



# MAHAQUIZZER

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# ANSWERS

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- Small spelling variations are okay, use your judgment
- For all answers which are names of people, just surname is acceptable. However, if surname is correct and first name(s) are given wrongly, it is to be considered incorrect. If question specifically mentions full name – then please look for it.
- No half points for any question
- **The portion marked in bold is the operative part of the answer.**
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1.	What common suffix can be added to - top, beaver, high, silk, cylinder, chimney pot and stove pipe?	<b>Hat</b>
2.	The only way of destroying this book (when it becomes old and torn) is through a special cremation process called "Agan Bhet". Which book?	<b>Guru Granth Sahib</b>
3.	In vexillological terms, what connects Fiji, Montenegro, Paraguay, Spain, and Sri Lanka?	<b>Lion(s)</b> (in the Flags)
4.	In the 1960s and 70s, science and engineering students carried a "slipstick" in their belt holsters. What is the common two word name for a "slipstick"?	<b>Slide rule</b> (in US it is called slipstick).
5.	This occupation involved mixing ink and fetching type and counts Ambrose Bierce, Benjamin Franklin and Mark Twain among its ranks. One theory for its name equates black ink with black arts, while another has Aldus Manutius practicing the black arts and hence the name being applied to his assistant of African descent. Other theories feature Johann Gutenberg and William Caxton. What job /occupation?	<b>Printer's devil</b>
6.	Which form of a popular international sport came into being in 1745, in a match between the villages of Bramley and Hambledon near Guildford in Surrey, and had its first world cup in 1973? (Two-word answer)	<b>Women's cricket</b>
7.	What is common to the tallest building in the European Union, a fragment of brittle substance and a tough sheath or covering of an insect like beetle?	(The) <b>Shard</b> (accept <b>Shard of Glass, Shard London Bridge</b> )
8. *	Because of its hardness, it was used as an alternative for grass in lawns-- Buckingham Palace still sports such lawns. Which plant, whose flowers are used to make a medicinal tea touted as a cure for insomnia?	<b>Chamomile</b>
9.	Joseph Priestley published a paper in 1772 titled "Impregnating water with fixed air". Which one of his inventions was he talking about in it? (Two-word answer)	<b>Soda Maker</b> ; Also accepting <b>Carbonated water</b> or <b>Soda water</b> ;
10.	Operation Lal Dora is often called India's 'Thin Red Line' moment in history. It was an aborted military intervention that called for the amphibious landing of troops from the 54th Division to help the PM of which African country fend off a coup?	<b>Mauritius</b>
11.	Carnoustie, Muirfield, Royal Birkdale, Royal Liverpool, Royal Lytham & St Annes, Royal St. Georges, Royal Troon, St. Andrews and Turnberry are the venues currently associated with which annual sporting event?	The Open or <b>The British Open</b> (Golf)
12.	In Children's Literature, how do we collectively know Nibs, Curly, the Twins, Slightly and Tootles?	<b>Lost Boys</b> (from Peter Pan)
13.	' <i>The Fiddler</i> ' is a painting by this Belarusian that inspired the name of a famous Broadway musical and an Oscar-nominated film adaptation. A documentary on him won an Academy Award in 1964 for Documentary Short Subject. Which artist?	Marc <b>Chagall</b> (The Fiddler inspired <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> )
14.	James William Marshall ended his life in near penury in a spartan homesteader's cabin where he raised a small subsistence garden. He died in 1885, unsuccessful in securing legal recognition of his "claims". He is well known however for a chance spotting 36 years earlier when he was building a sawmill. What sudden burst of activity did that spotting trigger?	<b>California Gold Rush</b> ; <b>Gold Rush</b> is accepted
15.	The use of threads obtained from the Flax plant, thanks to their uniform straightness, gave rise to which commonly used 4-letter English word?	<b>Line</b>
16.	During the exploration of which city did Francisco Pizarro write to King Charles I of Spain, saying: "This city is the greatest and the finest ever seen in this country or anywhere in the Indies... We can assure your Majesty that it is so beautiful and has such fine buildings that it would be remarkable even in Spain."?	<b>Cuzco/Cusco</b>

17. *	They were used for the first time in combat in 1806. The British launched 25,000 of these on Copenhagen, severely damaging the city. Francis Scott Key wrote about their 'red glare' in <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> . What object, named after its inventor who was the son of the then Commandant of Royal Artillery?	<b>Congreve Rocket</b>
18.	Blood may be the best-known fluid in the human body. There's twice as much of which other fluid, a thin coagulable one containing white blood cells and chyle? (Five Letter Answer please)	<b>Lymph</b> ('lymphocytes' not accepted)
19.	Ulugh Beg, a mathematician who constructed trigonometric tables accurate to 8 decimal places is buried in a mausoleum called Gur-E-Amir (meaning Tomb of the King) along with his father Shah Rukh and grandfather _____. Who was his grandfather?	<b>Tamerlane</b> (Accept Timur, Tarmashirin Khan, Emir Timur)
20. **	This branded substance is strictly forbidden in racing circles, where it was once used frequently. In 2007, two NASCAR crew chiefs were fined \$100,000 for lining their fuel tanks and intake valves with it, in order to receive an added octane boost. What substance, more (in)famous in the world of Blues music?	<b>Sterno OR Canned Heat</b>
21.	Ernest Shackleton carried which 'multi-volume book' on the trip to Antarctica & eventually ended up using its pages to kindle a fire?	<b>Encyclopedia Britannica</b> (he carried the 11th edition)
22.	To commemorate the successful conclusion of negotiations, Mussolini commissioned the Via della Conciliazione, and signed the Lateran treaty along with Pietro Gasparri on behalf of the Kingdom of Italy in 1929. What was established thus?	<b>Vatican City</b>
23. *	This brand of caramel-flavoured sweets, now owned by the German company August Storck KG and marketed to senior citizens across Europe and America, is not named after a tragic Goethe character - it takes its name from the town in Westphalia where the company was founded in 1903. Name the brand.	<b>Werther's</b>
24.	While commenting on the most famous work of well-known photographer Yousuf Karsh, said "You can even make a _____ stand still to be photographed". Fill in the blanks to give the name of his famous work.	The <b>Roaring Lion</b>
25.	What large dark-red oval organ on the left side of the body between the stomach and the diaphragm is used in an expression to indicate someone has a tendency to become angry quickly?	<b>Spleen</b>
26.	Sounding like an erstwhile ruler of India, what five-letter term describes a bump on a ski slope formed by the repeated turns of skiers over the same path, or an important or powerful person in the motion picture industry?	<b>Mogul</b>
27. **	The fabric for these bedsheets is micro-encapsulated with an optimum amount of Mosquito Repellent Finish. This range of bed linen from Bombay Dyeing is named after one plant for obvious reasons. What is this range called?	<b>Citronella</b>
28.	McCarthyism forced which Major League baseball team to change their name briefly in the 1950s?	<b>Cincinnati Reds</b> (changed it to Cincinnati Redlegs)
29.	What gets its name from Marco Polo's use of a slang term for cowrie shells, meaning "little piglet", to describe an item that resembled the cowrie shell in its hard, shell-like sheen?	<b>Porcelain</b> from porcellana
30.	What four-letter word that might have originated from an obsolete Scots word meaning a "twist" denotes the complement of a knit stitch in knitting?	<b>Purl</b> (Spelling is important)
31.	What is the title in Scottish aristocracy held both by Macduff and Macbeth? Not to be confused with a terminus of the first passenger train in India.	<b>Thane</b>
32.	The Joshi-Abhyankar serial murders in Pune was the basis for this 2003 movie which was rejected at least 6 times by the censor board as it glorifies violence, murder & drugs. Which 'unreleased' Hindi movie that is now considered an underground cult classic?	<b>Paanch</b>

33.	Name the non-Semitic people (Delilah from the Samson tale was one of them) who occupied the southern coast of Canaan and came into conflict with the Israelites. In modern usage the name has come to mean someone who is indifferent to culture and the arts, or has no understanding of them.	<b>Philistines</b>
34.	This country was called the "Scottish colony" because of the important roles played by the Scots during British rule. When the country gained independence, 3 years after WWII, anti-British sentiments were so strong that it did not join the Commonwealth Nations. Which country?	<b>Burma or Myanmar</b>
35.	Complete this quote by Samuel Goldwyn - "Color television! Bah, I won't believe it until I see it in _____!"	<b>Black and White</b>
36. *	This was where Mahatma Gandhi first set foot on European soil in 1888; 44 years later this was where he last set foot on European soil. Which Adriatic port, headquarters of the Reggimento San Marco?	<b>Brindisi</b>
37.	If the term Oxonian pertains to Oxford University, then Cambridge University shares the name Cantabrigian with which other University?	<b>Harvard University</b> (Cambridge, Massachussets)
38.	On 25th Feb 2013, ISRO launched an "earth sensing" satellite, using PSLV technology. Its name is a word that should be familiar to all Indian Taxpayers. What word?	<b>SARAL</b>
39. *	The algebraic equations or problems having integers as solutions are named after a mathematician from the 3rd century AD, who also became part of the history of Fermat's equation. Name this mathematician.	<b>Diophantus</b> (Diophantine equations)
40.	They are two separate glands – the thymus and the pancreas – taken from lambs or calves. What name is given to these creamy morsels which, neither contain sugar nor are a baker's product, but are nevertheless popular with gastronomes?	<b>Sweetbread</b>
41.	The noun form of this word is widely used, and is seen in the fields of clothing, zoology, anatomy and geology. The verb form, however, is considered archaic, and is most often seen today with a negative prefix. What word?	<b>Mantle</b>
42.	This name was given to a detector developed by JC Bose and others- an electronic component consisting of a thin wire that lightly touches a crystal of semiconducting mineral to make a crude point-contact rectifier. If you get this two word phrase, then you may conclude that you are superior to others.	<b>Cat's whisker(s)</b>
43.	Regulations require it to be 14 meters long and between 1.5 and 2 meters wide. It is "grounded" to the scoring box. The action usually begins at the en garde line two meters on either side of the center line. What is being described?	<b>Piste</b> (the strip used in fencing); <b>Fencing Strip</b> or <b>Fencing Mat</b> is accepted
44.	What word for a light string composed of two or more strands joined together, and used to refer to something merged together, has its roots in the Old English for "double thread"?	<b>Twine</b>
45.	Vishnumaya, the daughter of Brahma wished to serve the world. She became Lopamudra, the wife of Agasthya, and eventually became _____. She has been the cause of many a disagreement, and two agreements, one each in 1892 and 1924. Fill in the blank.	<b>Kaveri</b>
46.	Albany, Barrymore, butterfly, Chelsea, Cossack, Eton, jabot, Mandarin, Medici, Piccadilly, round, sailor and upturned are all types of what item that varies with the vagaries of fashion, and is often starched?	<b>Collars</b>
47.	If Leporello the servant and the Commendatore lend the bass voices, Donna Anna the daughter is the soprano, and Don Ottavio is the tenor, with a chorus of peasants, servants, young ladies, musicians, demons, who serves the baritone voice in the opera accompanied by Mozart's magic?	<b>Don Giovanni; Don Juan</b> is also accepted
48.	Which Liberal Party MP in 1892 refused to take oath on the Bible and took his oath on the Khordeh Avesta instead?	<b>Dadabhai Naoroji</b>

49.	In the TV show <i>The Simpsons</i> , the appearance and voice of the character Dr. John Frink are based on that of the title character of a 1963 comedy (which was remade in 1996). This was further highlighted when the actor who played said title role voiced Dr. Frink's father in a 2003 episode. Name the movie.	<b><i>The Nutty Professor</i></b>
50. **	This has happened only thrice so far in the history of the Indian Parliament- 1961 (Dowry Prohibition Bill), 1978 (Banking Service Commission (Repeal) Bill) and 2002 (Prevention of Terrorism Bill). What exactly are we talking about?	<b>Joint sitting of both Houses</b> (Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha)
51.	This Hasbro toy brand, started in 1969, is most popular for its rubber foam-based weapons, especially the foam-dart gun, which became popular because the foam darts were less likely to cause injury than similar hard plastic darts. It has thus lent its name to a video-game term meaning "to reduce damage or effectiveness", usually heard in role-playing games. What term?	<b>Nerfing</b>
52. *	Early in his career, this author expressed a willingness to have his work adapted for the screen. However, in 1949, a critically panned film version of his short story "Uncle Wiggily in Connecticut" was released. It was renamed <i>My Foolish Heart</i> , and took great liberties with the story's plot, which soured the author's view of Hollywood permanently. This is widely considered to be the reason behind what much-desired film project never coming to fruition?	<b><i>Catcher In The Rye</i></b> never being filmed.
53.	Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and _____ comprise what state?	<b>The Netherlands</b> (together form the Kingdom of the Netherlands)
54.	What five-letter synonym for sarcasm was first seen in a work of literature featuring a Bellman, a Boots, a Bonnet-maker, a Barrister, a Broker, a Billiard-marker, a Banker, a Butcher, a Baker, and a Beaver?	<b>Snark</b>
55.	Taking the words for "man" and "new", what term in geology was coined by Nobel Winner Paul Crutzen to refer to the age in which we are living, where human intervention has transformed nature and poses a threat to our life support systems?	<b>Anthropocene</b>
56.	The copyright of this book is with Free State of Bavaria. Though you can read and distribute the existing volumes, reprinting is not allowed by the State. What work?	<b>Mein Kampf/Mein Kamf</b> (Accept Spelling variations)
57.	Its strength and density make it very useful in knives, drills, saws and bullets and machine tools. It has two names. Give the name derived from German for an animal frothing at the mouth, a reference to the large amounts of tin consumed in the extraction process.	<b>Wolfram</b> , which means "wolf's froth"
58.	Aptly describing the fact that hardly any living forms are found here, what is the name of the world's largest sand desert encompassing most of the southern third of the Arabian Peninsula, including most of Saudi Arabia and areas of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen?	<b>Empty Quarter</b> (Accept Rub Al Khali)
59. *	Complete this exhaustive sporting list: Larisa Turchinskaya – 7007; Carolina Klüft – 7001, 7032; _____ - 7158, 7128, 7291, 7044	<b>Jackie Joyner Kersee</b> (only these three have 7000+ scores in heptathlon)
60.	The silver-screen wrangler known as "King of the Cowboys" (his real-life wife acted with him on his eponymous show for 16 years) is associated with what non-alcoholic drink made of cola and grenadine syrup, topped with a maraschino cherry?	<b>Roy Rogers</b>
61.	While this song was released in September 1971, it gained fame and topped most music charts a decade later in January 1981 thanks to a tragic event. Which song?	<b><i>Imagine</i></b> (after John Lennon's assassination)
62.	Rin Tin Tin and Strongheart are the two male canine non-cartoon characters on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Name the only female canine character to have this honour, even though always portrayed on TV by male collies?	<b>Lassie</b>

63. *	The famous ventriloquist Edger Bergen received an honorary Oscar in 1938. It is the first & only instance in the history of the Academy. What was special about his Oscar statuette?	<b>Made of Wood</b> (if someone says moveable jaw with wood - accept). He created Charlie McCarthy a puppet made of wood.
64.	What word for a form of petroleum originates from the Sanskrit <i>jatu-krit</i> meaning pitch-creating (referring to coniferous or resinous trees)?	<b>Bitumen</b>
65.	Between the summer of 1890 and the winter of 1891, Monet made thirty paintings of something we have often come across in a popular figure of speech to do with the futility of finding something else due to the large area involved. What? One word answer.	<b>Haystacks</b>
66. *	In crustaceans, it is the forward extension of the carapace in front of the eyes. Among insects like the weevils it is the piercing mouth part, and it is also the beak of a vertebrate. What term that is also associated with public speaking?	<b>Rostrum</b>
67.	The people and navy of which country celebrate a patriotic festival called Dia del Mar meaning 'Day of the Sea' every year in memory of its loss of coastline ?	<b>Bolivia</b>
68.	He published his first book <i>Pantagruel</i> under the anagrammatic nom de plume 'Acofribas Nasier'. The French translator of <i>The Satanic Verses</i> , unwilling to use his own name, had called himself 'A. Nasier' in his honour. Which famous writer?	<b>Francois Rabelais</b>
69.	When this future Member of Parliament (1996-2001) was admitted in the hospital for medical treatment, she was also given an unnecessary hysterectomy without obtaining her permission. This was reportedly to prevent her from bearing progeny in the future. Who?	<b>Phoolan Devi</b>
70.	This 1970s border dispute between Chile and Argentina shares its name with a breed of dog and a geographical entity that got its name from a naval vessel. What name is this?	<b>Beagle</b> (Beagle channel where Beagle conflict wars happened)
71.	They originated near the Bering Sea. Early navigators called them "penguins", a possible reference to the large patches of white in between their eyes. Which family of birds that include Razorbills and Puffins, and have the scientific journal of the American Ornithologists' Union named in their honour?	<b>The Auk</b> (spelling variations not allowed)
72.	The latter part of the name of this secretion from a female bug is the Sanskrit word for a large number (owing to swarms of insects that inundate trees in season). Its good insulation qualities made it a suitable choice for gramophone records made in the pre-1950s era. Name it.	<b>Shellac</b>
73.	Which musical instrument invented in India around 19th century and capable of emitting frequencies around 20 Hz, has a name that literally means "Spring Melody" in Persian?	<b>Sur Bahar</b>
74.	In 1873 three cities were merged to form a European capital. If one of them is Obuda, name the other two?	<b>Buda &amp; Pest</b>
75. **	Which famous location in Paris takes its name from the place of the blessed/heroic dead in Greek mythology?	<b>Champs-Élysées</b> from the Elysium or Elysian Fields
76.	Which Russian river that flows through St. Petersburg has given its name to a Russian hero and served as the dumping place for Rasputin's body?	<b>Neva</b> (Alexander Nevsky gets his name from there)
77.	This town in northern France has given its name to a type of porcelain, a variety of whipped cream and, perhaps most famously, to a type of handmade textile whose name features in the title of a 1958 song. Name the town.	<b>Chantilly</b> (as in Chantilly Lace)
78.	This F. Scott Fitzgerald novel has the distinction of having two versions in print. One version uses flashback while the other one has ordered chronological events. Which is this novel whose title is taken from the poem <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> by John Keats?	<b><i>Tender is the Night.</i></b>

79.	Count Radbot built a castle on the banks of the river Aar in Switzerland. Legend has it that when he saw a hawk sitting on the walls of his majestic castle, he named it after the German word for hawk. The name of the castle gave its name to which famous European dynasty?	<b>Habsburg</b>
80.	The word comes from the Latin for 'helmet'. It refers to a profession and was coined specifically to describe Monsieur Champagne's profession. He had a number of aristocratic clients and was the title character in the comedy <i>Champagne le _____</i> . What word?	<b>Coiffeur</b>
81.	This word, derived from the Latin for "musty" or "moldy", is used to describe a thick, gluey substance produced by nearly all plants. Some varieties of this substance are used in foods and medicines. The name was given to it not because it is particularly moldy or musty itself, but because it resembles a substance found in the human body which was thought to be caused by mold. Name this plant substance.	<b>Mucilage</b> , from mucus.
82.	How do we refer to a person who makes or repairs any stringed instrument such as a violin or a guitar, the term originating from a 4-letter word generally referring to any plucked instrument having a pear-shaped body, a usually bent neck, and a fretted fingerboard?	<b>Luthier</b>
83.	The close-to 40 species of flowers including daffodils and jonquils bloom in spring and early summer, but tend not to last the summer. They are given what botanical name, after the son of the nymph Liriope and the river god Cephisus who had a similar short life?	<b>Narcissus/Narcissi</b>
84.	The 8% tin / 92% copper blend is called "Malleable Bronze", which can be made into sheets and stamped into shape to reduce manufacturing costs. It is considered a great choice for beginners due to the cheaper price. What musical object that gets its name from the Greek word for bowl?	<b>Cymbals</b>
85.	What 'chamber of power' was inspired by the elliptical salon used by George Washington in his temporary presidential house in Philadelphia?	<b>Oval Office</b> (Inside the White House)
86.	Historically this word meant potassium hydroxide; nowadays it commonly means sodium hydroxide. What is this corrosive alkaline substance whose uses lie in many spheres- for example, to cure some varieties of food, as a key ingredient in soap and sometimes in the production of methamphetamine?	<b>Lye</b>
87. *	What are Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, and Bernie Mac collectively known as, according to the title of a Spike Lee film?	<b><i>The Original Kings Of Comedy</i></b>
88.	In the book <i>QED: The strange theory of light and matter</i> , by Richard P Feynman, what does QED stand for?	<b>Quantum Electro Dynamics</b>
89. **	Named for "cooked flesh", what term is both the style of cooking devoted to prepared meat products such as chorizo, pastrami, prosciutto and salami, and a delicatessen selling these products?	<b>Charcuterie</b> (from chair 'flesh' and cuit 'cooked')
90.	There have been only 3 recipients (all 'artistes') honored with all the four civilian awards of India — Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri. If two of them are Ustad Bismillah Khan and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, who is the third?	<b>Satyajit Ray</b>
91.	What five-letter word, if spelled entirely in lower-case refers to an alcoholic drink made from pears, but if spelled with the first letter in upper-case is both a male first name and a surname in the western world?	<b>Perry</b>
92.	What plot device (that one could also relate to an Indian entity that has 336 stations across the country) is often seen in works like the Hitopadesha and the Panchatantra, in situations where the protagonist is given advice or told how (s)he needs to act?	<b>Voices from the Sky (Accept Akashvani)</b>

93.	His performance in <i>A Place in the Sun</i> is regarded as one of the signature method acting performances. He was nominated for an Oscar and his main rival, Marlon Brando, voted for him to win the Award. He in turn voted for Brando in <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> . Who?	<b>Montgomery Clift</b>
94.	A comical chaos during the performance of Giuseppe Verdi's <i>Il Trovatore</i> (The Troubadour) forms the climax of which 1935 comedy?	<b>A Night at the Opera</b>
95. **	With respect to data storage media, the difference between disc with a c (CD/DVD/LD) and disk with a k (Hard Disk/Floppy Disk) is in how they work. Give one word each, in correct order, to differentiate discs and disks in terms of the operating principle of how data is read and written. No part points.	Disc – <b>Optical (Light is accepted)</b> , Disk - <b>Magnetic</b> .
96.	The Livadia Palace was the summer home of the last Russian Imperial family. Its ground floor was reworked into a modern venue to play host to what deliberation in 1945?	<b>Yalta Conference</b>
97.	A Cook's Tour, __ ____, The Layover, Parts Unknown. Fill in the blanks.	<b>No Reservations</b> - Anthony Bourdain's TV shows
98.	In the old days a big toy horse was assembled and used by soldiers to practice climbing up and getting down. Which modern-day sporting equipment takes its name from this device?	<b>Pommel Horse</b>
99.	If we consider the present century then Bangladeshi actress Moshumi, Pakistani actress Meera and Indian actresses Kalki Koechlin and 'X' form one group whereas Bangladeshi actress Apu Biswash, Pakistani actress Zara Shaikh and Indian actresses Mahi Gill and 'Y' form another group. Identify X and Y. No part points.	<b>Madhuri Dixit and Aishwarya Rai</b> (Roles of Chandramukhi and Paro in <i>Devdas</i> .)
100.	In a Grand Piano, the stringed part of the instrument that produces the sound is named after which other musical instrument (as it resembles it)?	<b>Harp</b>
101.	What four-letter word, better known as a baked dish, is also the name of a flat, round, blank piece of metal that is ready to be struck into a coin?	<b>Flan</b>
102.	The area in your wrist where the nerve enters the hand is a major topic of discussion in lifestyle diseases. What is the two-word name?	<b>Carpal Tunnel</b>
103.*	Known today as a perfume center, which capital that was once a focal point of the battles between the Gurjara Pratiharas, Palas and Rashtrakutas bears a name derived from the term 'the city of the hunchbacked maidens'?	<b>Kannauj</b>
104.	More recent equivalents were Hitler's 1st SS Division, and Ceaușescu's Securitate. Once a force of bodyguards used by Roman Emperors, they later became infamous as mercenaries. What group of soldiers take their name from the tent of the commanding officer of a Roman armed division?	<b>Praetorian Guards</b> (from praetorium). Spelling variations are ok.
105.	Which water-meadow alongside the River Thames, notable for being the place where the 'great charter' was signed, shares its name with a station on the scenic Nilgiri railway, just before Coonoor on the way up to Ooty?	<b>Runnymede</b>
106.	The Goya painting <i>The Second of May 1808</i> , is also known as <i>The Charge of the ____</i> . The blank refers to a soldier of slave origin, many of whom were part of the elite French Imperial Guards. Who were these warriors, who were extraordinarily long-lived as a clan, lasting from the 9th to the 19th century A.D.?	<b>Mamluk or Mameluke</b>
107.	What slang expression for "leaving in a hurry" probably originated from an image of the erect sacrum of a startled mustang?	<b>Hightail(ing)</b>
108.	Coco Channel separates the Coco Islands from which other group of islands?	<b>Andaman Islands</b> (accept Andaman & Nicobar)



109.	This constitutionally mandated event did not happen in its current form even once during the 19th century. Till 1934, it was known as "X's annual message to Y", after which it has been known by its current name. What specific annual American event?	US President delivering <b><u>State of the Union Speech</u></b>
110.	Apart from HIV, what is the world's deadliest communicable disease? One-third of the world's population carries the bacteria that causes this disease and before the invention of antibiotics people journeyed to cool high-altitude places to recover.	<b>Tuberculosis or TB</b>
111.	Karl Landsteiner, who found out about different blood groups in human beings, also discovered a type of virus causing a very prevalent disease during those times. Which disease?	<b>Polio</b>
112.	This creature, which gets its name from the Hebrew for "an amorphous, unformed material", features in many stories from Jewish folklore and is always represented as being made of clay or mud. It is brought to life by a piece of paper being placed in the creature's mouth. What creature?	The <b>Golem</b>
113.	Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava has designed two bridges over the river Liffey. The second bridge is the Samuel Beckett Bridge, opened in 2009. The first bridge was opened on 16 June 2003. Who was it named after?	<b>James Joyce</b> Bridge (in Dublin ; 16 June is Bloomsday.)
114.	Which city often abbreviated by locals as ChCh got its name when its founder John Robert Godley named it after his alma mater? The alma mater serves as a setting for parts of Evelyn Waugh's <i>Brideshead Revisited</i> , as well as Lewis Carroll's <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> .	<b>ChristChurch</b>
115.	In a 1981 poll of detective story writers and reviewers to find the best _____ mysteries of all time, John Dickson Carr's <i>The Three Coffins</i> was ranked #1, while Hake Talbot's <i>Rim Of The Pit</i> and Gaston Leroux's <i>The Mystery Of The Yellow Room</i> were second and third, respectively. Fill in the blanks.	<b>Locked Room mystery</b>
116.	"The buns were most peculiar. They each had a very large currant in the middle, and this was filled with sherbet. So when you got to the currant and bit it the sherbet frothed out and filled your mouth with fine bubbles that tasted delicious." -- If you do a search you will find that this appears from Enid Blyton's 1943 book <i>The Magic Faraway Tree</i> . What were the buns called?"	<b>Google Buns</b>
117.	What word of French origin comes from the idea that family relationships, over time, resemble a crane's foot in appearance?	<b>Pedigree</b>
118.	What is common to a car component, a hand-held purse and a collection of eggs in a nest?	<b>Clutch</b>
119.	These items were made from the skin of baby goats or lambs and were softer than regular gloves as they came from the young ones. Thanks to their softness, a phrase came into use. What two-word term?	<b>Kid Gloves</b>
120.	This much-maligned word was first used in the 1940s to refer to aficionados of jazz, who adopted the dress, slang, use of cannabis, relaxed attitude and sexual codes and sarcastic humour that were common amongst jazz musicians. What word, used in a different sense today?	<b>Hipster</b> (hippie is not accepted)
121.*	What is the title of Jack Fingleton's unforgettable tribute to a great sportsman, the title being a play on the name of the Cossack epic written by Mikhail Aleksandrovich Sholokhov?	<b><i>Brightly Fades the Don</i></b>
122.	If helical means having the shape of a spiral or a helix, "heliciculture" is the cultivation of what organisms used in the food and cosmetics industry?	<b>Snails</b>
123.	Finished in 1642 and known for its size and use of chiaroscuro, its name is a misnomer that came about because it was coated with a dark varnish. It depicts a group of shooting men led by a Captain Frans Banning Cocq. What famous painting are we talking about?	<b><i>The Night Watch</i></b> (by Rembrandt); Also accept <b><i>The Shooting Company of Frans Banning Cocq</i></b>

124.	A popular decorative textile motif of the Middle Ages, this design is usually depicted as two wavy horizontal bands alternating with three circles in triangular formation. The design elements are alternately referenced as "tiger stripes" and "leopard spots". Name this motif originating in Buddhist imagery which means "auspicious jewel" in Sanskrit?	<b>Chintamani</b>
125.	This nonagerian has won every award in architecture; his most famous works include the John F Kennedy Library, the Bank of China building in Hong Kong and the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha. Name this modernist who, with initials, sounds like he is announcing himself.	<b>I. M. Pei</b>
126.	The soothsayer Titus Vestricius Spurinna muddled what prediction that shares its name with a 2011 political thriller?	<b>Ides of March</b> (Beware the Ides of March- Julius Caesar's assassination)
127.	There are 88 in all, according to one calculation. Hydra, the sea monster, is the largest at 1303 square degrees, and Crux, the cross, is the smallest at 68 square degrees. Among them you will find Caeles, a sculptor's tool and Monoceros, a unicorn. What arbitrarily grouped arrangements are we talking about?	<b>Constellations</b>
128.	John Evelyn's 1661 pamphlet <i>Fumifugium</i> is one of the earliest known works on what major environmental problem? Be specific.	<b>Air Pollution</b>
129.	The original volume of which author's most famous work was dedicated to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and described on the title page as an "Attempt To Popularize Mythology, And Extend The Enjoyment Of Elegant Literature"?	<b>Thomas Bulfinch</b> (Bulfinch's Mythology)
130.*	The back portion of the turbine in a jet engine acts like a windmill, extracting energy from the exhaust and using it to spin the compressor. What reheat component (that is also the name of a 1985 ZZ Top album) gets its name from the idea of injecting fuel directly into the exhaust stream and burning it using the remaining oxygen?	<b>Afterburner</b>
131.*	The original phrase refers to the practice of shortening matinée performances of Hamlet by reducing the long speeches before the reference to Hecuba in Act II Scene 2. Comedy producer Hal Roach changed the phrase to reflect the climax scenes in most comedy movies of the silent era. What was the new phrase?	<b>Cut to the Chase</b> (Cut to Hecuba was old). The Chase scene was the climax in most silent comedies.
132.	When Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne in 1952, she also became the queen of two independent Asian countries. One was Ceylon. Which was the other country?	<b>Pakistan</b>
133.	Rudyard Kipling's novel Kim is set on a road that was described in the book as "such a river of life as nowhere else exists in the world". Name the road.	<b>Grand Trunk Road</b>
134.	The wood of the holly tree is white in colour. It is hard, fine-grained and durable, and can be turned well and finely smoothed. The wood also takes a stain well, often giving it the appearance of ebony. All these properties, especially the first and the last mentioned, make it ideal material for making what artefacts?	<b>Chess pieces</b>
135.	We know that SPAM originally meant a canned precooked meat product. What word do Spam-email classifiers use to denote email that is not SPAM? (Try removing the spice from SPAM!)	<b>HAM</b>
136.	Be brave and complete this list! Snow White, Cinderella, Aurora, Ariel, Belle, Jasmine, Pocahontas, Mulan, Tiana, Rapunzel, _____.	<b>Merida</b> (All these are Disney princesses, the last one is from the movie <i>Brave</i> )
137.	The Oxford Companion to Wine calls it a "non-specific tasting term, used particularly for red wines, to indicate those textural attributes, such as smoothness, that produce tactile sensations on the surface of the oral cavity". What is the nine-letter word used in winetasting and wine writing?	<b>Mouthfeel</b>

138.*	This annual international event, started in 2008, is held on the third Saturday of April. The event is marked by reissues of albums and singles by the participating artists, with 2013's ambassador Jack White reissuing The White Stripes' <i>Elephant</i> in a 10th anniversary edition. What event, which many people say has latterly been co-opted by the music industry?	<b>Record Store Day</b>
139.**	His death, often attributed to a legendary curse, was probably caused by blood poisoning after he accidentally shaved an infected mosquito bite. Who is this person well known for bankrolling a famous 1920s operation?	<b>Lord Carnarvon</b> (he funded the excavation of the Valley of Kings)
140.	Even though she stood bail for Julian Assange in December 2010, she now fears he is turning into "an Australian Ron L Hubbard". Name this Associate Editor of the <i>New Statesman</i> and editor-at-large of <i>Vogue</i> , who still uses her ex-husband's name and supports charities in his country.	<b>Jemima Khan</b>
141.*	It is a collective promoting music from various Eurasian cultures, and brings together musicians playing varied instruments such as a pipa, a duduk, a shakuhachi, and a morin khuur among others. What project led by Yo-Yo Ma, with a name reminiscent of group of musicians playing on an erstwhile trail?	<b>Silk Road Ensemble</b> (accept Silk Road Project)
142.	Anthony Hopkins' performance in <i>Silence Of The Lambs</i> is widely believed to be the shortest lead performances to win an Oscar. However, purely in terms of minutes on screen, the record goes to an actor who was third-billed on the poster and in the credits of the movie he was nominated for. Name the actor whose win made him the only Oscar host to win an award in the year he hosted.	<b>David Niven</b>
143.	Which artist, when asked about his antagonist's unappeasable yearning to eat the uncatchable protagonist, quoted George Santayana in answer: "fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim"?	<b>Chuck Jones</b>
144.	The conquistador Juan Ponce De Leon, the first Governor of Puerto Rico, was supposedly searching for what legendary water body when he came upon Florida? This tale is also alluded to in the movie <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides</i> .	<b>Fountain of Youth</b>
145.	This village, together with North Walsham and Aylsham, became a manufacturing centre for yarn and cloth after weavers from Flanders immigrated to Norfolk in the 12th century. Which place that gives its name to a tightly twisted woollen yarn spun from long-staple wool, or a woollen fabric with a hard textured surface, and a yarn weight category?	<b>Worsted</b> (from Worstead)
146.	When the Petrovsky was rebuilt in 1825, the new building got a prefix meaning 'big' as it was much larger than its predecessor. Soon the prefix itself became the name of the building, and it was from the stage inside it that the formation of the USSR was proclaimed. What was the prefix?	<b>Bolshoi</b>
147.	A custom from days long gone by, what song is played when the candidates march up The Final Steps in their Passing Out Parade (POP) at the National Defence Academy, Pune? It is also played at the POP of the Pakistan Military Academy.	<b>Auld Lang Syne</b>
148.	What animal would work as a prefix with each of the species listed here - rat snake, moth, prawn, salamander, shark, beetle, cat?	<b>Tiger</b>
149.	What Russian term that is used for a type of horse-drawn carriage or sledge is also used to denote a bunch of officials who hold power, typically in socialist states, the most famous being Malenkov, Beria and Molotov, who ruled briefly after Stalin's death?	<b>Troika</b>
150.	Which is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world in terms of area? Italian, the Levantine dialect of Arabic and German are respectively the second, third and fourth most-spoken languages in this country.	<b>Argentina</b>