Experimental World-Circling Spaceship, its first study. A notable employee was Herman Kahn, the author of On Thermonuclear War and inspiration for Dr. Strangelove. Name the organization. | $\square$ |
| 55 | The story begins at Miss Pinkerton's Academy for Young Ladies where we meet the two protagonists, and includes events of the Napoleonic Wars. The title comes from John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress, and it first appeared in Punch magazine from January 1847 to July 1848. Name this "Novel without a Hero", arguably eclipsed now by another publication of the same name launched in 1913 and revived in 1983. | $\square$ |
| 56 | It began life as a four-page pamphlet in 1876 and 23 editions later is a four-volume book. It is maintained by the non-profit cooperative OCLC, which licenses online access as well. The creator, an enthusiastic proponent of the metric system, had his major breakthrough when he chose to focus on relative locations rather than absolutes. What? | $\square$ |
| 57 | Its highest point is Tirich Mir. Rivers that descend from it include the Helmand, the Hari and another that shares its name with a national capital. The ancient Greeks called it the Caucasus Indicus or Paropamisadae. The etymology of its current name is unclear - the more fanciful relates it to "killing" or "death", though the prosaic "mountain" may be more accurate. What? | $\square$ |
| 58 | It all began in Dundee in 1951, where the Beano's publisher DC Thomson \& Co is still based. The comic's editor George Moonie heard a music-hall song with the rhyming chorus "I'm $\qquad$ from Venice" and ordered a character to fit the name. Later, in a St Andrews pub, chief sub lan Chisholm grabbed a cigarette packet and sketched a picture of "a knobbly-kneed boy with dark spiky hair", who is still going strong. Name him. | $\square$ |
|  | This 1958 superhit won both the National Award for Best Hindi Film as well as 9 Filmfares, the latter a record for 37 years. It was also the first Indian film to be launched abroad - its muhurat ceremony happened in front of the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival Theatre in Czechoslovakia. The hero faced the camera, the Soviet actress Tatjana Konjuchova switched it on, and the Polish actress Barbara Polonska was the clapper loader. Name the film. | $\square$ |
| 60 | Possibly the only dish sharing its exact full name with a country, this mixed fresh fruit salad is a common dessert in Greece, Romania, Spain, France, Italy and Latin America. A vegetable variant with legumes like red beans is also common in France, served cold or hot with butter. The name alludes to the diverse origins of the people of this country's vast empire under its greatest ruler. Name the country/dish. | $\square$ |
| 61 | The often-disregarded second part of this mnemonic goes - "or when sounding like a in neighbor and weigh." What is the first part that we are all familiar with? | $\square$ |
| 62 | Lillian de la Torre, an American novelist, pioneered the historical crime fiction genre, with a series set in 18th century England. Commencing with The Great Seal Of England, she wrote 33 crime novels starring a Holmes-and-Watsonesque duo. Which two real-life historical personages play her "detector" and his bumbling assistant and biographer? | $\square$ |
| 63 | In the two-part Hugo-winning episode The Menagerie in Star Trek: The Original Series, the Enterprise runs into a race of aliens on the forbidden planet Talos IV, who can create illusions indistinguishable from reality with their telepathic powers. Bud Tribble, an Apple engineer, borrowed a three-word phrase from this episode in 1981 to describe his boss. What phrase, popularized in a 2011 biography? | $\square$ |


| 64 | This mostly medieval Latin manuscript of 254 poems and dramatic texts from the 11th/12th century was named after the monastery of Benediktbeuern, Bavaria, where it was found in 1803. 24 of the pieces were set to music in 1936 and quickly became part of the Western classical repertoire. The opening/closing movement has been used in countless films, TV shows, ads and sporting events, and called "the most overused piece of music in film history." Name the collection OR its opening piece. | $\square$ |
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| 65 | The name describes nine measures of a silver currency weighing about four grams each, thus metaphorically implying a princess who weighed only 36 grams. Of late, it has expanded beyond its traditional themes of mythology and folklore to take on deeper social issues. Top practitioners even now attract crowds of 10-15,000, watching performances that can last 8 hours without a break. For many of us, the name is inextricably linked with a memorable sequence atop a water-tank. What? | $\square$ |
| 66 | Obesity hypoventilation syndrome is a condition in which severely overweight people fail to breathe rapidly and/or deeply enough, resulting in low blood $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ and high blood $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$. Many sufferers frequently stop breathing altogether for short periods of time during sleep, resulting in many partial awakenings and consequent sleepiness during the day. After which plump fictional character first seen in April 1836 is the condition better known? | $\square$ |
| 67 | This Indian politician was reviled widely in the West. Terms such as "Mephistopheles in a Savile Row suit", "the snake charmer with hooded eyes", "the Devil incarnate" etc. were used to refer to him, and Time put him on its cover with a snake hissing behind his head. He secured the publication of EM Forster's A Passage To India and was instrumental in obtaining international support for India's annexation of Goa. Identify this person famous for a 7 hour 58 minute speech on the floor of the UN. | $\square$ |
| 68 | Which evocative two-word (sometimes combined or hyphenated) phrase connects: the left main coronary artery or proximal left anterior descending (LAD) coronary artery of the heart, Pecos Bill's horse in American folklore, the Porsche 911 Turbo, the ArmaLite AR-18 assault rifle, the Martin B-26 Marauder bomber, the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter interceptor, and the McDonnell Douglas AV-8B Harrier II aircraft, among others? | $\square$ |
| 69 | This industrial designer and architect's need to address the "ugly, confusing, unrestful world" he observed underneath chairs and tables - the so-called "slum of legs" - led him to create this now iconic collection of chairs, tables and stools with their single column pedestals. Name him. | $\square$ |
| 70 | Every year, a hereditary family of carpenters visit the ex-princely state of Daspalla (now in Nayagarh district) to choose over 4000 pieces of wood from specified trees (phassi, dhausa etc.). The logs are floated on the Mahanadi and reach on Vasant Panchami day for cutting and preparation. Construction starts on Akshay Tritiya by a team of 60 people, and the Nandighosha, the Taladhwaja and the Dwarpadalana hit the Bada Danda on Ashadha Shukla Paksha Dwitiya. What specifically are we talking about? | $\square$ |
| 71 | "The Wood Wide Web" and "tree internet" are popular names given to the underground network that helps trees of various species exchange nutrients and information, and in some cases, help weed out other plants by spreading toxic chemicals through the network. What, specifically, is this network made of? | $\square$ |
| 72 | Clarence Dutton, who published one of the earliest and most detailed studies of this natural phenomenon in 1882, believed that the names of its key features should reflect all of the world's greatest cultures. Where would you find the landmarks Buddha Temple, Vishnu Temple, Wotan's Throne, Cheops Pyramid, Jupiter Temple and Tower of Ra as a result? | $\square$ |
| 73 | This red wine grape is the most widely planted in Italy and has traditionally been used as a base wine in blended wines like Chianti and 'Super Tuscan' blends. It is only in the recent past that this wine/grape, whose name literally translates to "the blood of Jove", has become popular as a standalone variety. What are we talking about? | $\square$ |
| 74 | Lola Montez was an Irish actress who became famous as a "Spanish dancer", courtesan and mistress of King Ludwig I of Bavaria. She has been repeatedly mentioned as the possible inspiration for a character from a famous 1891 short story. Identify this woman, a popular performer who also influences national politics through her relationship with a powerful individual, and whom the protagonist greatly admired for her intellect. | $\square$ |
| 75 | Arabinose is one of the two plant sugars derived from and named after this product, made from the sap of various species of the acacia tree, which has long been a prized export of the African Sahel. What is this product that finds uses across everything from confectionary to cigarettes to art supplies? | $\square$ |


| 76 | The extraction of this oil is a traditional, communal, labor-intensive process, so much so that the "practices and know how concerning the $\qquad$ tree" was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2014. Name this tree unique to Morocco that has become a global beauty phenomenon. | $\square$ |
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| 77 | Edward "Ned" Maddrell who died in 1974 was a fisherman and the last surviving native speaker of this language. When Irish president Éamon de Valera visited the island he called on Maddrell personally, and later sent a team of sound engineers and folklorists to record him speaking. Identify the language native to the island whose capital is Douglas (Doolish locally). | $\square$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 78 \\ \star \end{gathered}$ | As the story goes, the Han rebel Chu Yuan Chang passed the instructions to revolt against the Mongolian Yuan dynasty "on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month", by baking the message into a common food item. Rebel fighters successfully attacked and overthrew the Mongolian army on that night, making the food item a symbol of celebration, now consumed during the midautumn festival across all countries with Chinese heritage. What? | $\square$ |
| 79 | What is common to the geographical names the Levant, Anatolia (now Asia Minor), Timor Leste and Vladivostok? This is not an exhaustive list. | $\square$ |
| 80 | Bertrand Francois, the Comte $\qquad$ de La Bourdonnais, of the French East India company, first distinguished himself in the capture of a town on the west coast of India in 1724, the name of which he may have added to his name, or which may have been renamed for him. He went on to become the Governor of the Indian Ocean islands of lle de France (now Mauritius) and Ile de Bourbon (now Reunion) and the Commander of the French fleet in India. The largest island of the Seychelles still bears his name. Just fill in. | $\square$ |
| 81 | This Asian region's official currency shared its "explosive" name at various points in the past with currencies in Brazil and Timor - two other countries that share the region's Portuguese heritage. What, with etymological roots in the Spanish "pieces of eight", is the currency? | $\square$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & \star \star \end{aligned}$ | Ng Mui, a nun who survived the destruction of the Shaolin temple in the 18th century, met a young woman who told a local warlord that she would only marry him if he could defeat her in a fight. Ng Mui taught her a new system of martial art that had been inspired by the nun's observations of a confrontation between a snake and a crane. The young woman went on to beat the warlord in a one-on-one fight and become a master of this martial art said to be named after her. Name it. | $\square$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 83 \\ & \star \star \\ & \end{aligned}$ | Named for the Norwegian scientist who invented them in 1976, these polystyrene spheres also called microbeads are used in cancer research, HIV treatments, medicine and protein production, and as spacers in LCD displays. But it is their recent and unchecked use in the beauty industry that has made them an environmental hazard and the subject of an increasing number of bans by governments across the world. Name them. | $\square$ |
| 84 | This two-word phrase has been everything from a rallying call for America's 'Manifest Destiny' in the 19th century, to WW1 slang for the death or extreme injury of an airman, to the name of a Village People song (later remixed by the Pet Shop Boys). What? | $\square$ |
| 85 | The Latin roots of this word refer to a state where no more can be said or done, which is why the definition of this word refers to the condition of being so confused that one simply cannot react. The obdurate Americans, however, use it informally to mean exactly the opposite - a state of being completely nonchalant or unperturbed. What's the odd word? | $\square$ |
| 86 | This Biblical character (now relegated to the Apocrypha) has been a favorite subject for artists since early Christianity, but it was not until the mid-Rennaissance that the representation changed from fully-dressed and desexualized to seductive, sexual and powerful. Who? | $\square$ |
| 87 $\star$ | In 2011, Johanna Basford, a commercial artist specializing in hand-drawn black-and-white illustrations was commissioned to create yet another book in this category. She suggested a small change, and the result, 2013's Secret Garden has become a multi-million copy bestseller, signalling and setting off the commercial success of this previously obscure category of books. What category? | $\square$ |
| 88 | This five-letter German word is the name of a now-extinct breed of hunting dog, ancestor of the foxhound, used to capture and kill game animals and birds. They hunted alongside bloodhounds (usually in a ratio of one bloodhound to twenty $\qquad$ and killed the animals tracked down by the keener-nosed bloodhound. What word, familiar to Sherlock Holmes fans as a gory message? | $\square$ |


| 89 | In 2008, the Telecommunications Dept of the UK Post Office commissioned a study to find "the perfect human voice." The perfect female voice was found to be a combination of the voices of Mariella Frostrup, Dame Judi Dench and Honor Blackman. The perfect male voice, was more clear-cut: the top two places went to a pair of actors who have played villainous brothers on screen (though in different movies: one in 1988 and the other in 1995). Name both actors. | $\square$ |
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| $\stackrel{90}{\star}$ | During the Ottoman Empire, Christians, Jews and other legally recognized religious communities were allowed to form self-governing bodies under their own laws and governed by a religious leader, who was responsible for maintaining internal security and ensuring that the group paid its taxes to the Empire. What name, derived from the Arabic word for "group", do these bodies share with a group of agriculturally important grasses? | $\square$ |
| 91 | "Serious dance training with a good classical base and advanced modern / jazz"; a minimum height of $5^{\prime} 9$ " for female dancers and 6 '1" for the men; "a slim graceful figure for the girls and well-proportioned muscled body for the boys"; and "great stage presence and bright personality" are the casting requirements for dancers who wish to perform on this world famous $125+$ year old stage. What are we talking about? | $\square$ |
| 92 | This scholarship programme funded by the British government started in 1984 as the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Awards Scheme (FCOAS), aiming to build a network of friends of the UK who will be future leaders in their countries. In 1994, the scheme was renamed after the official residence of the British Foreign Secretary located at Sevenoaks, Kent. Name it. | $\square$ |
| 93 | Peter Pomerantsev's Nothing Is True and Everything Is Possible is the most recent winner of the $\qquad$ Prize, a literary award for writers from the Commonwealth and Ireland given to a book that "evokes the spirit of a place." It is named after its benefactor Christopher $\qquad$ a Sri Lankan-born Canadian-English businessman-philanthropist, whose more famous brother (a Booker Prize winner in 1992) may well be in the running for the prize some day. Just fill in. | $\square$ |
| 94 | Olla podrida, literally "rotten pot", is a Spanish stew made from a medley of mixed meats and vegetables. The French loanword for this dish has, over time, come to have pleasant rather than putrid associations. What is it? | $\square$ |
| 95 | This free mobile app, available for both Android and iOS, is suitable for ages 3 and above. Some of its features are: "Exclusive opportunity to receive E-Mails \& Messages directly from X", "Thoughtful forums where you can share your ideas, views and deliberate with a wide range of people", "Small Tasks, Big Satisfaction: Contribute \& earn Badges through the to-do tasks", "Never miss out thoughts from X, read his Blogs", and, perhaps most exciting of all, "Know about how Good Governance is improving lives through Infographics." What app is this, much in the news recently? | $\square$ |
| 96 | From the 5th Feb 1899 edition of the Syracuse Sunday Herald, comes this description: "Usually a 'leader' has been brought along just for an emergency. The 'leader' is a $\qquad$ long-nurtured in the Central stockyards and practiced in the ways of ships and gangways and salt breezes. He is willing to direct his doomed fellows on the road to ruin, and he is led up the plank first." What two-word phrase with Biblical connotations is used to describe the animal that leads its own kind to slaughter? | $\square$ |
| 97 | Over 20 spices go in the making of this mellow, multi-use blend unique to the small Catholic community of East Indians in western India. It gets its name from the way it was stored and sold. The ubiquity of this packaging material in the community and its dark color helped provide a cheap and practical means of keeping the blend fresh for up to a year. What? | $\square$ |
| 98 | The old town of this Arab capital believed to have been founded by Shem, the son of Noah, is packed with six-to-eight storey "tower houses" made of mud bricks, which are called the world's first skyscrapers. It has been designated in its entirety as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Name this town, one of the five or so capitals in the world containing an apostrophe. | $\square$ |
| 99 | What connects the bands August Burns Red, Rash Of Stabbings, Crash Kills Five, New Order and The Clash? Not an exhaustive list by any means. | $\square$ |
| 100 | Not to be confused with a venue of the modern Summer Olympics and going by most accounts of the tale, who was the only woman Argonaut to go in search of the Golden Fleece? | $\square$ |
| 101 | Concerned about USA's isolationist lobby and seeking their country's intervention in the Second World War, what did Joe Simon and Jack Kirby unveil in March 1941 to a nowsurprising mixed response? | $\square$ |



| 116 | If Nayrun Kot had not been renamed in honor of the first Imam of the Shiahs, Hazrat Ali, who is said to have visited the city during the reign of its founder Raja Nayrun, we wouldn't have had this eternal confusion between the names of which two cities in the Indian sub-continent? | $\square$ |
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| $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 117 \\ \star \end{array}\right\|$ | The farthest-flung settlement of the Indus Valley Civilisation was Shortugai on the northern border of Afghanistan with Tajikistan, beside the river Oxus. Its primary raison d'etre was its proximity to the then sole worldwide source of Lapis Lazuli. The Persian name for this place was Lazheward (Lajward according to Marco Polo) which travelled via Arabic and Old French to become what colourful word in English? | $\square$ |
| 118 | Mehmed Mehmedbasic, carpenter by trade, held a bomb but developed cold feet. Vaso Cubrilovic, just 17 years old, waited and took aim with a revolver but the lady was in the way, so he abandoned the mission. Nedeljko Cabrinovic threw a bomb but it only harmed an accompanying car and he was quickly apprehended. 18 year-old student Cvjetko Popovic failed as well, blaming his near-sightedness for failing to see the target. Trifun Grabez didn't want to hurt nearby children and women and didn't attack. The sixth man couldn't get anywhere close to the action and so decided to go for a drink instead. This was the build-up to which famous event? | $\square$ |
| 119 | Launched in 2002 and still operational, the German-American project GRACE (Gravity Recovery And Climate Experiment) has two satellites in high polar orbit chasing each other around the earth and tracking their mutual distance. This is to measure gravitational anomalies to help create the most accurate map ever of the Earth's gravitational field. The two satellites are aptly named for which two adversarial but much-loved characters in film and TV? | $\square$ |
| 120 | Kondana (Kaundinya), Bhaddiya, Vappa, Mahanama and Assaji, often called the five Parivrajakas, followed by the sixth, a rich merchant called Yasa, were the first to do what? | $\square$ |
| 121 | The Haitian Revolution that created the second independent country in the Americas after the United States caused France to lose its lucrative sugar trade. Since slaves were no longer required to be fed, it led to which 1803 deal that remains the largest transaction of its kind in the world to this day? | $\square$ |
| 122 | It appears that the Great Soul has been facing the wrong way for two decades now. Whose visage has finally just been corrected after exactly twenty-one years and where? | $\square$ |
| 123 | Valles (valleys) on Mars have names like Al-Qahira, Auqakuh, Bahram, Harmakhis, Her Desher, Hrad, Huo Hsing, Kasei, Labou, Ma'adim, Maja, Marikh, Marte, Mcwrth, Nirgal, Shalbatara, Simud and Tiu. Two more names respectively derived from Greek and Sanskrit would make the list complete. Name either. | $\square$ |
| 124 | This work is full of sly jokes about human bodies. It describes a place where women are highly sexed and adulterous, while men are abstract mathematicians and highly educated with no practical skills. It is also speculated that the author used the Spanish and Italian for 'whore' to reflect the weird sexual arrangements of which fictional land? | $\square$ |
| 125 | What do actor Chris Hemsworth, filmmaker Harvey Weinstein, musician Sarah McLachlan and cricketer Jonty Rhodes all have in common? Not exhaustive. | $\square$ |
| 126 | Which motor-racing term comes from 19th Century horse-racing and was applied to a horse that had drawn the optimal starting position, nearest to the post that denoted the starting line? | $\square$ |
| 127 | In Bali and in most places in the South Pacific, the height of buildings is restricted to what? | $\square$ |
| 128 | It is hard to distinguish between them visually though one has a small black 'chocolate chip' nose and two centrally located teeth while the other has a larger, dark red nose and exposed canines. The horse that died of a suspected heart attack shortly after victory at Royal Ascot in 2013 or the author of the four-volume The Cabinet Maker's and Upholsterer's Drawing Book might lead you to them. Name them. | $\square$ |
| 129 | The Dutch word vrijbueter appeared in the English language in the 16th century as 'fleebooter', which later morphed to the more familiar 'freebooter', used of pirates in the West Indies. Some two centuries later an extra syllable was added to the word and it now signifies which word denoting a political tactic sometimes used by US Congressmen? | $\square$ |
| 130 | Though used by the Prophet Muhammed and till recently largely associated with the coming rule of the Mahdi, what object much-feared now became well-known after it was adopted by Abu Muslim and effectively used by him when he led the Abbasid Revolution (746 to 750 CE) that toppled the Umayyad dynasty? | $\square$ |


| 131 | In 1832, a French cartographer proposed a map of the Pacific islands, South-East Asia etc. divided on racial lines. Three of the four names he adopted i.e., Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia are still in use. The fourth was anglicised some three years later and in 1963 adopted as the name of a Federated nation. Give us the anglicised name. | $\square$ |
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| $\left.\begin{aligned} & 132 \\ & \star \star \end{aligned} \right\rvert\,$ | Which winner of an honorary Oscar holds the Guinness world record for the most number of credits in a film? His fifteen credits in this film include those for cinematography, stunt coordinator, art direction, theme tune vocalist, stuntman, gaffer and catering coordinator. | $\square$ |
| 133 | The 'Order of the Dragon' required its members to protect Christendom and fight its enemies, especially the Turks. One member, a claimant for the throne of Wallachia who joined the order in 1431 acquired his nickname from the name of the order. His son in turn adopted what sobriquet based on this? | $\square$ |
| 134 | The inward-turning ears of the breed mocked by colonial British masters as the "mark of a native" in fact allowed for excellent hearing and were invaluable in their original role in the battlefield. Saved by the Maharaja of Jodhpur's intervention in the early 20th century, barely a few thousand exist today. Which breed, not to be confused with the Kathiawari? | $\square$ |
| 135 | Women accused of being witches in the era of the Salem witch trials of the 17th century often failed at a simple task, eating a Holy Communion wafer, leading to their execution. Which sporting word/phrase familiar to the Proteas is said to have its origins here? | $\square$ |
| 136 | The principle of collective defence at the very heart of NATO's founding is covered by Article 5 of the Washington Treaty which says "an armed attack" against any of the allies in Europe or North America "shall be considered an attack against them all." When was the only time that this has been invoked by a member nation? | $\square$ |
| $\left.\begin{gathered} 137 \\ \star \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | Per Asbrink, Governor of the central bank from 1955 to 1977, was constantly at odds with his country's Parliamentarians. He believed that monetary policy and economics was an independent science and not an expression of the nation's business interests alone. What did he propose in order to endow his field with the authority of science? | $\square$ |
| 138 | A '__ ' is the tiny egg of a human head louse and in Shakespeare's day came to mean something small or insignificant. We are familiar with $\qquad$ as part of a derived word, which originally referred to laboriously searching someone's hair for $\qquad$ Name this derived word. | $\square$ |
| $\left.\begin{gathered} 139 \\ \star \star \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | De viribus quantitatis written between 1496 and 1508 is a treatise on mathematics and magic. It contains the first reference to card tricks as well as guidance on how to juggle, eat fire, and make coins dance. The book is divided into three sections: mathematical problems, puzzles, and tricks, along with a collection of proverbs and verses. The book has been described as the "foundation of modern magic and numerical puzzles." Identify the author of this work who is more famous to us as the father of another field. | $\square$ |
| 140 | The 2200 year-old 760 kg original has just 3 as compared to the 2008 version, which can fit in the palm of your hand and contains 1500 . They share, however, a common purpose for different ages. An unrelated namesake travelled 6.4 billion km and had a rather unceremonious end in September this year. What name do they all share? | $\square$ |
| 141 | When asked by critics to explain this album's radical departure from the band's previous mainstream rock sound, the lead singer quipped that the album was "the sound of four men chopping down The Joshua Tree." Name this album, released 25 years ago, that takes its name from a line in Mel Brooks' The Producers. | $\square$ |
| 142 | Living Beneath the $\qquad$ is an AI Jazeera-produced documentary that covers severe mental health issues like PTSD faced by Afghanis in their country. The missing word is a much-feared object in the daily life of the locals that they have no control over. What? | $\square$ |
| 143 | The town of Oryol recently unveiled what is believed to be the first-ever statue of this man in his country. Despite being the founder of the modern-day nation, he is a reviled figure responsible for a reign of terror known as the oprichnina. Which ruler with an imposing name? | $\square$ |
| 144 | California's AB-1687 bill now makes it illegal for entertainment websites to publish a specific detail about actors, which they says causes discrimination in their industry. What detail does the law force websites like IMDb to remove from the actors' bio? | $\square$ |
| 145 | In a 2013 article in the newspaper The Forward, writer Lenore Skenazy identified " $\qquad$ $\qquad$ Syndrome" as a trait among Jewish-Americans that made them "act more stereotypically Jewish when surrounded by Gentiles." After what fictional character, the fourth-wall-breaking protagonist of a 1977 film, did Skenazy name the syndrome? | $\square$ |

This breed of chicken takes its name from the traditional anglicization of the Italian port city of Livorno from where it was first exported to North America, and not from the appearance of its limbs (as one might think). Name this breed, also the surname of a Warner Bros. cartoon character.

Born in 1973 in Aligarh, U.P., this entrepreneur faced difficulties while studying at the Delhi College of Engineering as he couldn't speak English. Nevertheless, he founded indiasite.net when still in college, which he later sold for $\$ 1$ million. His next venture One97
$\star \star$ Communications was originally a platform for mobile content. His current and best-known venture was started in 2010 as a subsidiary of One97 Communications. Name this businessman, much in the news following recent government decisions.
Metaphorically, this two-word alcoholic drink is used to denote something trifling or of little value, and finds mention as such in the works of Shakespeare, Robert Louis Stevenson and Graham Greene, among others. Name this often unfiltered drink, which was once made in English households for the consumption of little children and servants when fresh, clean drinking water was unavailable.
For 31 years, the record for longest televised golf putt was held by British broadcaster and chat show host Terry Wogan, whose record of 33 yards was set during a charity tournament in 1981. In 2012, that mark was obliterated at a charity event by a man who seemingly couldn't stop breaking sporting records that year. Name this athlete, iconic in another discipline, whose putt measured an astonishing 50 yards.
If only half the normal amount of water is used, the beverage is known as a ristretto. If double
150 the amount of water is used, it is known as a lungo. What is the beverage called when the standard amount of water (25-30 millilitres, according to the National $\qquad$ Institute of Italy) is used?

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