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The Arun Veembur Memorial Quiz

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**In memory of Arun Veembur,
please observe a minute's silence**

Rules:

- **5 Rounds, 100 Questions, 141 Points**
 - Round 1: 25 Questions x 1 point = 25 points
 - Round 2: Bangalored – 15 points
 - Round 3: 30 Questions x 2 points = 60 points
 - Round 4: Stage II – 10 points
 - Round 5: 31 Questions x 1 point = 31 points

Round 1 (25 Points)
25 Questions x 1 Points Each
No negatives
One answer, no part points

Lake Balkhesh in Kazakhstan is fed by seven rivers and has been shrinking, like the Aral Sea, for many years now. Approximately 600 km long overall, the lake is divided into two sections, east and west, by a strip of land called the Saryesik Peninsula. The eastern section is narrower and deeper, while the western section is shallower.

In spite of the two halves being linked by the Strait Uzynaral, this lake is unusual in that one half is useful, while the other half isn't. What is this reason?

ANSWER

Freshwater and Saltwater – in the same lake

Born Ali Ahmed Said Esber, he could not afford school but that changed at age 14, when a poem he composed impressed the President so much that he funded the rest of Esber's education.

He justifies his experiments with free verse, variable meters and prose-poetry saying *"I wanted to break the linearity of poetic text — to mess with it, if you will. The poem is meant to be a network rather than a single rope of thought."*

He took his pen name after being rejected by a number of magazines to *"alert napping editors to his precocious talent and his pre-Islamic, pan-Mediterranean muses."* **Who?**

ANSWER

Adonis / Adunis



The decline began with the Russian colonisation of Turkestan in the late 19th century; excessive cotton planting, military sports and natural calamities hastened the decline of available habitats.

As the last specimens disappeared across Iraq, the Tian Shan mountains, the Ili river in Kazakhstan and eventually Turkey– a last ditch attempt was made to save those remaining in a protected area called the Tigrovaya Balka in Tajikistan, in vain. These efforts failed to protect the subspecies of one of the largest felids that was last sighted in 1958?

Which sub-species?

ANSWER

Caspian Tiger

**(Hyrceanian / Mazandaran / Turanian
also acceptable)**



Caspian Tiger

The Akhal-Teke from Turkmenistan is one of the oldest extant horse breeds in the world--only about 6,600 of them still remain.

Nicknamed "The Golden Horse", it is known to have speed, endurance and a golden buckskin or palomino colour that comes from the *cream gene*, a dilution gene that produces these tints.

As per Teke aficionados, how has the gene helped in the survival of this horse breed?





ANSWER

Camouflage against the desert background

Originating from either the Biblical wife of Abraham, or the Arabic *sharq* meaning “east, sunrise”, this term went into Greek and eventually became the English term for a non-Christian, specifically for the nomads of the Syrian and Arab deserts, and for Muslims during the Crusades. In the late 19th century, the term gained currency due to a revivalist movement by British architects who fused elements of Indian, Islamic, Gothic revival and Neo-classical, creating buildings such as the one shown.

What term?





ANSWER

Saracenic/Saracens

(as used in Indo-Saracenic Revival)

A traditional Mongolian bowed-stringed instrument, it is one of UNESCO's identified Oral and Intangible Heritage symbols.

The sound is said to remind one of a breeze in the grasslands or of animals of the feral kind that the country is known for.

Give its Mongolian name or the English name that derives from its design.





ANSWER

Morin Khuur / Horse Head Fiddle/ Horse Head Violin

In Singapore, Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei, it was called *banana money* in reference to the printed motifs of banana trees on it.

In Phillipines, it was called *Mickey Mouse* money because it was worthless and only good for playing games.

In Burma, it was simply called the rupee due to an Indian connection.

What connects all these currencies?





ANSWER

Japanese invasion currency

(Accept Currency issued by Japan in occupied territories)

Around the second century AD, Maldives was nicknamed “The Money Islands” because it was one of the major suppliers of something to the ancient world. The logo of the Maldives Monetary Authority preserves this legacy.

What are we talking about?





ANSWER

Cowrey Shells,
used as currency then

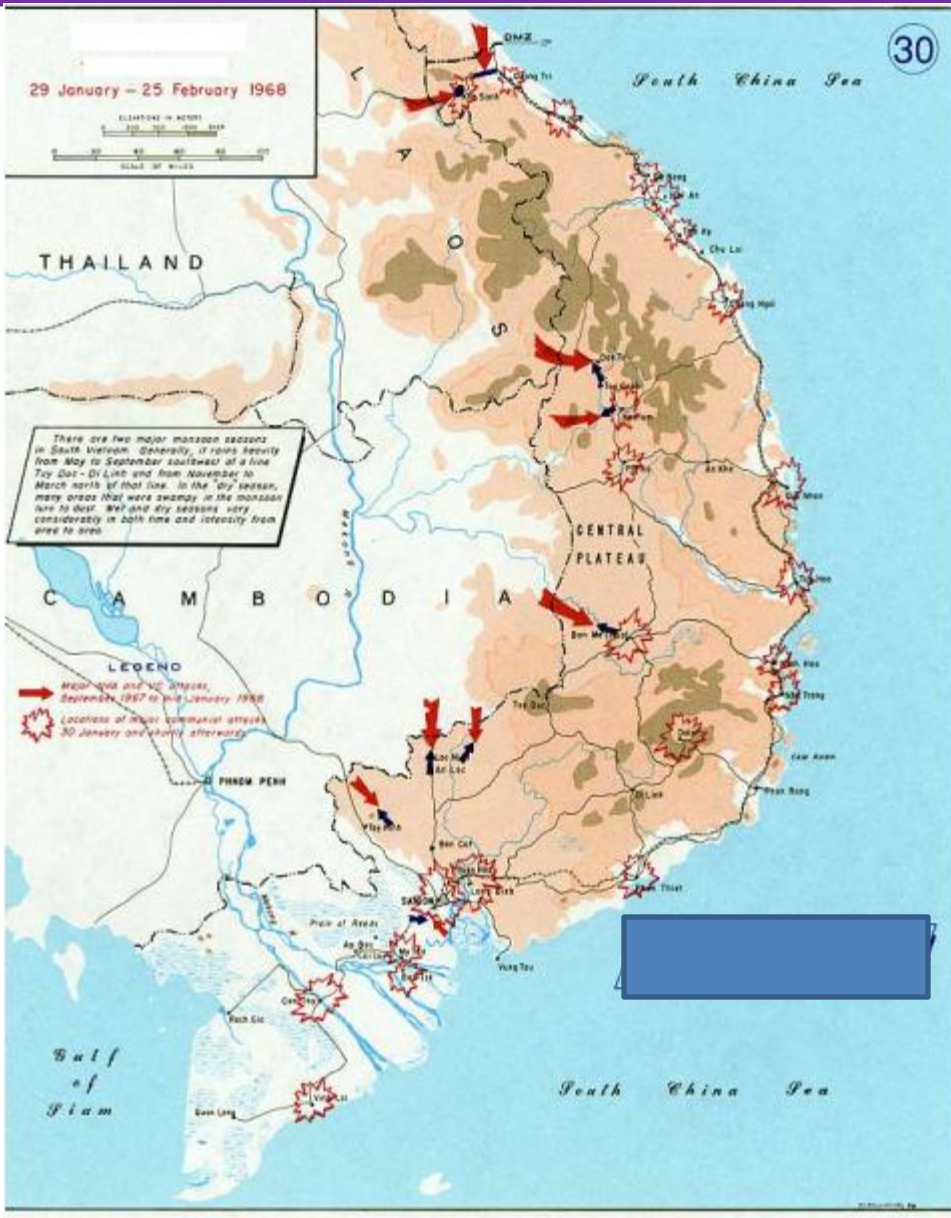


A sporting tradition uses January 1st for convenience in the northern hemisphere while August 1st is used for similar reasons of convenience in the southern hemisphere.

Similarly, the day associated with the visual serves the same purpose as the tradition above for the people of an Asian nation.

How?





ANSWER

Vietnamese add one year to their age on the Tet New Year's Day

(accept Vietnamese birthday on Tet)

The concept of different birth dates for each individual is not followed traditionally

This is similar to horses having either January 1 or August 1 as birthday

When America had its financial crisis in 2008, economic analysts with a culinary disposition termed it the Hamburger Crisis.

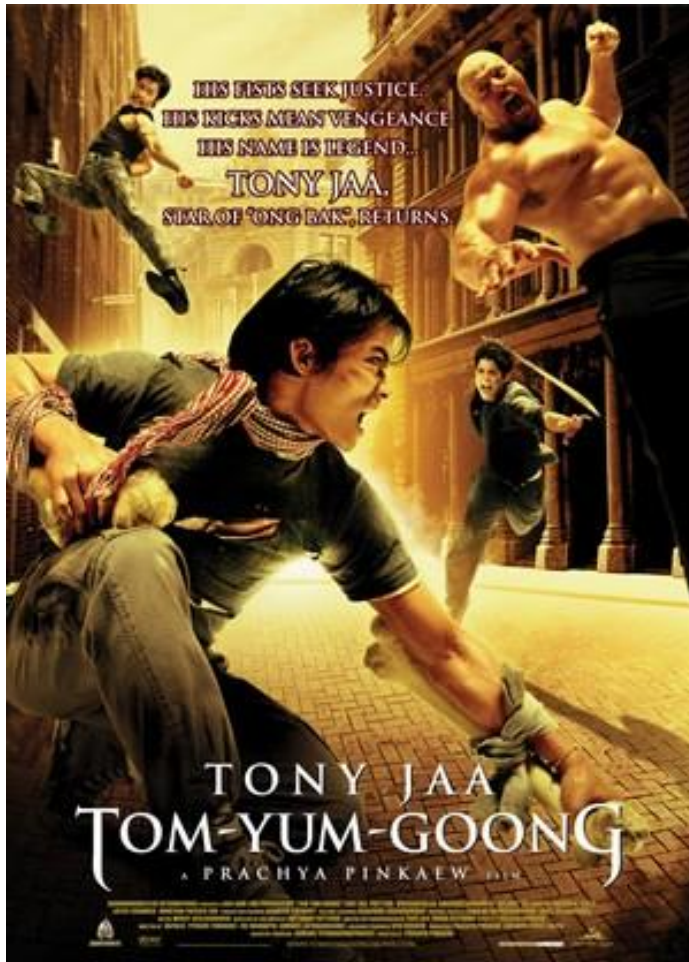
This was possibly a hangover from the 1997 crisis that began when the Thai baht collapsed, and led to a domino collapse in South-East Asia and Japan.

This crisis was poignantly termed the ____ crisis, after the prawn version of a national favourite that movie buffs will instantly associate with a 2005 search for a pet elephant.

What name?

ANSWER

Tom Yum Goong



Zhenjiang, on the south bank of the Yangtze river bordering Nanjing, is well known for its vinegars, pork and pickles.

After years of ignoring the legacy of Sai Zhenzhu, who spent 20 years growing up in Zhenjiang, the town moved to restore the individual's colonial era childhood home into a museum and commemorate parks/bridges after this person.

These acts represent a long overdue turn for someone whose works were misunderstood and banned during the Cultural Revolution and whose final wish to revisit the country was denied by visa officials.

Who was Sai Zhenzhu?

ANSWER

Pearl S Buck

Built in 1995, the House of Sharing near Seoul is an attempt to rehabilitate seven surviving halmonis (grandmothers).

In addition to being the halmonis' residence, the house features a museum with a life-size halmoni station, outside which are rows of wooden blocks representing each halmoni. If a halmoni was dying or sick, the wooden block would be turned over and not used again.

Since then, the stories of the halmonis told here have sparked demands for an international apology.

Who were the halmoni? (2-word answer)





ANSWER

Comfort Women/Forced Prostitutes for the Japanese (only one of the two terms acceptable)



The term traditionally refers to a clan within the Quraysh dynasty that traced its ancestry to _____ ibn Abd al-Manaf, the Prophet's great-grandfather.

His first name in Arabic meant pulverizer, referring to the patriarch's habit of serving crumbled/pulverised bread broth to pilgrims en route to the Ka'aba in Mecca.

What dynasty/clan, that shows up in a particular country's official documentation, but rarely in public media references?

ANSWER

Hashemites, from Hashem (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Written in 1980, the novel _____ by Ryu Murakami is about two boys – Hashi and Kiku who were both abandoned by their mothers at a Tokyo train station and are adopted by foster parents.

The novel takes its title from a form of child abuse in Japan and China where parents abandon their children in paid service utilities, hoping that that these utilities are regularly checked by attendants and so the infant will be found quickly, despite many being found dead.

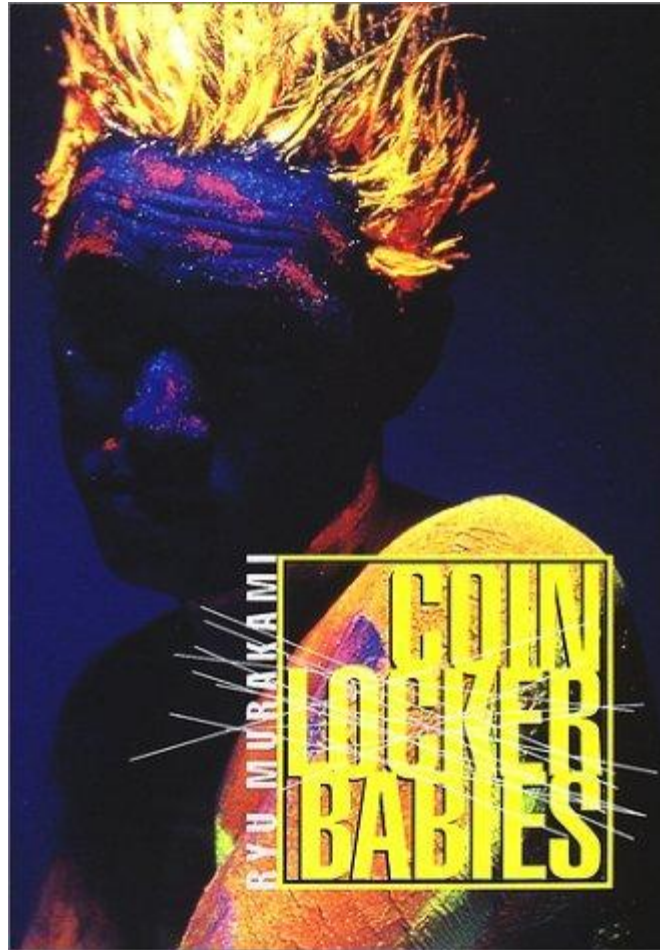
What 3 word novel, that describes these abandoned children?





ANSWER

Coin Locker Babies



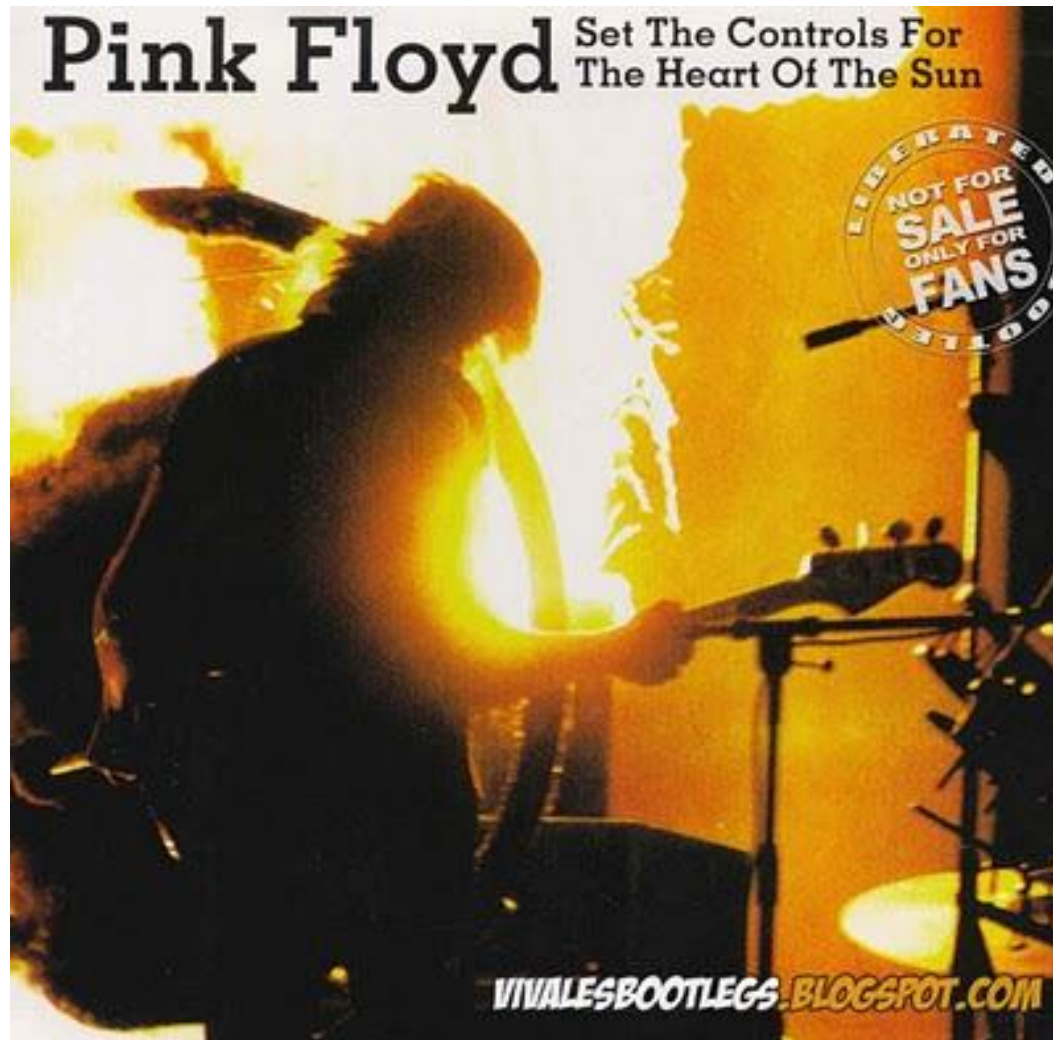
Below are lines taken from poems in an anthology of Chinese poetry *Poems of the Late T'ang* by A C Graham

Watch little by little the night turn around (*Untitled, Li Shangyin*)
Countless twigs are shaken by the dawn (*Willow, Li Shangyin*)
So many green lotus-stalks lean on each other (*The Yearning Lotuses, Du Mu*)
Two swallows in the rafters hear the long sigh (*Untitled, Li Shangyin*)
One inch of love is an inch of ashes (*Untitled, Li Shangyin*)
Witness the man who raved at the wall as he wrote his questions to Heaven
(*Don't Go Out the Door, Li He*)

These lines inspired most of the lyrics of **what 1968 composition** that inspired Douglas Adams to create a plutonium rock band Disaster Area whose stunt ship is set on an irreversible collision course with the star of Kakrafoon?

ANSWER

Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun



The **Wakhan Corridor**, a term for the Wakhan region in Afghanistan, was a political buffer zone created in 1873 during the Great Game.

The Russians would not advance beyond the Panj/Pamir rivers in Afghanistan and the Durand Line separated British India from Afghanistan with the Wakhan in between.

At the eastern border of Wakhan, the Wakhjir Pass – closed for most of the year- goes through the Hindukush and leads into China.

Among contiguous international borders, in what way is this crossing the first in a list?

ANSWER

Greatest change in clock times : 3.5 hours

Wakhan is GMT+4:30

The Chinese side is GMT+8

(Accept any of **maximum timezone difference/
maximum time difference/
maximum time change**)

Named after a geographical entity, this alcoholic drink is called "*The Spirit of Thailand*".

First produced in 1941 by the Sura Bangyikhan Co., Ltd., Thailand's first distillery, it is often mistaken for a whisky but is more of a rum made from a combination of sugar and glutinous rice.

What is this spirit, that stirred national sentiment during a border dispute with France?





ANSWER

Mekhong

A plant native to the Arabian peninsula and the Horn of Africa, it contains cathinone, a stimulant that causes excitement, loss of appetite and euphoria.

Political analysts noted that Yemenis would wind up their protests by 2 pm everyday to go home and chew this, resulting in the country's political protests never quite gaining the same momentum as Egypt and Tunisia.

What crop, whose consumption and cultivation predates that of coffee in Yemen ?





ANSWER

Khat/Qat

Ismail ibn Ahmad Samani, the descendant of Saman Khuda, founder of the Samanids, is credited with spreading Islam, establishing a prosperous kingdom for the Tajiks, and ensuring last peace for his people. Buried in Bukhara, his legacy was mostly forgotten under Soviet rule but was revived post independence in two ways – one of them when the highest mountain in the nation was renamed after him.

How else do the Tajiks continue to honour him today?

ANSWER

Somoni, the **official Tajik currency** is
named after Ismail Samani

Published in 1979, the spy spoof bestseller *Shibumi* was written by reclusive American academic Rodney Whitaker under the pseudonym Trevanian.

Shibumi is split into 6 chapters of unequal length as follows:

- *Fuseki*: Opening stage when the board is open
- *Sabaki*: Attempt to resolve a sticky situation quickly and flexibly
- *Seki*: A neutral situation in which neither side has the advantage
- *Uttega*: A sacrifice play, a gambit.
- *Shicho*: A running attack.
- *Tsuru no Sugomori*: "The confinement of the cranes to their nest," a graceful maneuver in which enemy possessions are neutralised.

What are the chapter names a tribute to?

ANSWER

Go



The Taipei 101 building, designed by C. Y. Lee and Partners, was architecturally created as a symbol of evolution of technology and Asian tradition.

In terms of symbolism the building is said to resemble a tall stack of bamboo that weathers storms and typhoons using a pendulum/mass damper that sways during earthquakes.

On the funnier side, the building is said to resemble a stack of what object, associated with Chinese culture in foreign countries?





ANSWER

Food takeaway boxes



Bayston Hill quarry in Shropshire, England is best known for a variety of sandstone called *Graywacke* (German for grey rock) which contains a granular mix of quartz, feldspar and small rock fragments.

While Bayston Hill supplies 8,50,000 tons of this rock annually to fulfill tenders in West Midlands and Wales, 4000 tons were shipped in 2009 to the UAE for a specific purpose, that brought the quarrymen much pride and kept them glued to their TV sets to see the fruit of their export.

What did the stone help construct?

ANSWER

Yas Marina Grand Prix Circuit/ Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Circuit



Who (full name) said this, reminiscing about an important moment in his country's sporting history:

Down against Teimuraz Kakulia, I realised that if I lost, my brother would have to beat Alex Metrveli, a finalist at Wimbledon the previous year.

My mom came into the locker room at the break, and gave me a little medal with the Virgin Mary's picture on it. It's something you give to people when they are about to die, actually. It was the biggest moment of my life. The crowd descended on me and carried me around the court, and I never saw Kakulia for the handshake.

ANSWER

Anand Amritraj

(1974 Davis Cup semi-final)
Just Amritraj is not acceptable



Born in Baku to Iranian Azerbaijanis, Lotfi Zadeh was one of only 3 students to graduate from the University of Tehran in 1942, before entering MIT as a graduate student and then completing a PhD from Columbia in 1949.

His moment came in 1965 when he published a paper on _____ sets which followed a membership function with a range of all possible values in the interval $[0,1]$. The paper went on to implement operations on these values, proposing that these were generalizations on existing Boolean and classical theory.

What new field of research, that has found applications in electronics and medicine, did Lotfi's paper open up?

ANSWER

Fuzzy Logic

These are the steps, akin to an art form, to eat **what messy hairy fruit** of a tropical tree, originating from South East Asia:

- *Open the fruit by removing part of the skin either by squeezing till the skin breaks or peeling half the skin off, leaving the other half to hold in your hand like a wrapper.*
- *Find a seam running down the top to the bottom of the fruit, and pull apart the leathery skin to reveal something resembling a large peeled grape.*
- *Alternatively, use a knife to make an incision into the skin, and squeeze the fruit out. But do not cut the seed out*
- *Eat around the seed – avoid biting too close too close to the tough, papery skin surrounding the seed.*

ANSWER

Rambutan



Round 2 - Bangalored (15 Points)

5 Questions x 3 points each

Each question has 3 parts worth 1 point each

Rules follow

BANGALORED

The entirely cryptic round

Solve two clues for one point each

The third clue describes what you might get if you put the answers together and tried working something out. That answer gets you another point.

Example

A term for the West Wind (6)

Horse or somebody who worries you (3)

Put the answers together

Boreal

Nag

Third Clue:

Title city

Ergo: Bangalore.

Clue 1

Abbreviation for Malaysia's capital (2)

Clue 2

Father, or first name for the cartoonist Abraham (3)

Clue 3

Another Asian capital (5)

ANSWER

**KL
Abu
Kabul**

Clue 1

One of the Vedas (4)

Clue 2

Projectile that shot to fame with the first Gulf War (4)

Clue 3

Go-to city for those who want to see the light (8)

ANSWER

Sama

Scud

Damascus

(The apostle Paul saw the light on the
way to Damascus)

Clue 1

Domain for India (2)

Clue 2

Turkish lord (5)

Clue 3

Iranian city with a blue claim to fame (7)

ANSWER

In Pasha Ispahan

Clue 1

**Part of Chinese artist's name or an abbreviation
for manufactured smarts (2)**

Clue 2

Archaic theatre form (3)

Clue 3

Towering city is also puzzling (5)

ANSWER

Ai/AI
Noh
Hanoi

Clue 1

Inca sun or Peruvian currency unit (4)

Clue 2

Indian girl strings instrument (5)

Clue 3

Asian capital makes Austrian sounds (9)

ANSWER

Inti Veena Vientiane

Round 3 (60 Points)

30 Questions x 2 Points Each

Order may be important at times

**Use X/Y or A/B for answers when questions
indicate so**

**This round has no 0.5 pts – 1 pt for getting either
half of the answer and 2 points for both halves**

Known by the local name Panowa meaning *yellow flower*, this area south of Chittagong was originally under the Arakans before passing on to the British.

The current name comes from a market established in honour of a British East India Company officer, who became Governor of Bengal and succeeded in mollifying Rakhine – Arakan tensions.

What area?

What list of geographical entities does this area top?





ANSWER

Cox's Bazaar

Longest Sea Beach in the world

(125 Km)

The Beopjusa Palsangjeon (Hall of Eight Pictures) in Songnsian Park, South Korea, is one of only two wooden pagodas remaining in the country.

Split into 5 storeys, each floor mapped beautifully to specific practices such as Filipino Eskrima, Korean Hapkido, a fluid style with no rules , a kick-oriented style and the praying mantis style. Unfortunately only 3 of the proposed 5 practices/floors made it to the end product due to unforeseen circumstances.

Where does the pagoda figure?

What unforeseen circumstances caused it to be incompletely used?





ANSWER

Game of Death

Bruce Lee's death



In spite of the title, an additional 10 were created between 1826 and 1833 because of the popularity of the first set.

What set are we talking about?

For what reason is this particular piece in the set an odd one out?





ANSWER

Hokusai's “**Thirty Six Views of Mt. Fuji**”

“Climbing on Mt. Fuji” is the **only one where the entire mountain is not visible** – the view is ON the mountain, not from afar



Produced either as a flat-weave or a pile-weave, the most popular ones are the *Soumaks* and *Kilm*, with the former being more expensive due to high density.

They belong to one of 7 regions namely _____, Shirvan, Quba, Tabriz, Qarabah, Genca and Qazakh – each region having its own style.

Only onion, hazelnut and tulips are used for lamb based designs, explaining the lack of variety in lamb products as opposed to sheep based products.

What are we talking about?

What restriction with lamb products limits their variety?

ANSWER

Azerbaijani Carpets/Azerbaijani Rugs

**Lamb wool can only absorb natural colours,
while sheep wool can absorb artificial colours**



An ancient city on southern edge of the Kara-Kum desert in the Greater Khorasan area of Central Asia, it was an important centre of trade on the Silk Route.

It figures in the title of a 1600 AD epic poem depicting the journey of a refugee community who won over a foreign ruler by mixing sugar in milk to indicate their willingness to blend with the people of the land where they sought refuge.

Which group does the story does the epic poem tell?

Which ancient city, that also shares it name with the refugees' new settlement in another Asian country?

ANSWER

Zoroastrians / Parsis

Sanjan (the first town in Gujarat where the Parsis settled is named after the one in Khorasan)

Artist Jitish Kallat is well known for coloring the Art Institute of Chicago steps with lines from Swami Vivekananda's Parliament of Religions speech.

His new sculpture *Public Notice 2* uses a 1930 speech, delivered on the eve of a historic event, laying out the rules of conduct for followers and sparking mass revolts across the country.

What event succeeded this speech?

What was used to make the letters in this sculpture?





MAY POSSIBLY THESE
ST WORDS OF MY LIFE
ALREADY TOLD YOU
HAT I HAD TO SAY
CONFINE MYSELF TO
WOULD DO AFTER MY
ND I ARE ARRESTED THE
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[REDACTED] AS ORDINARY

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ANSWER

Dandi Salt March Bones

A valuable export from Sri Lanka, India and SE Asia, this exotic and expensive wood was the material of choice for finely carved boxes in the Victorian era.

An incredibly dense wood of hazel brown colour, with black stripes, it is now largely extinct and an ersatz variety called Macassar Ebony is used as replacement.

One of two related names comes from the local Sinhala name *kalu-medhiriya* meaning dark chamber, while another name refers to a region that harks back to an Indian dynasty.

Give both names for this wood.





ANSWER

Calamander Wood

Coromandel Wood

In 1820, the General Maritime Treaty was signed between the United Kingdom and Gulf emirs.

As part of this treaty, the British asked the Gulf emirs who were friendly to them to commemorate this friendship in a special way.

All the present Emirates of the UAE, except Fujairah agreed to this request as did X and Y, which were invited to join the UAE but declined.

What was the request?

What were X and Y? (need both for 1 point)

ANSWER

Add the colour white to their monochrome flags

X- Qatar, Y – Bahrain

(1 point for either getting both countries right or the colour white added to flags)



Bahrain/Qatar flag before 1820



Bahrain/Qatar flag after 1820

Qatar adopted a darker red with serrations in 1916 while Bahrain added serrations

The Vice President's official residence, the Coconut Palace was built in 1978 to mark a high-profile European visit in 1981.

Commemorating this Tree of Life, the octagonal structure is built of several types of hardwood, coconut shells and coconut lumber, has tables and chandeliers made from coconut, and guest rooms named after various provinces in the country such as Zamboanga, Pampanga, Marawi and Bicol.

Who commissioned this building at a cost of US \$37M ?

Who was the visiting dignitary, who declined to stay here saying it would weigh heavily on his conscience when the country was so poverty stricken?





ANSWER

Imelda Marcos

Pope John Paul II



Released earlier this year, *The Wind Rises* is based on the short story *The Wind Has Risen* by Tatsuo Hori and chronicles the formative years of a young boy with eyesight issues who has dreams of becoming a pilot, but is then advised in a dream by aviator Giovanni Caproni to channel his interests into aeronautics engineering.

The story builds on how a famous design came to be and the regret felt by the creator on the numerous deaths his design was responsible for.

Who has announced that this will be his last film as feature director?

Either name the creator or the creation that is the focus of the film.

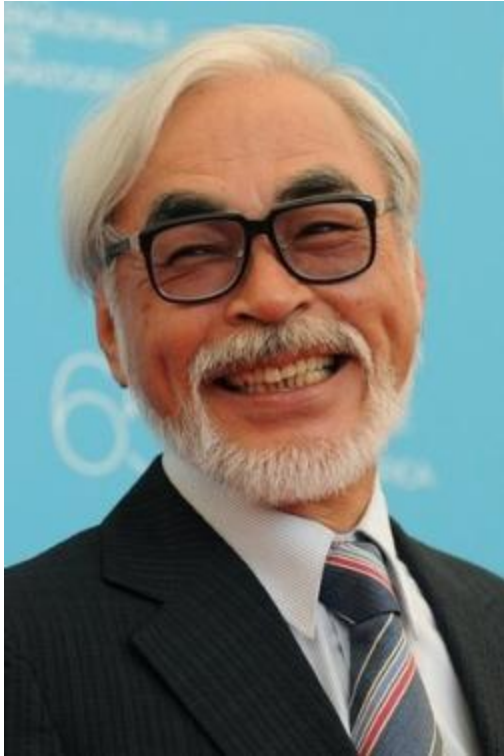




ANSWER

Hayao Miyazaki Jiro Hirokoshi /

Mitsubishi A6M **Zero** Fighter (points given
for **Zero**)



Slam poet Rachel Rostad took on the writer X's idea of social inclusion with these lines:

"Ms. X. Let's talk about my name. _____. _____.
_____ and _____ are both last names. They are
both Korean last names.

I am supposed to be Chinese.

Me being named " _____ " is like a
Frenchman being named "Garcia Sanchez."

Name the writer X and the character Y that X created.

ANSWER

X - J.K. Rowling
Y - Cho Chang

The consumption of a certain food item on this set of holidays goes back to the legend represented by this painting.

When the water supply of the Jews is cut off, Judith, a pious widow, goes to the Assyrian camps and pretends to surrender. Holofernes, who is smitten by her beauty, takes her to his tent where she feeds him this item and gets him drunk on wine. When he falls asleep, she beheads him, escapes with his severed head and the Jews win the war with a counter attack.

What food item and which set of holidays?





ANSWER

Cheese Hannukah

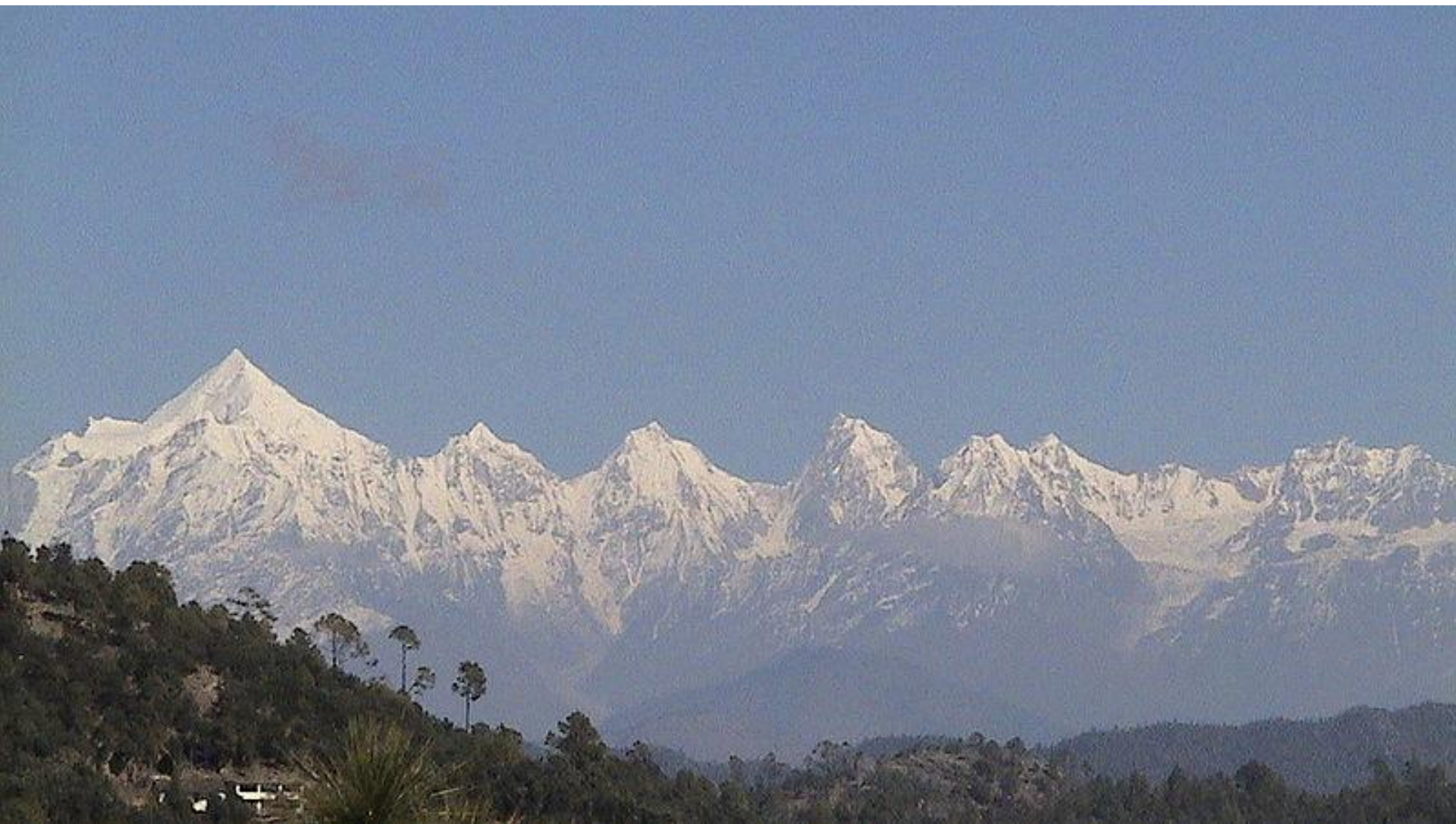
They are a group of snow capped peaks lying at the end of the eastern Kumaon region in Uttarakhand, they form the watershed between the Gori and the Darmaganga valleys.

Numbered and ranging in heights from 6,334 ft to 6904 ft, the group's name comes from "_____ cooking hearths" via a legend that a group cooked its famous last meal on these peaks.

What are these peaks called?

Which group?





ANSWER

Pancchulis (5 cooking hearths)

Pandavas

A scene from somewhere in Asia in 1968. The gentleman is trying out a tradition he helped popularise via his 1931 creation. **What tradition?**
Who?





ANSWER

Noonday Gun in Hong Kong, which is still fired every day at noon by a member of **Jardines**.

Noel Coward.

“In Hong Kong, they strike a gong, and fire off a noonday gun

To reprimand each inmate who's in late”

[From *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*]

"It soared flame-like 326 feet above the city. Clad with thousands and thousands of thick foot-square plates of solid bullion, Much of the country's gold reserves were stuck up there, topped by a weather vane studded with 6835 precious stones, 5452 of them diamonds."

This is the writer Alexander Frater describing something.

What is he describing? In which city?

ANSWER

Shwe Dagon Pagoda

Rangoon/Yangon

One of the most shocking defeats in the history of soccer happened on July 19, 1966 at Middlesbrough, which was reprised in the 2002 documentary film *The Game of Their Lives*. The winning team moved to the quarter-finals of a premier sporting event – a first for a team from this region. **Identify both the teams.**

ANSWER

North Korea defeated **Italy** 1-0 in the
1966 World Cup reaching the quarters
– the first for an Asian team

Identify this film X based on a graphic novel. Also name the author Y.



ANSWER

Poulet Aux Prunes / Chicken with Plums

Marjane Satrapi

K. Hiraoka (on the left) considered an alliance with **M. Shoda**, the daughter (right) of a flour-company president. But he finally chose Yoko Sugiyama, the daughter of a painter, as his bride.
How do we know them better?





ANSWER

Kimitake Hiraoka took the pen name **Yukio Mishima**. Michiko Shoda married Prince Akihito and became Princess **Michiko** (now Empress Michiko)



It is a dramatic granite spire rising to 6,286m located on the north side of the Baltoro Glacier, in Baltistan, in northern Pakistan. The east face of this features the world's greatest nearly vertical drop. On 26 August 1992, Australians Nic Feteris and Glenn Singleman climbed it and then _____ from an elevation of 5,955m, landing on the northern side of the Dunge Glacier at an altitude of 4,200m. This was the highest starting elevation for _____ at that time. **Name the spire. Fill up the blanks.**





ANSWER

Trango Tower (specifically Great Trango Tower) BASE Jump

In 1921, he began a group known as ____ _____, which means "The Outcast." The title was a word which had travelled all the way from India into several European languages. Their goal was try to stop French colonialism in their region. After finding out that the French sent spies to follow him, he sent them his daily schedule, to make their lives easier:

"Morning: from 8 to 12 at the workshop.

Afternoon: in newspaper offices (leftist, of course) or at the library.

Evening: at home or attending educational talks.

Sundays and holidays: visiting museums or other places of interest.

There you are!"

Who? What name did he choose for the outfit?

ANSWER

Ho Chi Minh.

The group was called **Le Paria**, derived from the Tamizh word Paraiya.

"Pariah" is also acceptable as answer.

X

In the 1980s, the inclusion of the 8-letter feminine form of this nationality term as a synonym for maidservant in English dictionaries caused much controversy.

Y

The dialect of English used in the same country features unusual words like *Senatoriable* and *Presidentiable* to indicate that someone is of senator or president material.

What was the term X? Which country Y are we talking about?

ANSWER

X: Filipina
Y: The Philippines

The first recipient of this civilian award was Queen Elizabeth II in 1960. It has since been awarded to Josip Tito of Yugoslavia, to Nelson Mandela in 1992, to Richard Nixon, and to King Birendra of Nepal among others. Even though it was instituted more than fifty years ago, it has been given out only about a dozen times. This may have something to do with political instability, or perhaps not at all.

Which civilian award? Who is the only Indian to figure on this list?

ANSWER

Nishan-e-Pakistan

Morarji Desai

In October 2013, Sohag Gazi became the first cricketer to score a century and take a hat-trick in the same Test match. **Who was the last person to achieve this feat in first class cricket? Which team (also famously entering the Indian quizzing psyche in 2007) was he playing for?**

ANSWER

Sohag Gazi! Barisal Division.

Written by Gideon Raff, this series became the most watched TV series in its country of origin in 2010. It also inspired an American TV series. **Name this show X and the somewhat different American show Y that it inspired.**





ANSWER

X: The Israeli series *Hatufim* (Prisoners of War)

Y: Homeland

X left on an old horse with a crazed guide in 628 AD—practically a fugitive because he was defying a ban on inessential foreign travel. When he returned 16 years later, he had achieved his goals of tracing lost books and locating a birthplace and was practically an international celebrity. He is now a forgotten man in his own land—but figures in a popular narrative from the 16th century known as the *Monkey King*, and sometimes as *Journey to the West*—quite confusingly also the title of the book he wrote. This book was translated into French in the 1850s and inspired the former army-man Y to set about looking for the places that X mentioned. This ultimately lead to the establishment of Archaeological Survey of India.

Name X and Y.

ANSWER

X: Xuanzang / Hiuen Tsang
Y: Alexander Cunningham

In Thai cuisine, the 8-letter word **X** can indicate a curry from Southern Thailand. Like Indian curries, this curry is heavy on dry spices and very aromatic. The distinctive taste comes from a combination of coconut milk, roasted peanuts or cashews, potatoes, onion, bay leaves, cardamom pods, meat, star anise, palm sugar, fish sauce, chili and tamarind sauce. The term **X** may be a corruption of the religious label **Y**. It is not clear if this name indicates the provenance of the spices that feature in the curry—foreign traders brought these spices to Thailand—or the people from Southern Thailand whose cuisine this preparation is borrowed from. **What are X and Y?**

ANSWER

X: Massoman
Y: Mussalman / Muslim

Beatriz's War, which won the Golden Peacock award at the 44th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) recently, is the first feature film made in the country X, and also the first feature film in the Austronesian language Y. It follows what happened under a 24-year occupation, and uses victims and survivors from the infamous Kraras massacre of 1983 as extras in the cast. **Name the country X and the language Y.**





ANSWER

East Timor / Timor-Leste

Tetun / Tetum

The principles listed below are seen in as the bedrock of nationhood in a particular Asian country.

1. Belief in the divinity of God
2. Just and civilized humanity
3. The unity of the nation
4. Democracy guided by the inner wisdom in the unanimity arising out of deliberations amongst representatives
5. Social justice

The collective name given to these ideals is likely to be familiar to Indians who did not fall asleep during history lessons. It must be clarified that the term has completely different associations in India—nothing to with nationhood so much as general Queensberry-type noises about how nation should deal with nation.

Which country? What is the collective name for these ideals?

ANSWER

Indonesia

Panca-Sila/Panchasheel

Babar described this thousand-year-old narrative as "one far-fetched lie, opposed to sense and nature". His grandson loved it, and commissioned an illustrated manuscript. Two English translations are known; one by Frances Pritchett, and one by an acclaimed Pakistani novelist.

Name the narrative, and the novelist who translated it into English.

ANSWER

Dastaan e Amir Hamza/Hamzanama

Musharraf Ali Farooqi

(points for Ali Farooqi last name)

UBS, the banking group, floated a subsidiary named Noriba a few years ago. While the name may sound vaguely Japanese, it actually comes from the phrase No+Riba, and thus identifies the rationale behind the bank's existence.

What is Riba? What is the rationale that we are talking of?

ANSWER

Riba is Arabic for interest

Islamic Banking

Stage 2 - Round 4 (10 Points)

Qns 61-68 are linked to the theme – 1 pt each

**Qn 69 is the theme itself – 2 pts for getting it
right**

All answers are 1 or 2 words

Hermann Jacobii suggests that this lyrical form's origins may go back to the Abhiras of India who may have had access to a translation of Homer's works and used 2 hexametres in one line.

The word finds mention as the *duhaviya* in native dialects called *Apabhramsa* adopted by poets, saints and bards who used this couplet rhyme form in North India to express life lessons in a pithy form.

What word/term?

ANSWER

Doha

Originally conceived as a documentary about historical events, it was modified to include fictional elements where a French actress meets a Japanese architect and is reminded of the first man she loved.

Referred to as He and She throughout the movie, they discuss memories and forgetfulness juxtaposed against a disaster that people around them are trying to put behind.

What movie, that is hailed as a forerunner to the French New Wave?

ANSWER

Hiroshima Mon Amour



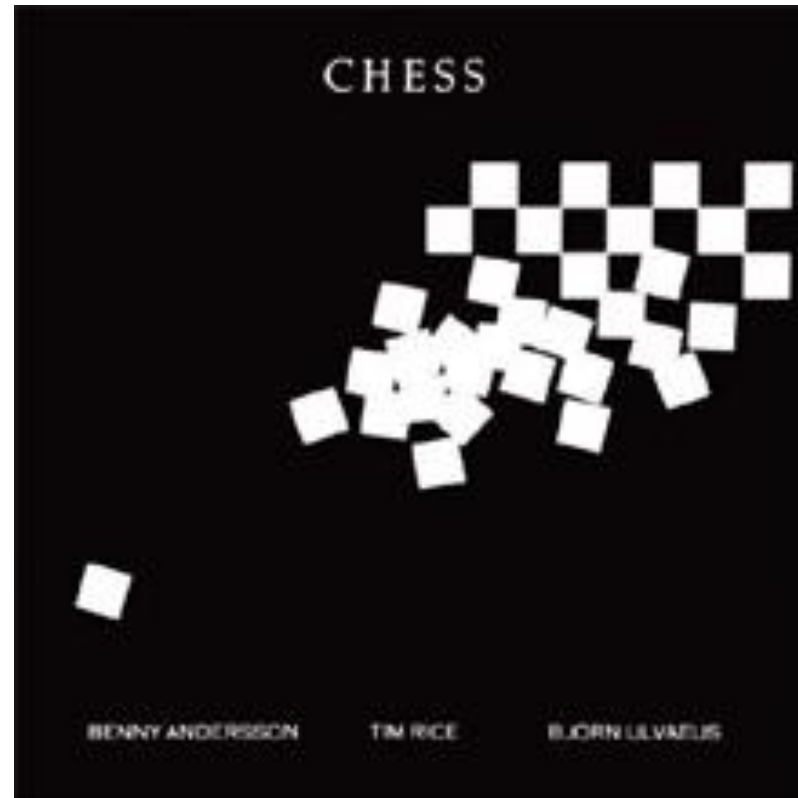
This song, possibly the most famous in a concept album for a musical, alternates between a chorus sung by Anders Glenmark and a rap performed by an American grandmaster calling himself Freddie Trumper.

While the choruses speak highly of how the place brings brave men to its knees, the American counters every lofty adjective with terms like red-light district, muddy old river and so on.

What song, that also mentions Yule Brynner in passing?

ANSWER

One Night in Bangkok

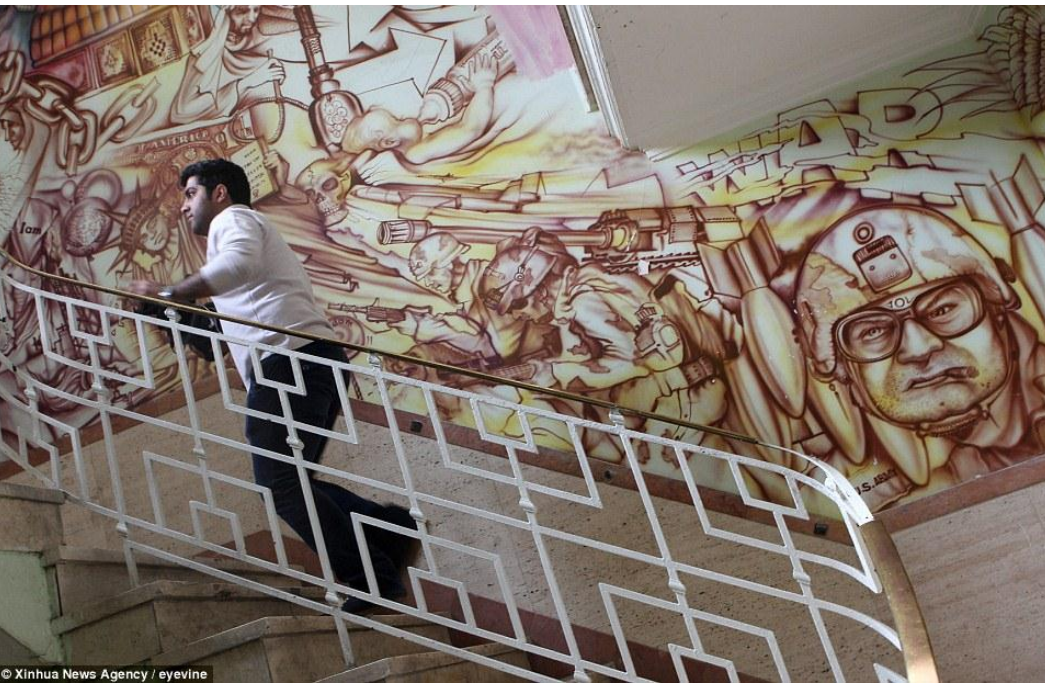


Designed by architect Ides van Der Gracht, the brick structure of the building was similar to American high schools, prompting it to be nicknamed Henderson High in jest.

Defunct for the last 34 years, it is used by soldiers as a training center and is now a part museum, part conspiracy theory haven called *Den of Spies*, its walls littered with political graffiti.

Which city is this building located?





ANSWER

The US Embassy in **Tehran**

The trunk or pseudostem of the *Musa textilis* or abaca, a relative of the banana, has historically been harvested for its fiber towards manufacturing twines and ropes.

The fiber is now mostly pulped and used in tea paper, bank notes and filter paper. One of its more mainstream uses was in the production of thick, durable paper shaped in the form of mostly buff coloured folders to transport documents

What name did these stationery items get, by virtue of the primary export location of the abaca?

ANSWER

Manila Folders/Manila Envelopes, from Manila Hemp



The main causes for this phenomenon, evidenced by recent floods and tidal waves flooding entire suburban, areas has been attributed to extensive land extraction due to ground water exploration and pressure from high-rise buildings which pushes parts of the city into the water table.

Northern areas such as Muara Kapuk and Ancol are said to be most affected where the soil has become most porous.

Which sinking city, where architects are now recommending constructing building a meter above road level?

ANSWER

Jakarta

This South Korean city's name literally means "wise river". In 2003, it was designated as the country's first free economic zone.

It was the site of the Battle of Chemulpo Bay, where the first shots of the Russo-Japanese War were fired.

Identify this sister city of Kolkata.

ANSWER

Incheon.

Known in the local tongue as fiery furnace or hell's hole, the name also means stove in reference to the many stores selling this item in the vicinity of the street.

The French called it Maison Centrale or Central House, a euphemism for the term back home where all dissidents would be rounded up.

What alliterative phrase did the Americans use for this structure in the late 1960s, in sarcastic reference to the many luxuries in store for them?

ANSWER

Hanoi Hilton

Theme Clues

- Doha
- Hiroshima
- Bangkok
- Tehran
- Manila
- Jakarta
- Incheon
- Hanoi

ANSWER

Host Cities of the Asian Games

(past and future)

- Doha, Qatar – 2006
- Hiroshima, Japan - 1994
- Bangkok, Thailand - 1966
 - Tehran, Iran - 1974
- Manila, Philippines - 1954
- Jakarta, Indonesia - 1962
- Incheon, South Korea – 2014
 - Hanoi, Vietnam - 2019

Round 5 (31 Points)

31 Questions x 1 Points Each

No negatives

One answer, no part points

What word derived from the Latin calciare meaning “to stamp with heels/tread” used in the notion of making marshy ground firm by treading on it connects:

- New Jewel and a beast seen by Sanga Nila Utama
- A place originating from the Persian word “Kalbeh” meaning something that juts out into water
- The custodian of the two holy mosques from 1982-2005
- Mahikavathi, the capital of the 13th century ruler Bhimdeo

ANSWER

Causeways

Johor Baharu-Singapore

Colaba

King Fahd

Mahim

In *You Only Live Twice*, Bond travels to Japan and becomes involved with Kissy Suzuki, who is a trained *ama*.

The Japanese practice of *ama* goes back 2000 years and is performed without scuba gear or air tanks with women being preferred over men for the even distribution of fat in their bodies, helping bodies stay warmer in cold water.

Today, the practice is largely tourism driven as in the Middle East since advanced culturing techniques have ensured greater predictability in a billion dollar industry.

What/who is an *ama*?

ANSWER

Pearl Divers/Pearl Fishers



On the Istanbul's Asian side facing the Bosphorous is the Selimiye Barracks built by Sultan Selim III for his soldiers.

Burnt down during the Janissary revolt of 1806, the building was rebuilt and fortified further, serving as an onward base for the 33rd and 41st British troops in the later half of the century.

Today, two floors inside the barracks have been converted into a museum preserving someone's living quarters, including a writing desk with letters, equipment and a paper lantern that was somewhat exaggerated in pictorial representations.

Who does this museum honour?





ANSWER

Florence Nightingale



- A is a painting depicting a character mentioned in the Book of Judges in the Hebrew Bible, who kills Sisera and saves the land from King Jabin.
- B is a traditional land found in the regions we identify today with Egypt and Sudan that lay along the Nile.
- An alternate term for A along with B gives the name for a subspecies that prefers rocky ground or the deserts of Oman, Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt, among other places.

Name the subspecies.





A



B

ANSWER

Nubian Ibex

Jael/Yael – who killed Sisera is Hebrew for Ibex
Nubia is the land along the Nile



Three of the most widespread activities for the Duanwu Festival are eating zongzi, drinking realgar wine and _____. It occurs on the 5th day of the 5th month of the traditional Chinese calendar, thus giving its alternate name, the Double Fifth Festival. **Its popular name in the West directly translates two alternate Chinese names for it—Lóngchuánjié and Lóngzhōujié. What?**

ANSWER

Dragon Boat Festival.

The Battle of Badr, fought on 13 March 624 CE, was a key battle in the early days of Islam and a turning point in Muhammad's struggle with his opponents among the Quraish in Mecca. **On October 6, 1973, the same name was used to mark the start of something which had long-term repercussions in the sub-continent. What?**

ANSWER

Yom Kippur War / Ramadan War / October War.

Operation Badr was the code name for the Egyptian military operation to cross the Suez Canal and seize the Bar-Lev Line of Israeli fortifications.

What evocative name was given by the colonials to the type of walking stick shown here? One fanciful theory about the name was because of its usefulness in settling disputes in a Malaysian province. Wikipedia suggests that it was “probably from the Malay phrase ____ for a wild areca, although the term may also refer to the use of these canes as deadly knobkerries to assassinate litigious enemies”





ANSWER

Penang Lawyer (possibly from *pinang liyar*).

The photograph shows the area c. 1900. It got its name from the nutmeg, pepper and fruit plantations on either side. Currently, the presidential office and residence lies on one end of it. **Identify this tourist attraction.**





ANSWER

Orchard Road in Singapore.

Which country celebrated the golden jubilee of its constitution, with a spectacular \$15 million fireworks display on November 10, 2012? The 77,282 fireworks launched over the period of an hour in the capital city earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the biggest fireworks display of all time.





ANSWER

Kuwait.

One of the most sought after varieties of this expensive delicacy used to be harvested in the limestone caves at Gomantong and Niah in Borneo. Due to conservation efforts and rising costs, reinforced concrete structures are now used for the harvest. **What item, mostly associated with the species *Aerodramus fuciphagus* and *Aerodramus maximus*, are we talking about?**

ANSWER

Edible **bird's nest**.

Featured on this Chinese 1 Yuan note is a famous lake located in Hangzhou, in eastern China. A World Heritage sight since 2011 it has influenced and inspired numerous poets and painters including Marco Polo . Identify.





ANSWER

West Lake

Which establishment do they jointly own, the logo being shown on the right (and on apparel) ?



ANSWER

Ministry of Crab

Called Yakhchal, you can still see some of these structures standing in and around Iran. **These are believed to one of the earliest examples of what?**

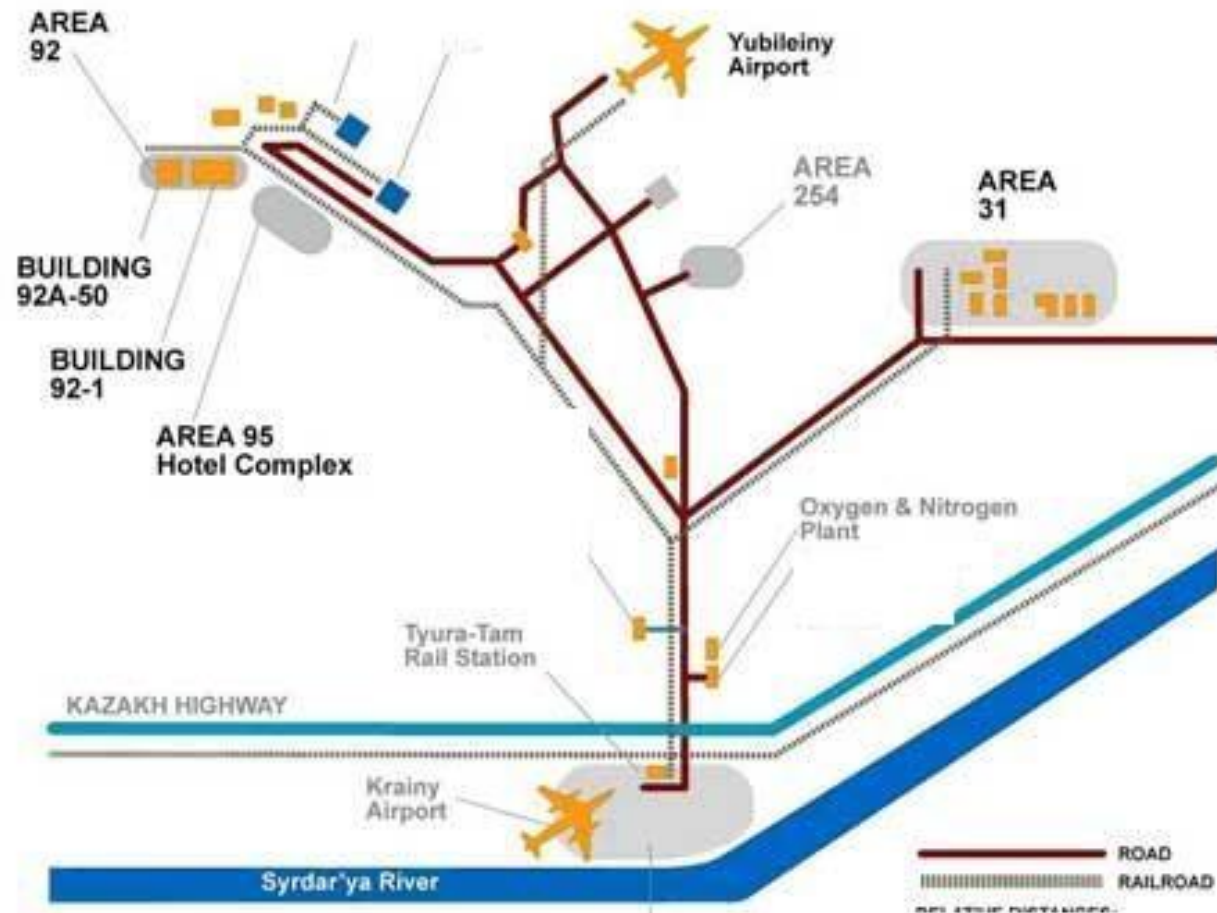


ANSWER

Yakhchal in Persian means 'ice-pit'; so
these are the earliest **refrigerators**

It is a large Y-shaped complex, that extends about 160 kilometers east to west and 88 kilometers north to south. It is currently leased to a neighbouring country and the cost of the lease is supposedly a topic of debate between the two. **The location holds many firsts and is still the largest facility of its kind in the world. Identify.**





ANSWER

Baikonur Cosmodrome

This progressive-rock band fronted by Faraz Anwar is named after the device (shown in the picture) that is used to play a well-known musical instrument. **Maazi, Haal, Mustaqbil** ("past, present, future") , their second studio album, is credited to be one of the first Urdu metal album. Name the band.





ANSWER

Mizraab – used to play the sitar

In the 1980s, for what was to later become his Nobel-prize winning work, Masatoshi Koshihara, drawing on the work done by Raymond Davis Jr, constructed an underground neutrino detector in a zinc mine in Japan. It was an enormous water tank surrounded by detectors to sense flashes of light produced when neutrinos interacted with atoms in water molecules. A similar experiment was done in the 1960s in India by V S Narasimham, Gokul Menon and others. **In which mine did they conduct the experiments?**

ANSWER

Kolar Gold Fields

Though better known for another field of creative arts, he is also an acknowledged painter. He took up painting after being injured in a motorcycle accident in 1994, and his brushwork has appeared in '*Achilles and the Tortoise*', the final part of his autobiographical trilogy. Identify.





ANSWER

Takeshi 'Beat' Kitano

Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi's final words: "***Arrows and bullets are exhausted ... Sorrow comes as I fall***" were heard before the US takeover of which crucial Japanese base?

ANSWER

Iwo Jima

Designed by William Chang, this trophy is given out to winners of this award. Nawazuddin Siddiqui received one for *Talaash* in 2013. Name the award.





ANSWER

Asian Film Award

Di Renjie was a Tang dynasty official who lived in the 7th century. His deeds inspired a 17th century Chinese novel in the gong'an or 'crime case' genre. The Dutch scholar **X** translated this Chinese novel into English during the Second World War and gave the character's name a small modification in name.

Di Renjie's deeds have also inspired a Chinese film from 2010. The director Tsui Hark made a prequel to the film earlier this year.

By what name is Di Renjie commonly known? Also name the Dutch scholar who translated the book.

ANSWER

Judge Dee.

X was **Robert van Gulik.**

(this was a 1 pointer so only Judge Dee
needed)

Henry Reed's poem **Naming of Parts** begins with this stanza.

"To-day we have naming of parts. Yesterday,
We had daily cleaning. And to-morrow morning,
We shall have what to do after firing. But to-day,
To-day we have naming of parts. _____
Glistens like coral in all of the neighboring gardens,
And to-day we have naming of parts."

The missing word is the **common English name** for a flowering species, borrowed from the biological name *Chaenomeles X*—where X refers to the country of origin.

Identify the flower.





ANSWER

Japonica

If you look on Pirate Bay, you will find that some kind soul has uploaded X's complete filmography on account of its 'historical' value. This filmography includes such films as:

Apsara

The Rose of Bokor

La Joie de Vivre

Twilight

The Last Days of Colonel Savath

X got the authorities in his country to give him an award for *Twilight*, according to rumour. Since the film was made in 1969, we can be reasonably sure that it has nothing to do with Ms. Stephanie Meyer and her excursions into novel-writing. Identify X, also famous for briefly propounding an ideology known as Royal Buddhist Socialism.

ANSWER

Norodom Sihanouk

The Nam Song river meanders gently past the town of Vang Vieng in Laos, making it a prime location for this pastime featuring objects originally intended for tractors. **What is the pastime called?**





ANSWER

Tubing.

From the practice of using inner tubes
from tractor tyres.

In the Islamic word, this term can indicate *doctrine*, and can also mean *sect*. It applied to the schools of jurisprudence in Islam such as the Hanbali. In India, interestingly, the word also does duty as the common term for religion. A variant of the term is applied to a group of Sikhs who were once classified as a martial caste by the British. What term are we looking for?

ANSWER

Madh'hab / Mazhab

Barang is the Khmer word for foreigner, especially a European.

Which nationality did it originally denote?

ANSWER

The French.

Khmer does not use the fa sound, and
Barang is the closest they could get.
Much like the words Phirang and
Parangi in our parts of the world.

The poster for the Cannes Film Festival in 1983 was based on a sketch by whom?



ANSWER

Akira Kurosawa

The 32 *lakshanas* or perfections required to pass the eligibility test include a neck like a conch shell, a body like a banyan tree, eyelashes like a cow, thighs like a deer, chest like a lion and voice soft and clear as a duck's. **What are these lakshanas used for?**

ANSWER

- To identify a **Kumari** in Nepal.

This cartoon refers to the controversy in Iran over the actor X choosing to appear topless in a shoot for the paper *Madam Figaro* in protest against 'the restrictions placed on women in Iran'. **Name the actor X, for long one of the distinctive presences in Iranian cinema.**





ANSWER

Golshifteh Farahani

Gedung Batu temple or Klenteng Sampo in Semarang, Java, is a shrine that honours a certain 14th century personality and his arrival in those parts.

The event is commemorated every year with a big procession—complete with dragon and lion dances accompanied by deafening music—from Tay Kak Sie, Semarang's other main temple, to Gedung Batu.

Similar shrines, or statues, can be found in peninsular Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Just name this person.

ANSWER

Admiral **Zheng He**

Where would one come across this (non-exhaustive) eclectic list of Asians?

Ruchira Mendiones (Thai), Amahl Shakh (Arabic), Maung Myo Lwin (Burmese), Ilyas Harun (Indonesian), Jatinder N. Paul (Punjabi), Subrata Mukherjee (Bengali), Salma Alzal (Urdu), Tran Trong Hai (Vietnamese), Mari Noda (Japanese), Kamal de Abrew (Sinhalese), Soon Hee Shin (Korean), Durga Prashad Ojha (Nepali), Liang Ku (Mandarin Chinese), Radhekeant Dave (Gujarati), Eshagh Samehyeh (Persian), Raghava Prasada Sahu (Oriya), Arati Pandit (Marathi), Prasad Kodukula (Telugu), Shrinivasa K. Upadhaya (Kannada) and Mool C. Gupta (Rajasthani)

ANSWER

Greetings from the **Voyager Golden Record**.

This World Heritage site, also known as Tadmur or Tadmor, was once an important city that had a central position in linking Europe and Asia on the Silk Route. The more famous name, by an accident of orthography, is spelt exactly like the common English name for the plant species *Borassus flabellifer*. **What is this name?**







ANSWER

Palmyra (Syria)

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