

# Solux Rex 2010-2011 prelims

40 questions

5 \* questions: multiples of 8

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1. Also known as Anandagiri, it housed a fortress built on its summit that was thought to be impregnable until stormed by the army of Cornwallis in 1791. It used to house the residence of Mark Cubbon. Which well-known location?

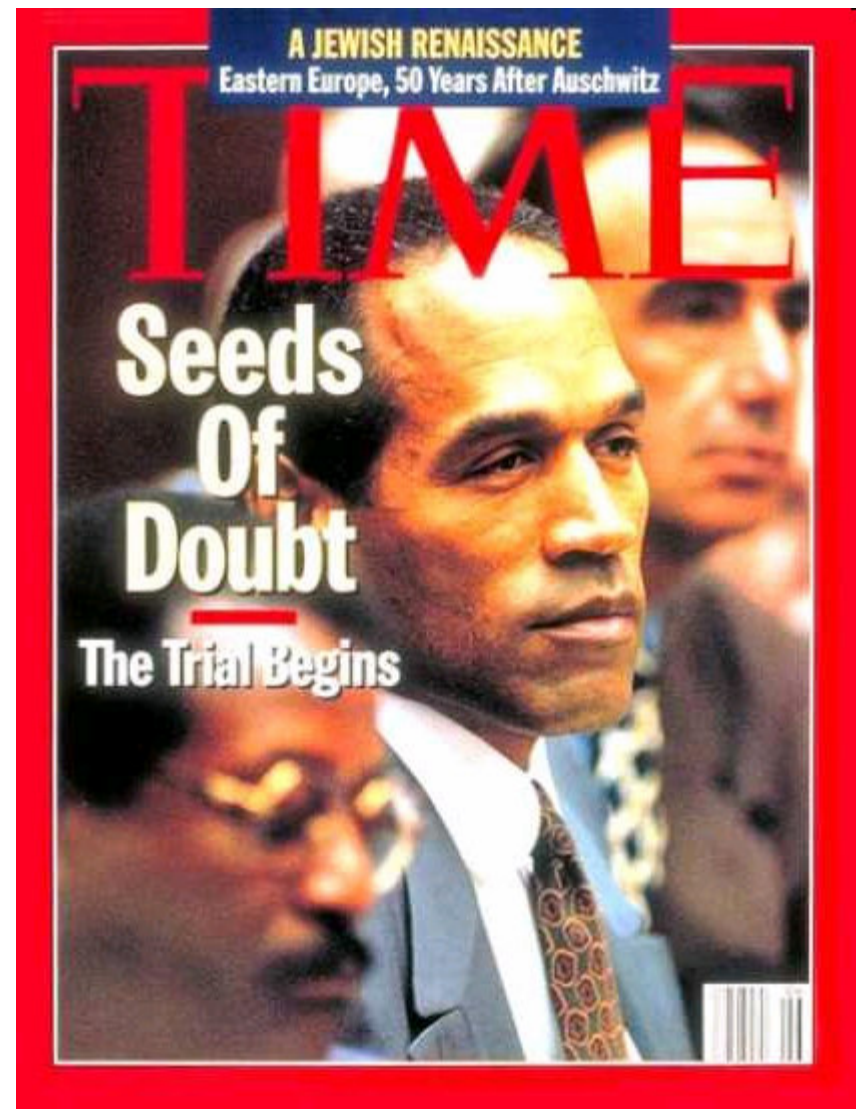
Ans : Nandi Hills



2. This is lawyer Jackie Chiles from Seinfeld, created as a parody of and same initials as another bespectacled, mustached, well-dressed, African American lawyer with the same initials. Name him.



Ans : Johnny Cochran





3. Adolphe Quetelet – a Belgian statistician popularized the Bell curve and the normal distribution. However, his search for the ‘average man’ in terms of physique, led him to develop something which went by the name of ‘Quetelet Index’ but is very popular under a different name today. What?

Ans : BMI / Body Mass Index



4. Which word meaning 'to agree together secretly' especially to do something evil or illegal comes from the Latin for 'breathe together', and therefore has similar origins to the word 'respiration'?



Ans : Conspiracy / Conspire



5. David Warren came up with a workable prototype with civilian aircraft in mind after a series of crashes in 1953 and 1954 involving the De Havilland Comet. The idea was slow to catch on and it took 10 years before it was made mandatory in Australian aircraft. What?

Ans : Black Box



6. Which well-known actress about whom:

“There was little of the caring Ms. \_\_\_\_ on the sets of ‘Electric Moon’. During a fire on the sets when an electrician got injured, he went weeping on Pradip’s shoulders. She was worried about her stuffed animals”.

Ans : Arundhati Roy, Leela Naidu





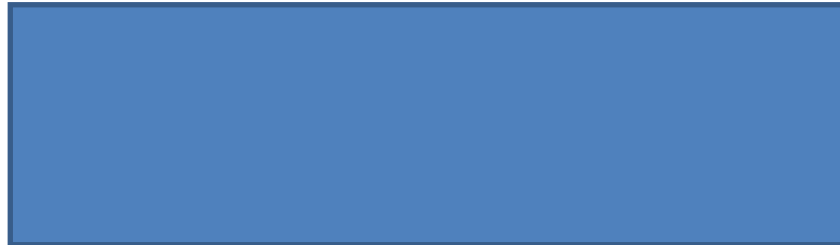
7. Which neo-pop/post-pop artist – in front of his version of Popeye?



Ans : Jeff Koons

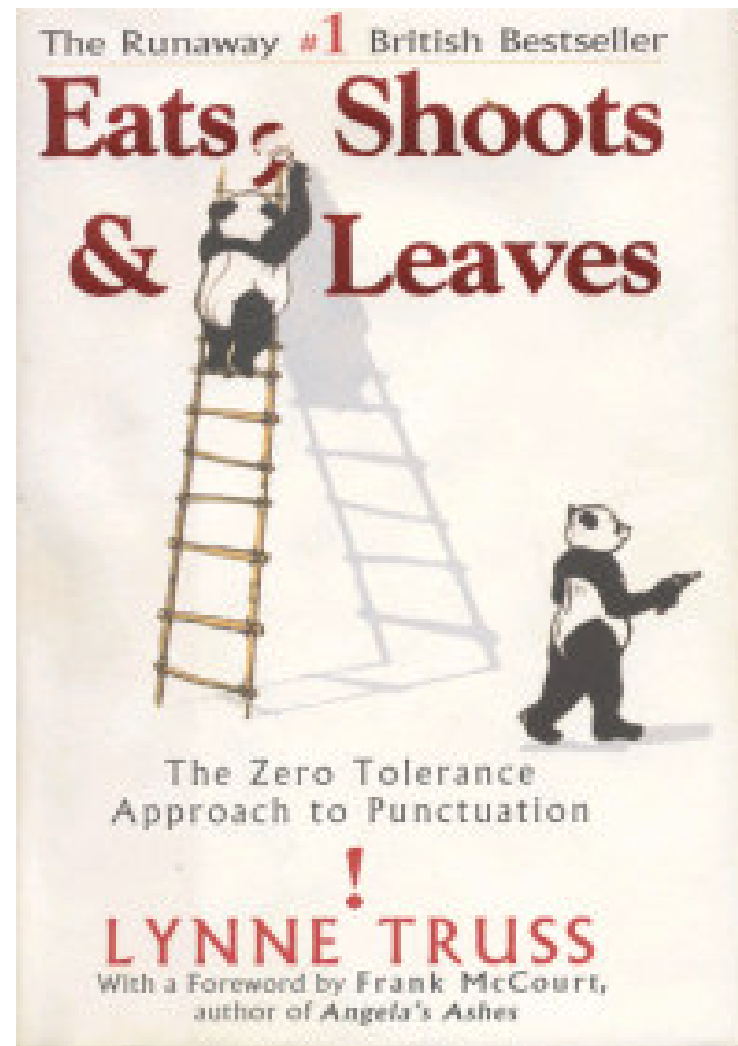
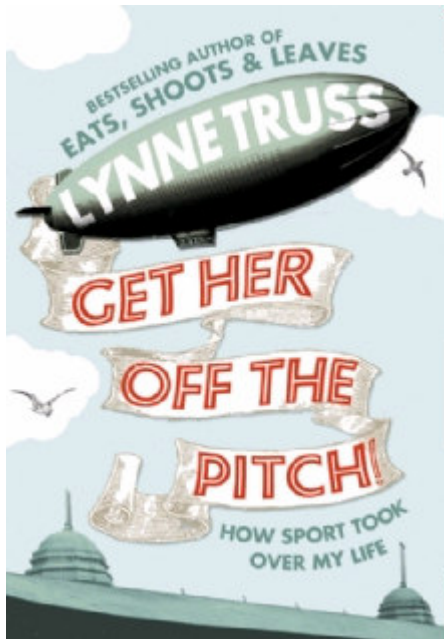


\* 8. Which author (lady in pic) well-known for a completely different kind of a book?





Ans : Lynne Truss





9. New Zealand cricketer Eric Tindill, who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug, 2010 was the world's oldest surviving cricketer, having attained the age of 99. He also held a unique record for New Zealand. What?

Ans : Only person to play Tests for New Zealand in both cricket and rugby union - a so-called "double All Black"



10. Looking like a burqa-clad Muslim woman from a distance, the 'Museum of Islamic Art' is a frequently visited site in this capital city. Name the city and the architect.



Ans : Doha, I. M. Pei



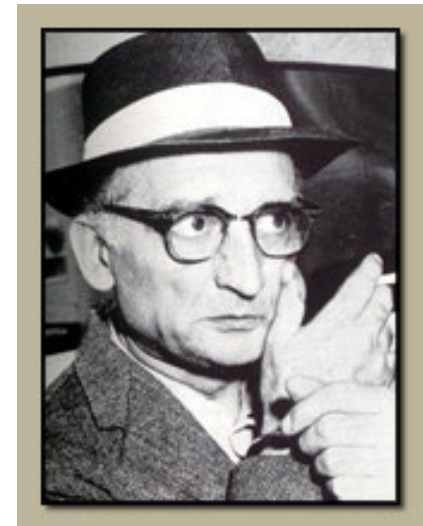
11. Who is the sportsperson in the middle?



Ans : Sunil Chhetri



12. What well-known event took place in 1962 on the Glienicke Bridge near Berlin that involved these two people?





Ans : Exchange of Rudolf Abel & Francis Gary Powers



13. A \_\_\_\_\_, in the sense first used by the Assyrian Army in the early 7th Century BC, was one who excavated trenches under defensive fire to advance a besieging army's position in relation to the works of an attacked fortification, which was referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy fortifications. The two blanks represent two forms of the same word. Fill either.

Ans : Sapper / Sapping





14. Which person is one of the only two (the other being Dan Aykroyd for *Nothing But Trouble*) to have directed himself to a Razzie 'winning' role for Worst Supporting Actor?

Ans : Manoj Night Shyamalan for *Lady in the Water*



15. This is the Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*), one of the largest land-based predators. What do the two parts of its scientific name mean (half point each)?

Ans : Bear bear



\* 16. When his mother committed suicide by drowning in River Sambre, he was 13. When her body was fished out, her dress was covering her face – an image the boy could not forget. He immortalized this image in a series of paintings after he grew up. Which painter and what are we referring to?



Ans : Les Amants (The Lovers) by Rene Magritte





17. Vinay Deolalikar, a computer scientist from HP Labs, has created a stir in recent times by claiming what?



Ans : A proof for the  $P = NP?$  problem



18. Why has the following extract in Wiki caused Mathew Prichard to create a furor in recent times?

➤ Identity of the murderer

In a twist ending, it is revealed that the murderer is Sergeant Trotter, who is not a policeman at all but an insane killer seeking to avenge his brother's death

Ans : Wiki has revealed who the murderer in *The Mousetrap* is. The entry is not new, but Prichard – Christie's grandson wants to take up the case stating that 'it's a pity' that the ending is revealed.



19. The role of which revolutionary is being played by Abhishek Bachhan in Ashutosh Gowariker's upcoming '*Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Se*' – based on the person on the left?



Ans : 'Masterda' – Surya Sen



20. Identify this component of a classic Bloody Mary.





Ans : Celery



21. Which country's name has been blanked out in this propaganda leaflet which was air-dropped during this 1983 example of American imperialism?

Ans : Grenada



22. Which town's name has been blanked out?

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Ans : Aranmula



23. According to the Bible who was the first to plant a vineyard?

He is mentioned in the Book of Genesis as the first husbandman and “... the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard; and he drank of the wine.”

Ans : Noah, after the deluge was over



\* 24. After less than two years of teaching at the Sultan Oman Ali Saifuddin College in Bander Seri Bagawan, Brunei in the late 1950s, John Wilson crumpled on the floor of his classroom one fine day. Later he claimed that he did it for existential kick. Who is this literary personality who went on to achieve fame under a different name?



Ans : Anthony Burgess



25. Which portmanteau name was given by Dr. Stanley Prusiner to the infectious agents composed primarily of protein that are the cause of a number of diseases in mammals, including BSE or “mad cow disease”?

All known \_\_\_\_\_ diseases affect the structure of the brain or other neural tissue and all are currently untreatable.

Ans : Prion, from protein and infection



26. What common form of address do we get from an honorific title that was used to refer to or address the eldest living brother of the king in the French royal court?

It literally translates from Middle French into English as “my lord”.

Ans : Monsieur

27. Given that the contraption on the next slide was named because it was found on island B, give me the name of island A.



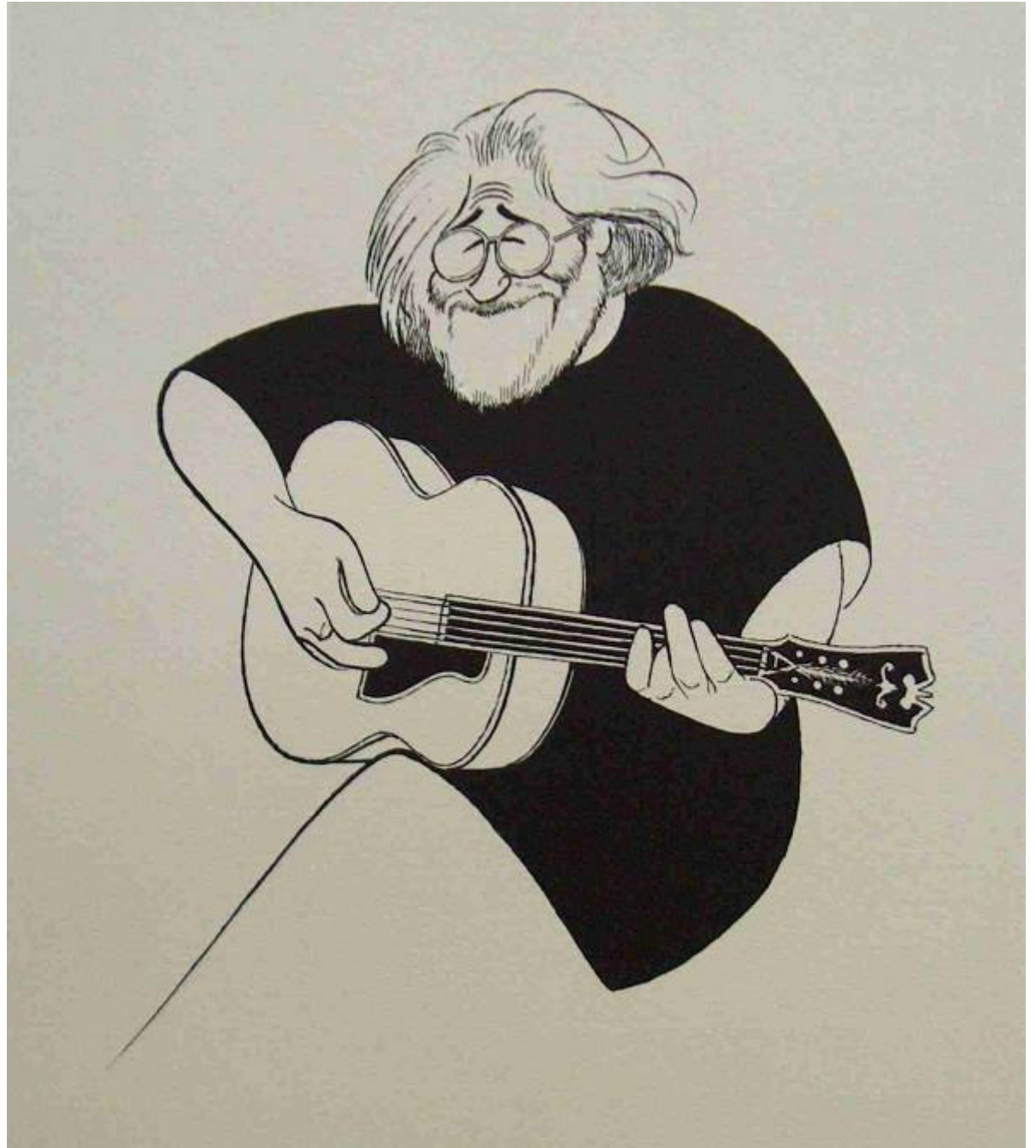


Ans : Kythera (the smaller island is Antikythera)





28. The musician shown here was named after a great songwriter who wrote classics like “Ol’ Man River”, “Smoke Gets In Your Eyes”. Name both.



Ans : Jerry Garcia & Jerome Kern



29. Which golfing term means "look ahead", and is believed to come from the military "beware before", which was shouted when a battery fired behind friendly troops?

Ans : Fore!



30. Why did the small village of Tembhli in Maharashtra get a makeover recently: roads were remade, every hut in the village of 261 households was fitted with an electric light and women can brag about handpumps that have started working.

Pramod Chitte, a policeman stationed here, isn't sure if all this will help. What he knows is that the village will be remembered in some way. "I am sure Tembhli's name will come up in quizzes as the place where ...."

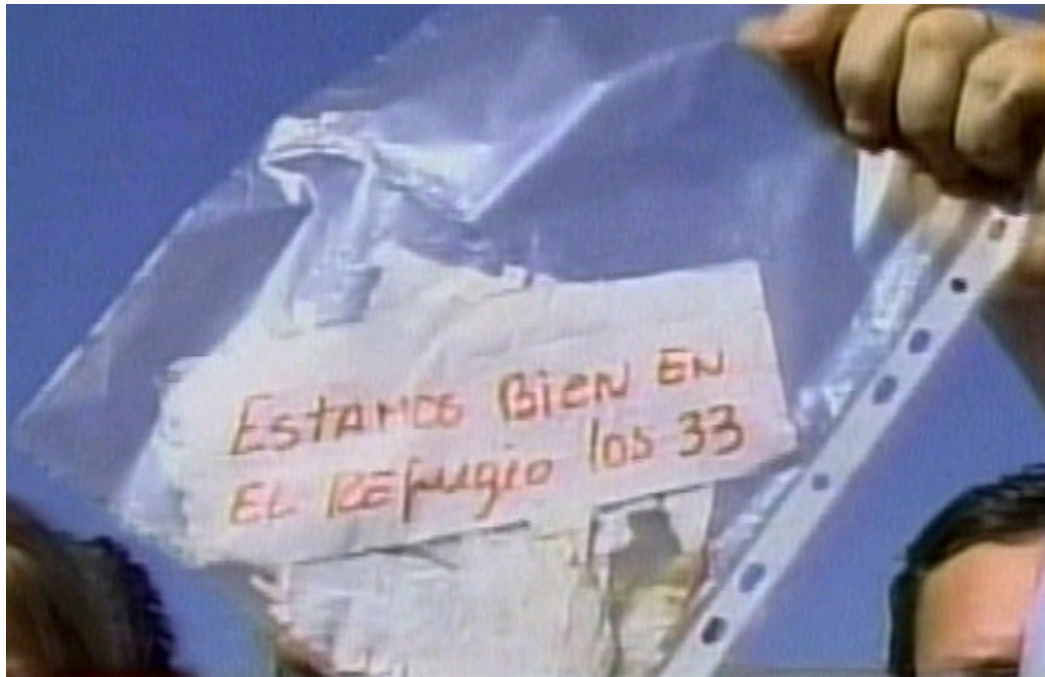
Ans : UID / Aadhaar was started in this village



31. What is this t-shirt about?







Ans : Chile mining  
accident





\* 32. The company was started in 1875 in France by Pierre for selling strings for musical instruments. Later, they developed the first natural-gut tennis strings which has led to this brand of tennis racquets being very popular worldwide and being used by many top players including Nadal and Roddick. Which brand?

Ans : Babolat

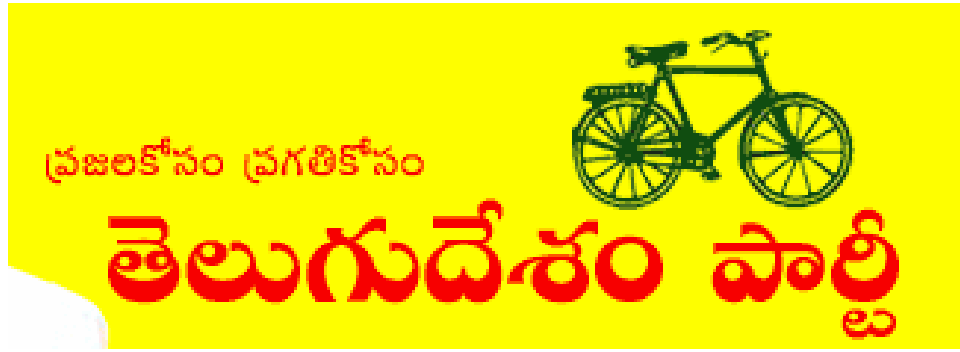




33. What is common to these parties: Telugu Desam Party, Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party, Kerala Congress, Samajwadi Party, Manipur People's Party?

As far as I know, this is an exhaustive list.

Ans : Bicycle symbol





34. The last Latin American before 2010 to win the Nobel Prize for Literature was in 1990, the same year that Mario Vargas Llosa ran for the Peruvian presidency. Name this person, someone whom MVL irritated by playfully describing his country's political system - dominated at the time by a single party - as "the perfect dictatorship."

Ans : Octavio Paz



35. One was named for his pale colour on birth.



The other is one of the names of the deity shown here who is often paradoxically depicted as a dark young boy, standing arms-akimbo on a brick.

Give me these two similar names.

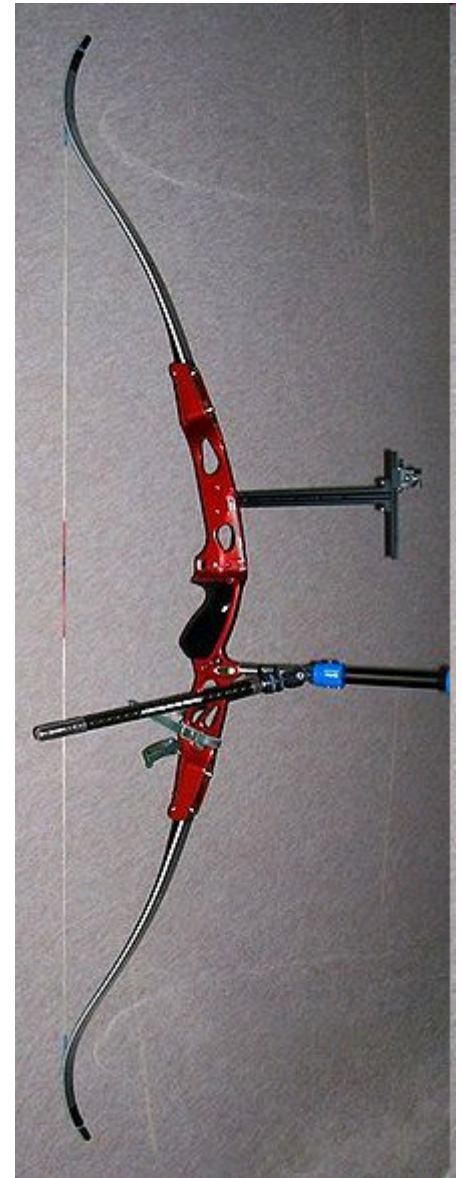
Ans : Pandu, Panduranga





36. The archery competitions at the New Delhi Commonwealth Games are of two forms: Compound and X, which gets its name from the shape of the bow (shown here).

Give me X, which is the only form of bow allowed in the Olympics.

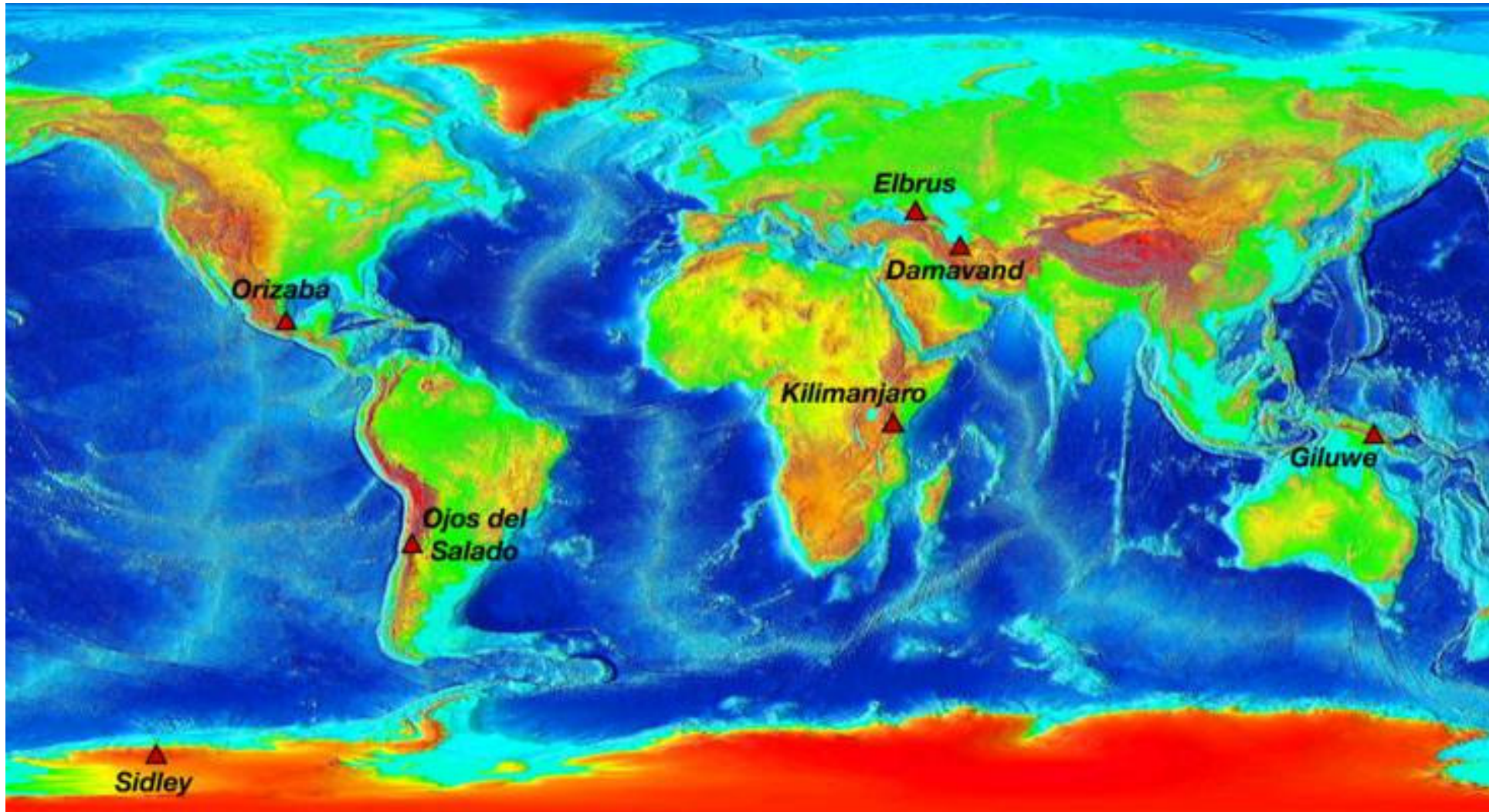


<- Indian's gold winning team of Dola Banerjee, Deepika Kumari and Bombayala Laishram Devi

Ans : Recurve



37. This map depicts a mountaineering challenge. What?



Ans : Seven Volcanoes

38. This is St. Paul's Cathedral during the Blitz. It stands on the highest point in the city of London and was the tallest building in London from 1710 to 1962. Give me its height in feet, specifically chosen to indicate that one could worship there anytime and not just on Sundays.



Ans : 365 ft



39. If India is the largest country in the Commonwealth in terms of population, this is the smallest with a population of less than 15,000. Name the country, shown here being bombed by the USAF during WW2.



Ans : Nauru





\* 40. Which jazz great?



Ans : Sonny Rollins

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