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# MAHAQUIZZER

The 2012 edition

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### Rules

- Time allowed: **90 minutes**
  - Wait for start signal
- ★/★★★ed questions will resolve ties
  - 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
- Mobiles, PDAs and similar gadgets must be switched off. Usage during the quiz will lead to immediate disqualification
  - Any attempt at cheating will result in immediate disqualification

TOTAL

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1	If you prefix different consonants to a four-letter noun, you will get—in alphabetical order—a river, a character from Winnie the Pooh and a comic-book genre. Name this Eastern Indian kingdom which had Champa as its capital, and was annexed by the Magadha empire in the 6th Century.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Which region in Germany, known for culinary reasons, is also famous for wooden clocks with names like Shield, Jockele, and Sorg—all precursors to the cuckoo clocks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Considered by the Japanese as a symbol of good fortune and longevity, origami figures of this bird are traditionally sent to the Hiroshima memorial and were also sent to fire and police stations and cultural institutions throughout New York City soon after 9/11. Which bird?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	The decision to convert the Annandale Ground in Shimla to a cricket stadium has caused some controversy; in the past the ground has been used for various sports including horse racing. Which sporting tournament was started at this Ground in 1888?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Besides the black, red and gold bands, other design elements in this Ensign were the hammer and compass in a ring of rye. Introduced in 1959, it was abolished sometime in 1990. Which country used this Ensign?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 ★	This art movement took shape with a 1909 manifesto by its Italian founder, who had once famously declared, "We want no part of it, the past, we, the young and strong _____!". Which movement?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Arising out of the 1973 oil crisis, it started in a series of informal meetings at the White House Library between officials from the US, the UK, Germany, Japan and France, and was informally known as the Library Group. Its official name has changed slightly as more members were added. How do we currently know it?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Name the brilliant Chief Inspector in Hitchcock's <i>Dial M for Murder</i> , also the surname of a woman whose "cupboard was bare".	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	The Algiers Accords of 1981 were brokered by the Algerian government between the United States & another country to end what 444-day logjam? (slight variations accepted).	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 ★	The headstone on the grave of which English scientist carries the number 772.55, in tribute to his most famous "work"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	The Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer is a ceremony held in Canada, where a graduating engineer receives an Iron Ring as part of the ritual. Which man of letters (also the first India-born person to receive the Nobel for literature) is credited with creating this ceremony in the 1920s?	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	This word, derived from the French for "rising", originally referred to Mediterranean lands east of Italy. It is now used by archaeologists and historians to refer to parts of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine. What word?	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Who was the first non-American to be named Time Magazine's Man of the Year?	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Only three countries border both China and Russia. Moving from West to East, the first two are Kazakhstan and Mongolia. In the case of the third, some part of the border has served Russian strategic interests by denying China access to the Sea of Japan. What is the third country that borders both China and Russia?	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	The coat-of arms of the town where you would find the Radcliffe Camera, the Ashmolean Museum and the Bodleian Library contains a visual pun. The base shows several wavy blue bars, which symbolize the shallow part of a river that may be crossed on foot. Which town?	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	According to Greek mythology, he invented numbers and the alphabet and harnessed the ox to the yoke and the horse to the chariot. Which character, mainly remembered for another adventure?	<input type="checkbox"/>



17	This word, derived from the Latin genitive plural form of 'who', refers to the minimum number of members necessary for an assembly to function. A similar but unrelated word is the name of a Palo-Alto-based question-and-answer website. Give either word.	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	A Sanskrit word meaning "violence" gives us the name of which human disease, also called "hydrophobia"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	One version of the story has the king giving her an extra portion; another has the other two queens giving her half of their portions. Name the queen of Dasaratha who got the extra portion of the divine porridge, resulting in increased fertility.	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 ★	What type of dog, that first gained popularity as a game dog, was so named because it was bred to burrow into the earth?	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	A doubly landlocked country is one which is surrounded on all sides by other landlocked countries. Only 2 such countries exist in the world today. If one is Liechtenstein, which is the other, substantially larger country, which was the cradle of an illustrious 332-year-old dynasty?	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	By introducing the British edition of which magazine in 1916 did Conde Nast become the first publisher of an overseas edition of an existing magazine?	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	In 1912, the Mayor of Tokyo gifted 3000 cherry blossom trees to which capital city, named after its first Head of State, that commemorates this event with an annual festival in March/April?	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	An educational institution in the north of Westchester County, New York has a Latin motto which literally means "by changing those things which have to be changed." Who are the primary occupants of this institution?	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	It was a magnificent building surrounded by a vast water-filled trench called Vaitamee. Opposite its south door there were four pits for sinners. Three other doors were for the good people. Which grandson of Vishwakarma was the resident?	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	What five-letter word stood for a country and its currency, both dropped in 1997? (no other name accepted).	<input type="checkbox"/>
27 ★★	This phrase was first used by John Adams, and made popular by Alexis de Tocqueville in his book <i>Democracy in America</i> . It is a criticism of the scenario in which the decisions made by the largest number would place their interests so far above a dissenting individual's interest, that the individual would be actively oppressed. Give a four-word phrase.	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	What two-word term is used for a musical ensemble that usually involves two violin players, a violist and a cellist – or a piece written to be performed by such a group?	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Which Italian, famous for his loggias and corridors, is said to have coined the term "Renaissance" (Rinascita) in print?	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Which British statesman and natural historian, in his <i>History of Java</i> , named the Borobudur temple and gave the Long-Tailed Macaque its scientific name <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	What literally means the "Greater Ox-Cart" and has Tendai, Nichiren and Zen as its most significant sects/schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	The smallest stands in Poike (1.13 meters) and the largest at the Rano Raraku Quarry (21.6 meters). Tourists travel every year to try and see all 887. Which place do they visit?	<input type="checkbox"/>
33 ★★	The Jinnah Cap or the Qara-kul hat comes from sheep that graze near Tajikistan's largest natural reservoir. However, the pelt/wool gets its name from the city on the left bank of the Volga from where it was brought to Russia. Name the wool.	<input type="checkbox"/>



34 ★	His namesake company's video cameras accompanied the Apollo 11 crew and captured the Moon walk for viewers on Earth. Name the American entrepreneur who ironically was awarded the IEEE's Edison Medal in 1911.	<input type="checkbox"/>
35	In Hindustani music, what four-letter word denotes the note that is strongly emphasized in a raga? The same word is also used for the primary accuser in a legal case.	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	If the first two in 1877 and 1903 were grand spectacles, the third in 1911 was a capital and a royal event. The fourth was planned for 1936/37 but was overtaken by other pressing concerns. Two-word answer please?	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> may feature in lists of all time-best selling books, but a chart of Charles Dickens' book sales between 1846 and 1870- the year he died- is topped by this satire which is one of the first English novels to prominently feature a detective. Name this Dickens novel built around hopeless litigation involving landed property.	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Which independent San Francisco bookstore founded by a Beat poet bears a name inspired by a 1931 Charlie Chaplin film?	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Not to be confused with headgear used on animals by riders and drivers, what six-letter word describes headgear used to lead and tie up animals, also a term for a kind of neckline in clothes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	Interestingly no strict geographical criterion is imposed in selecting the list, which currently has 38 members. Although there is no agreed definition, the contract for those <i>not part of this list</i> indicates that one of the criteria for being in this list is that members have atleast 500 seats (some with 499 seats have been grandfathered in provided they don't decrease to less than 499). What list?	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	This group gets its name because early adherents wanted to avoid the excesses of the Caliphs, and thus wore coarse clothes made from a non-cotton material. This earned them the opposition of other followers of Prophet Mohammed, who wore clothes made from cotton. Which group?	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	Its depiction as a terrifying hell-hole in the 2005 Eurotrip movie <i>Hostel</i> attracted much criticism. This city has the distinction of being the only national capital that borders two other independent countries. Which city?	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	William Whewell coined this term in the 1830s part satirically, in analogy with the term 'artist'. It was intended to convey a knowledge of natural and experimental philosophy. What term?	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	This 16 <sup>th</sup> -century cipher is named after its creator and bears another name, reminiscent of a Bond villain, that conveys the futility of attempting to break it. Lewis Carroll considered it unbreakable but Charles Babbage broke it in 1854. Give either name.	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	"Random forests, naïve Bayesian estimators, RESTful services, gossip protocols, eventual consistency, data sharding, anti-entropy, Byzantine quorum, erasure coding, vector clocks ... walk into certain _____ meetings, and you may momentarily think you've stumbled into a computer science lecture" – so starts a 2010 letter to shareholders of which company?	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	This book was written in 10 days during a voyage from England to South Africa in 1909. The entire book is in the form of a dialogue between two characters named "The Editor" and "The Reader". The author outlines his vision of home rule in this book. Which book?	<input type="checkbox"/>
47 ★★	It involves the rapid movement of the tongue and the uvula, and has an onomatopoeic name. Under the name <i>zaghareet</i> , it is used as a gesture of honour in the Muslim world. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
48	One of the oldest film festivals is held in a spa city in Eastern Europe named for a Holy Roman Emperor. The city is known for its hot springs, its plums, and the high-quality glass manufacturer Moser. Which town?	<input type="checkbox"/>



49	Founded by five labourers in Sao Paulo, it is named after an English amateur team that won all six games during an exhibition tour of Brazil in the early 1900s. The team shares its name with the two epistles by St. Paul in the New Testament. Which football club?	<input type="checkbox"/>
50	The semi-nomadic Ashaninka have lived for thousands of years in the Peruvian Selva Central. The phrase _____-boom describes the revolution that swept through the Amazon, following a Thomas Hancock discovery. It eventually wiped out 90 percent of the Ashaninka population. Fill in the blank with a six-letter word.	<input type="checkbox"/>
51	In web technology, it is a computer graphic that may be moved on-screen and manipulated as a single entity. It improves performance because only a single server request is sent, and all images are returned in a single burst. Give a six-letter term for this 'elf' or 'fairy'.	<input type="checkbox"/>
52 ★★	He used to take part in competitive racing as a driver for Fiat. He later started his own eponymous venture with his friend Claudio Fogolin. The motor racing team bearing his company's name is the winner of ten World Rally Championships, the most for any manufacturer. Who was this visionary?	<input type="checkbox"/>
53	This was originally an Aztec celebration dedicated to the Goddess Mictecacihuatl, who is analogous to the modern La Calavera Catrina. After the Spanish conquest, it became intertwined with the All Saints' Day celebrations. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
54	Radicals, Carpetbaggers, Scalawags, Stalwarts, Half-breeds, and Rockefellers are all historical factions of what organization, which has as its symbol a member of the same family as the extinct Mammoth.	<input type="checkbox"/>
55	This city on the Rhone was papal property until the French Revolution. It is also the place where the Montgolfier brothers first tested their balloon. Which city, that takes its name from the Avennius clan?	<input type="checkbox"/>
56	What historical literary genre was made popular in Britain with GT Chesney's <i>The Battle of Dorking</i> , and could probably count H. G. Wells's <i>War of the Worlds</i> as its most famous example?	<input type="checkbox"/>
57	The story of Saint Clement and Saint Christopher relates that while fleeing from persecution, the men packed their sandals with wool to prevent blisters. At the end of their journey, the movement and sweat had turned the wool into something else. What material was formed?	<input type="checkbox"/>
58	What has a stem called the stipe, a cap called the pileus, and gills called lamellae on the underside of the pileus?	<input type="checkbox"/>
59	According to legend, the god Huitzilopochtli commanded the people to find a Crested Caracara perched atop a cactus, devouring a snake. After two hundred years of wandering they found the promised sign on a small island in the Lake Texcoco. Where would one find this sign prominently today?	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 ★	The people of ancient Tuscany used this term to describe something put in a scale to complete a needed weight. Today, it finds use in English as an addition of little importance, or the positive fractional part of a number. What word?	<input type="checkbox"/>
61	The only sovereign nations currently exemplifying this form of government are Oman and Brunei. Although the ruler in this regime has religious authority, he need not be a religious leader himself. What type of government?	<input type="checkbox"/>
62	What adventurer's "title" would complete this list - Lord Wilmore, English Chief Clerk of the Thomson and French banking firm, Sinbad the Sailor, Abbe Busoni, and Monsieur Zaccone?	<input type="checkbox"/>
63	"Plastics", (from <i>The Graduate</i> ) is one of the only two one-word quotes on the AFI's list of 100 movie quotes. Which is the other?	<input type="checkbox"/>
64 ★★	This is a method used in embryology to study the growth and development of an embryo inside an egg as well as the potency of edible eggs. It uses a bright light source behind the egg to show details through the shell, and is so called because the original sources of light used were _____. Name the method.	<input type="checkbox"/>



65	This region's name literally means "four circuits of rivers and gorges". The cuisine of this region is categorized as one of the Eight Culinary Traditions of China. The peppercorn flavour makes it suitable to the Indian palate. Which region?	<input type="checkbox"/>
66	William H. Whyte, Jr. coined the term in a Fortune magazine article and associated this phenomenon with eight symptoms, including mind guards, rationalization, and self-censorship. This phenomenon was avoided during the Cuban Missile Crisis but had a strong influence on the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Name this phenomenon wherein alternative courses of action are ignored in favour of promoting cohesion and uniformity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
67	The Pitaya, commonly known as the Dragon Fruit, is borne by which plant species?	<input type="checkbox"/>
68	Known in the local language as Tokieong Long, which island was one of the first places to be affected by the 2004 tsunami and has two adjoining protected areas, the Campbell Bay National Park in the north and the Galathea National Park in the south?	<input type="checkbox"/>
69 ★	What form of temple music from Kerala literally means "staircase music" in Sanskrit/ Malayalam as it comprises devotional songs sung on the flight of steps leading up to the sanctum sanctorum of a temple, to the accompaniment of a variety of instruments, the edakka being the most commonly used?	<input type="checkbox"/>
70	If you double the letter 'O' in this word you get the dense chewy treat made with sweetened coconut. If you tag the letter 'i' to it, you get the name the dishevelled Yankee soldier gave to his hairstyle after sticking a feather in his hat. Give the exact spelling of the French confection that has two hard outer shells sandwiched together with a soft creamy centre, like a cream biscuit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
71	From 1941, at the request of MI9, Norman Watson the MD of Waddingtons had sent out metal implements and silk maps disguised as toys to British prisoner-of-war camps. In 1947, when Anthony Pratt and his wife met Watson with their invention, Watson struck a deal with them, but asked that they change the name of the person called Yellow, as the colour "had certain connotations inappropriate in a military man". How do we know the man who was originally called Yellow?	<input type="checkbox"/>
72	What drink of choice linked the Gauls, as depicted by Goscinny, with the famous friend of the missionary CF Andrews?	<input type="checkbox"/>
73	They are almost always low-heeled, the toes are always rounded and closed and they feature a strap near the ankle. What is the generic name for these kind of shoes, that traces its origin to the name of the sister of Buster Brown, the mischievous boy in the popular early 20th century comic strip?	<input type="checkbox"/>
74	This word coming from the Turkish for "taste/ flavour" refers to a number of small dishes served at the beginning of lunch or dinner in Mediterranean and Middle cuisines. What is the word?	<input type="checkbox"/>
75	This word variously refers to someone not subject to a ruler or a nation, a champagne bottle of a capacity of almost 25 litres and a gold coin minted in UK with a nominal value of 1 pound. What word, that is used widely in India in a different context?	<input type="checkbox"/>
76	The author of this book bought 7000 books on various aspects of WWII and interviewed 16000 people for his landmark book about a single momentous day of the war. Considered the first example of literary journalism, this book is believed to have sold at least 25 million copies. Name this 1959 book.	<input type="checkbox"/>
77	Legend has it that a God planned to marry a beautiful woman named Naipí, who fled with her mortal lover Tarobá in a canoe. In rage the god sliced the river, condemning the lovers to an eternal fall. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site, that once made Eleanor Roosevelt exclaim, "Poor Niagara!"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
78	Known as "berline" or "berlina" in some parts of mainland Europe, its common name comes from the Italian for a "carried chair". The first of its kind was the Renault Voiturette Type B. What is the common name?	<input type="checkbox"/>



79	First mentioned officially in a document in 1242, it was known as “des graven hage” meaning “the count’s wood” or “the count’s enclosure”. Since the 17th century, it is referred to as “Gravenshage” in all official documents. However, it is known by a slightly different name worldwide, and houses many important national and international organizations. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
80 ★	First known to be used by Dante Alighieri, it consists of rhymes of the form “A-B-A, B-C-B, C-D-C, D-E-D”. Its name comes from the number of lines in each stanza. First used in English by Chaucer, it is rare in English because of the paucity of rhyme words. What type of verse?	<input type="checkbox"/>
81	One of the longest varieties of these is the telegraph, which has parallel running grooves and a hook-like projection at one end. Another popular categorization labels them as ‘slicing’, ‘pickling’ and ‘burpless’. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
82	_____ is a label that is used to refer to pre-Civil War buildings on cotton plantations in the southern US. When queried why they call themselves such, which band quipped that their name owes its origin to the time when they were photographing _____ buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>
83	This city on the shores of Lake Geneva hosted a comedy festival in the 1980s and the 1990s, in honour of someone who spent his last days here. It is also noted as the place where milk chocolate was invented. Identify.	<input type="checkbox"/>
84	What nine-letter word, “stronger” than tarragon, and “paler” than malachite, would relate to the hanging of copper plates over hot vinegar in a sealed container, and a chemical reaction visible on the Statue of Liberty?	<input type="checkbox"/>
85 ★	What moniker given to the poets Ben Jonson, Robert Herrick, Richard Lovelace, Thomas Carew, and Sir John Suckling, of the Caroline Era is evocative of both their poetry, light in style, and of a lifestyle distinct from that of the puritan Roundheads?	<input type="checkbox"/>
86	This festival celebrating documentary films is held annually at Paju, and has a name associated with a 249-km-long strip of land. By what 3-letter abbreviation is it referred to?	<input type="checkbox"/>
87	A historical region of the Czech Republic, it is also the surname of a novelist who has written books on which films such as <i>Contempt</i> and <i>The Conformist</i> have been based. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
88	Fill the blank in this famous Mark Twain quote with a 11-letter term often used in the visual arts: "Some German words are so long that they have a _____".	<input type="checkbox"/>
89	Opened in 1982, it was once voted the ugliest building in London. Named after the estate where it is situated, this multi-level complex built in the Brutalist style is home to the London Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. What is the name of this arts venue?	<input type="checkbox"/>
90	The word for a Greek in Ancient India was Yona or Javanan. It derives from the group of people who were originally the best known Greeks in the East. Who?	<input type="checkbox"/>
91	According to legend, this Dionysian priest is believed to have leapt out of the chorus and to have begun reciting certain spoken words during a performance in 534 BC. Who was this pioneer?	<input type="checkbox"/>
92	What “variant that occupies the same place” is the protagonist in a Nobel prize-winning technique developed by Willard Libby, and until 1955 was primarily thought to be produced by cosmic rays acting upon nitrogen in the atmosphere?	<input type="checkbox"/>
93	Meaning "to own together" in Latin, this word referred to a situation where two countries exercise equal rights over a territory jointly. The most famous example being Sudan, which was jointly run by Egypt and Britain till 1956. What 11-letter word that denotes a form of housing?	<input type="checkbox"/>
94 ★★	The use of medial capitals or CamelCase in compound words such as iPod or LaBelle is fairly common today. Much before it became fashionable, what specific application helped it gain wider acceptance?	<input type="checkbox"/>



95	This nursery rhyme was used as a derogatory phrase for poor refereeing in sports like hockey that have more than a pair of officials. A jazzy version of the rhyme was used to introduce the 3 Stooges in the period 1939-59. Name the rhyme.	<input type="checkbox"/>
96	Finding that the original Sloan letters in a traditional 'Snellen' were unsuitable, Sergei Golovin and D. A. Sivtsev developed an alternative by arranging Ш, Б, М, Н, К, Ы, И in a certain order. What is the Golovin-Sivtsev method used for?	<input type="checkbox"/>
97	Fill in the blank with a name in this concluding line of the novel <i>Moth Smoke</i> by Mohsin Hamid: "It is perhaps between hope and memory, in the atomized, atomic lands once Aurangzeb's empire, that our poets tell us _____, the apostate, called out to God as he died."	<input type="checkbox"/>
98	A 2001 Naseeruddin Shah play is a theatrical retelling of the stories <i>Bu</i> and <i>Lihaaf</i> , two works by writers who were contemporaries. The title of the play is evocative of the obscenity charges to which the writers responded in the Lahore High Court. Name either writer.	<input type="checkbox"/>
99	It was occupied by Colonel Arthur Wellesley in 1799. The walls and ceilings depict victories over the British led by Colonel Bailee, the Nizam of Hyderabad arriving at the battlefield, and the Durbars of contemporaries such as the rulers of Chitoor, Tanjore and Benares. What is this "wealth of the sea" built in 1784 A.D.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
100	Bob Dylan's desire is to spend some time here, and when it's time for leaving, to take a peek to say goodbye to the sand and sea and realize why it is so unique. Which is this place that gets its name from Mussa Ben Mbiki, an Arab trader?	<input type="checkbox"/>
101	This musical instrument, like Alexander's horse, takes its name from the Latin for 'bull'. It contains no valves or other pitch-altering devices. What is this instrument that is used to play Taps or the Last Post in military rites at funerals?	<input type="checkbox"/>
102	In 1924, a brilliant physics student Adriano _____, achieved fame with his experimental radio connection between Italy and America, using a short wave device of his own design. Encouraged by the success of this experiment, the family established the "Società Scientifica Radio Brevetti _____". The surname survived as his other brothers found fame after the release of the motorbike Cucciolo. What surname?	<input type="checkbox"/>
103	The two-word English term used to refer to sailors of the Royal Navy is partly derived from the canvas used to cover the objects on ships. What term?	<input type="checkbox"/>
104	Ken Aston came up with the concept of penalization using a colour scheme for football, since it was "something that would traverse language barriers, and clarify to players and spectators that they had been cautioned or sent off". What was his inspiration?	<input type="checkbox"/>
105	Magnum's Thomas Hoepker captured a seemingly calm scene of a group of young people idling by the river wall at Williamsburg, as the twin towers burned in the background. The photo is said to recall which painting by Pieter Bruegel in which a peasant nonchalantly ploughs his field as the titular boy plunges to his death?	<input type="checkbox"/>
106	The word Aglet is used to refer to the sheath present at the end of a shoelace. It takes its name from the Latin Acus, which refers to a household implement that works similarly. What does Acus mean?	<input type="checkbox"/>
107	This Lahore-born Nobel Laureate gives his name, among other things, to a value generally held to be about 2.86 quintillion kilograms. Who?	<input type="checkbox"/>
108	This legendary musician changed his middle name from Ransome to Anikulapo, as he felt the former was a "slave name". He once declared his living quarters an independent republic. Who?	<input type="checkbox"/>





109	In 1919, the Smithsonian Institution published a monograph titled <i>A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes</i> . In response, a NY Times editorial reacted sharply: That Professor _____ with his "chair" in Clark College and the countenancing of the Smithsonian Institution, does not know the relation of action and reaction, and of the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react—to say that would be absurd. Fill in the blank.	<input type="checkbox"/>
110	The name of this fictional setting comes from the local words for Eight and Planet. This is probably because there are seven major bodies between the body in question and the Sun, including satellites. Name it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
111 ★	A journalist for the Russian newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda coined this nickname after a famous personality made a scathing attack on the Soviet Union and communism at the Kensington Town Hall. The personality and the nickname eventually became synonymous. Give either the nickname or name the person.	<input type="checkbox"/>
112	This pioneer of the Nayi Kahani movement is best known for his debut play from the 1950s, which despite its title takes place over a period of many years. Who?	<input type="checkbox"/>
113	The American actress Veronica Hamel is mainly remembered for her appearance in a commercial aired on TV at 11.59 pm on January 1st, 1971. What item was being advertised that gave the commercial historical significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>
114	The one-day tour requires booking at least 10 days in advance; among the highlights are feeding catfish, meeting the inhabitants of Opachychi village and touring the ghost village of Pripyat. At the end of the tour security guards at Dytyatky will check you with Geiger counters. What is the tour destination?	<input type="checkbox"/>
115	What heavy-load carrying contraption governed by ISO 6346, is used architecturally in pre-fab homes, smart office-spaces and temporary structures, including in recreating the Cashell Market in Christchurch, New Zealand that was destroyed by the 2011 earthquake?	<input type="checkbox"/>
116	Plasmodium falciparum is the most dangerous; the milder ones are Plasmodium vivax, Plasmodium ovale and Plasmodium _____. Name the missing parasite that shares its name with the disease all of them cause?	<input type="checkbox"/>
117	Currently only one country in the world has a so-titled monarch -- the country that hosts the European Court of Justice. What two-word term denotes a monarch below the rank of king but above that of prince?	<input type="checkbox"/>
118	This device reduced the danger of explosions and was specifically designed to work in flammable atmospheres. It is seen in a monument outside the home ground of Sunderland Football Club as a tribute to the traditional industry which brought prosperity to the town. What device?	<input type="checkbox"/>
119	Scaphoid, Lunate, Triquetral, Pisiform, _____, _____, Capitate, Hamate: The two bones that would complete this list mean the same thing— a type of four-sided plane figure. The words are used interchangeably in Britain and in America. Name either.	<input type="checkbox"/>
120	The Waring blender was introduced in 1937 at the National Restaurant Show in Chicago. Apart from its uses in a kitchen it also became an important tool in hospitals for the implementation of specific diets. In what vital scientific discovery was the Waring blender used at the University of Pittsburgh's Virus Research Center?	<input type="checkbox"/>
121	"...at one point, the cameraman has to jerk forward to keep up with him because he's about to run off the screen.... The time of 19.32 broke his own world record by a third of a second. No other man in history has run below 19.6" – Who is the pre-Usain Bolt tearaway in question?	<input type="checkbox"/>
122	Who is the Padmabhushan recipient from Mangalampalli who runs the dance and music school Vipanchee, and was given the prefix of 'child' to his name by a teacher who spotted his talent?	<input type="checkbox"/>



123 ★★	What measurement system is classified under three main divisions, and includes the types Brunel, Indian, Iberian, Irish, Stephenson, Scotch, Cape, Three Foot and Bosnian?	<input type="checkbox"/>
124	Locally called Baan Ganga and opening into the Arabian sea, what water body in the Kutch marshlands gets its current name from the British representative who was requested to mediate in a dispute between the ruler of Sindh and the Rao of Kutch?	<input type="checkbox"/>
125	In my more typical representation I hold a Pasha (a rope) in one hand, an Ankusha (a spear like weapon) in another, a sweet-meat in the third, and have my fourth held in a gesture of protection. What is the name given for my four-handed appearance?	<input type="checkbox"/>
126	"The Great Geometer" Appollonius of Perga is noted for coining the words ellipse, hyperbola, and parabola. What is his eight-volume book on these curves called?	<input type="checkbox"/>
127	If "Gir" was used for the Franco-Belgian comic-book western series <i>Blueberry</i> , what pen name was used for the science fiction and fantasy work that included the ground-breaking <i>Arzach</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>
128	With a first name that of a Hebrew prophet and a middle name that of an establishment where steaks are served, which black, hard-boiled detective's only screen appearance was in a Denzel Washington enactment?	<input type="checkbox"/>
129	What is the name for the water from a town in the Wiesbaden region of Germany famous for its springs and their natural effervescence, that later became synonymous with artificially carbonated club soda?	<input type="checkbox"/>
130	Part of the last completed work of its type by a composer, it is based on words from the poem <i>An die Freude</i> . It is currently used (without words) as the EU Anthem, and by collective European teams at sports events such as the Ryder Cup, to avoid appearing partial to any one language or nation. How do we better know this part?	<input type="checkbox"/>
131	This branch of mathematics is considered to have originated in Euler's paper on the bridges of Konigsberg and is used for representation and analysis of computer networks and chemical molecules, and in linguistics, biology and sociology. Its name was used in this context for the first time by JJ Sylvester in 1878. What branch of mathematics?	<input type="checkbox"/>
132	Khushwant Singh's <i>History of the Sikhs</i> is divided into two volumes: one covering the period before 1839 and the other after. Thanks to which event did he specifically choose this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>
133 ★	This subspecies probably gets its name because of an ability to sing while hovering, when compared to a closely related group of birds. It has been immortalised in a poem by Percy Shelley. A local name for it was given to the first satellite in space not belonging to either the USA or the USSR. Which bird?	<input type="checkbox"/>
134	What song released in 1969, features Major Tom, a fictional astronaut and has a title that alludes to the film <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>
135	During the second 1978 Papal election, a Time magazine reporter wrote that London bookmakers were offering 33-1 odds on Cardinal Joseph Cordeiro, who had his seat at St Patrick's Cathedral in this city. Which city that is believed to be protected from cyclones by saint Abdullah Shah Ghazi and was its country's capital between 1947 and 1958?	<input type="checkbox"/>
136	The carambola, a five ridged fruit also found in India, is known by a 9-letter name given because of its appearance in cross section. What name?	<input type="checkbox"/>
137 ★★	The story goes that George Graham Vest's "Eulogy on the dog" won the case for Charles Burden whose favourite hound, Old Drum, was shot by Leonidas Hornsby, who had sworn to shoot the first sheep-killing dog that came onto his land. What now famous catchphrase came from this famous courtroom speech?	<input type="checkbox"/>



138	Although this Spaniard won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1956, he is best known in the Anglophone world for something he said involving a stationery product. Name the poet, or the 1953 work where the aforementioned quote famously appears.	<input type="checkbox"/>
139	Going clockwise, this group consists of: Boreus, Eurus, Notus and _____. Fill in the blank with a name considered the most pleasant of its kind.	<input type="checkbox"/>
140	If this is the second sentence, what's the first (3 words enough) - "Some years ago--never mind how long precisely--having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail a little and see the watery part of the world"?	<input type="checkbox"/>
141 ★★	Z method is a method of music education for children that introduces skills commensurate with abilities, uses rhythm syllables, rhythmic movements, and hand signals as visual aids while singing. These hand signals were later famously used in the movie <i>Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind</i> . What is Z (name of person that created it)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
142	The centermost of the seven hills of Ancient Rome gives rise to several words, one of which means 'a strong supporter of a cause' or 'heroic champion', which was also the name given to the twelve peers in Charlemagne's court. Which word?	<input type="checkbox"/>
143	He purchased the painting <i>Custer's Last Stand</i> for \$30,000. The painting, with his company's logotype prominently appended, would soon grace the walls of thousands of saloons. Name this businessman.	<input type="checkbox"/>
144	This comic-book and television franchise was created by the Belgian cartoonist Peyo in 1958. When at a meal Peyo forgot the word "salt" and asked his friend (in French) to pass the schtroumpf. His friend jokingly replied: "Here's the Schtroumpf—when you are done schtroumpfing, schtroumpf it back..." and the two spent the rest of that weekend speaking in "schtroumpf language". Name the comic-book/television franchise.	<input type="checkbox"/>
145	This Grand Master of the Order of Christ (successor organization to the Templars in Portugal) was given an epithet that reflects his interest in seafaring. His expeditions from Lagos were so lucrative that he was able to mint Portugal's first gold coin, the cruzado. Name this infante, along with his epithet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
146	He grew up in an Anglophile household – his father was known as El Inglés – but though he reportedly set out in 1900 with the intention of visiting London, he did not visit Britain until 1919, when he went to London with Serge Diaghilev and the Ballet Russes to design sets and costumes for their ballet <i>The Three-Cornered Hat</i> . Who was this inspiration for artists Henry Moore and David Hockney?	<input type="checkbox"/>
147	This item first used in China has been made from pine soot, petroleum and lampblack at various times. It shares its name with a play by Tom Stoppard. What?	<input type="checkbox"/>
148	What 635-ton Art Deco exhibit made of concrete and soapstone is the most famous resident of the Corcovado Mountain in the Tijuca Forest National Park?	<input type="checkbox"/>
149	While working on a prototype, he began looking around for inspiration. When he saw his assistant using red nail polish, something clicked and the rest is history. Who is this associated with the world of fashion?	<input type="checkbox"/>
150 ★★	The psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus is best known for a mathematical curve that he came up with in his work <i>Über das Gedächtnis</i> . The curve shows a sharp decline in the beginning, and then levels out over a period of time. It is popularly known as the _____ curve. Fill in the blank with a 10-letter word.	<input type="checkbox"/>



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