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Rules

- Time allowed: **90 minutes**
 - Wait for start signal
- Questions marked with ★/★★ will resolve ties (first total stars, and if still unresolved, count of double stars)
 - No negative marking
 - No half marks for any question
- When the answer is a person's name a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
 - A wrong first name but correct surname will count as a wrong answer
- Mobiles, smartphones and similar gadgets must be switched off. Usage will lead to immediate disqualification
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- Explanations are provided with the answers. Your scores at the end of correction will be final. If you have an issue, discuss it with your proctor. Unresolved issues need to be brought to the attention of the quiz setting team by email within 3 days. Copy the proctor on the email.

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1	Written by Jean-Yves Ferri and illustrated by Didier Conrad, and with an original title that means <i>Caesar's Papyrus</i> , what is the equivalent English title of this thirty-sixth work in a famous series?		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	"Brickfilm" is a subgenre of animated film, akin to claymation, usually made using the stop-motion animation technique and using what material in the place of clay?		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Described as "Europe's nightmare in a neologism," which portmanteau word, much in the news, was introduced by the Citigroup economist Ebrahim Rahbari and Willem H. Buiter on 6 February 2012, in their white paper <i>Global Economics View</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	He later described this seminal experience in an interview: "It was February 13, 1945 — and we went down two stories under the pavement into a big meat locker. It was cool there, with cadavers hanging all around. When we came up the city was gone." What did this lead to?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Haridaspur Land Checkpost recorded the fourth highest percentage of foreign tourist arrivals in India in 2015, after the New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai airports. From which country would one enter India through Haridaspur?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	The Eighth World Rugby Cup tournament ended in Nov 2015. Which is the only country from the Northern Hemisphere to have ever won the Rugby World Cup?		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Covered by sections 391, 395, 396 and 398 of the Indian Penal Code, what seven-letter word refers to the act of five or more people committing a robbery?		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Which fundamental musical framework/construct was first mentioned in the ancient text <i>Brihaddeshi</i> by Matanga, which also classified music into classical and folk music?		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Abbie Lathrop founded Granby ____ Farm in Massachusetts as an alternative to her failing poultry business, targeting a fad for growing them as pets at the time. However, her farm caught the attention of a completely different group, with interesting consequences. One of them was a geneticist who would develop the C57BL/6J ("Black 6") from these creatures, which is today the world's widely most used strain of _____. Fill in the latter blanks.		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	L-3 International Holdings and Honeywell International, Inc. are currently the two largest manufacturers of a recording device designed by Australian scientist David Warren in the early 1950s, one which soon became a standard feature the world over. What device, the popular name of which is a misnomer?		<input type="checkbox"/>
11 ★★	Aged 17, she married a much older man, Nikifor, from whom she gets her more well-known surname - she was Petrovna von Hahn by birth. She also claimed to have made several visits to Tibet, then forbidden to strangers. In 1878, she became the first Russian woman to become a naturalised US citizen. A few years later, she moved to the country where she would make the most impact. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Norman Manley was one of the architects of this island nation's independence struggle, and served as its first Prime Minister. A recent article on the dominance of this nation in athletics noted that it was only fitting that Manley was also a champion athlete whose national record in the 110 yards stood for 41 years. Which is the country in question?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Six of his seven siblings died of small pox, and he himself was stricken with it. As a two-year old child in Ambala, his hands were tied to the cot by his mother so that he couldn't scratch the rashes. This childhood event also explains his famously pock-marked face, which has enthralled viewers for decades. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Apollo was in love with the Thessalian princess Coronis and set his divine messenger to guard her and his unborn child Asclepius. However, she chose to have an affair with the mortal Ischys. When this news was brought to Apollo by his messenger, he was enraged that the Prince's eyes had not been pecked out, and scorched the messenger with his curse. (He also killed the lovers and saved the child, but that's another story.) What resulted?		<input type="checkbox"/>



15 ★	As a young boy in Kiev, he read Jules Verne's <i>Robur the Conqueror</i> and was fascinated with the titular character's vehicle, The Albatross. This spurred him on to a career in aviation, and when he died in 1976, his name was synonymous with a form of transportation. The pioneering company he founded was acquired by Lockheed-Martin earlier this year. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	The name of what region, which crosses the borders of three countries, is derived from a word in the Tswana language meaning, rather appropriately, "the great thirst?"		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	The name of what dish, of which many varieties are available worldwide today, comes from the Latin for 'salt' as the original version created in ancient Rome was seasoned with brine?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	At the behest of Sarah who wanted to protect her son Isaac's inheritance, Abraham cast his second wife Hagar and her infant son Ishmael into the wilderness of Beersheba. They wandered aimlessly until their water was completely consumed. When Ishmael was thirsty, Hagar ran back and forth seven times in the scorching heat between the two hills of Safa and Marwah, looking for water. Getting thirstier by the second, Ishmael scraped the land with his feet. What resulted?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	The Parallelogram Design, the Square Design and the Fun Size are all registered trademarks of which confectionery brand that is positioned on personalities changing because of hunger?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Bruce Chatwin's memorial service, a few days after his death in January 1989, was once described by Paul Theroux as "the high water mark of that decade's creative activity." However, the day is today remembered as the low point in someone else's life: when this person arrived at the service, Theroux drily remarked, "I suppose we'll be here for you next week." Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Connect with a manner of sending-off: Sir Francis Drake, Capt. James Cook, Surya Sen, Lady Edwina Mountbatten, and Osama bin Laden.		<input type="checkbox"/>
22 ★★	A philosophical expression explaining that there is no break in between a world that did not exist and one that did, since it could not be created <i>ex nihilo</i> in the first place, was first argued by the Greek Philosopher Parmenides and later by the Roman poet Lucretius, who expressed this principle in his book <i>De Rerum Natura</i> . What is this four-word phrase, found in King Lear's dialogue with his daughter Cordelia (with a small variation) and also in a beautiful song from <i>Sound Of Music</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Developing this was the original purpose behind the March of Dimes charity. At an Ann Arbor press conference announcing the discovery, the discoverer told Edward R. Morrow that "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?" He also set up set up an institute named after himself in San Diego to break down the barriers between the sciences and the humanities. Name him OR what he developed.		<input type="checkbox"/>
24	The second biennial World Street Food Congress was held from 8-12 April 2015 in an Asian city that prides itself on the variety and quality of its street food, and the long and rich history of its hawker culture. Where was the event held?		<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Early Christian chroniclers somewhat fancifully attributed the origin of this city name to an Armenian exclamation by Noah, while looking in the direction of the city after the ark had landed on Mount Ararat and the flood waters had receded: "It appeared!" However, it is far more likely that the name is derived from an Urartian military fortress called Erebuni founded on its territory in 782 B.C. by Argishti I. Name this national capital, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities.		<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Early Mughal emperors and their officials spoke a Turkic language belonging to the Karluk branch. This language has influenced the Hindustani language and subsequently the development of Urdu. The famous <i>Baburnama</i> was written in this language, and the great Asian poet Ali-Shir Nava'i wrote in it. Name the language that got its name from Ghengis Khan's second son.		<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Ethylene glycol (CH ₂ OH) ₂ is a colourless, odourless, syrupy-sweet but poisonous liquid that is widely used as a raw material in the manufacture of polyester fibers and PET. Its most common domestic use, however, is highly seasonal and based on the disruption of hydrogen bonding that results when the compound is dissolved in water. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>



28 ★	First published in 1999, <i>The Bride of Science</i> is a book by Benjamin Woolley chronicling the brief but impactful 36-year life of this lady. The book is being reprinted in 2015 on the bicentenary of her birth. More appropriately, <i>The Guardian's</i> review of this book was titled, " <i>Child of Poetry, Bride of Science.</i> " Who is this lady?		<input type="checkbox"/>
29	From the 1860s to the early 1930s, the production was done keeping in view the principles of cartography, scale and direction. In 1931, however, there was a revolutionary change wherein the scale was dropped, the directions compromised for ease and something that was a hybrid of an electric circuit diagram and a Mondrian painting was produced. What object?		<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Which word, originating from the Greek root for "something seen," connects something the following fictional characters all possess: Adrian Monk, Sheldon Cooper, Spencer Reid (from <i>Criminal Minds</i>), and Mozzie (from <i>White Collar</i>)?		<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Harry Brearley was convinced his invention could revolutionise the cutlery industry, and had a few of them made at a local cutler's. He also distributed it to friends, asking for them to be returned "if fruit, condiment or food marks them." None were returned, leading to the manager at the cutler's gently suggesting that they be renamed "_____." What got its name thus?		<input type="checkbox"/>
32 ★★	He died from pancreatic cancer in 1972 at Lemmons, the Hertfordshire home of Kingsley Amis. A great admirer of Thomas Hardy, he wanted to be buried as close as possible to the author in Stinsford churchyard, Dorset. His epitaph, taken from his poem <i>Is it Far to Go?</i> reads: " <i>Shall I be gone long? / For ever and a day. / To whom there belong? / Ask the stone to say. / Ask my song.</i> " He disliked and did not use the hyphen in his surname, and may be better remembered today as the creator (under a pseudonym) of Nigel Strangeways. His real name, please.		<input type="checkbox"/>
33	A director talking about what inspired his movie: "I came across a note about David Lean's movie <i>Brief Encounter</i> , that story about a married woman who lives in the country, comes to London, and meets a man. They have an affair in his [friend's place]. What I had written was, <i>What about the friend who has to crawl back into that warm bed?</i> " Which movie?		<input type="checkbox"/>
34 ★★	He was a fairly competent musician, playing the glass harmonica with some proficiency. Mozart's first opera, <i>Bastien und Bastienne</i> , was premiered at his estate. Among his greatest "successes" was Fraulein Paradis, whose blindness he supposedly cured. The panel convened by Louis XVI to examine his work included Antoine Lavoisier and Ben Franklin. It concluded that his theories, including the effects on the body of tides, were hogwash. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
35	Heldenplatz ('Heroes Square') is a public space in front of the former imperial palace in a European capital. Ironically, the most significant event that happened here was the ceremonial announcement of a takeover by a neighbouring country. In which city is it?		<input type="checkbox"/>
36	If the 2014 recommendation of Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak were to be implemented, the Motion Picture Association of America would officially add another on-screen activity to its current list of factors, i.e. nudity, violence and strong language, that contribute towards a movie receiving an 'R' rating. This would require viewers under 17 to be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. What activity?		<input type="checkbox"/>
37 ★	In 1726, the problem in the Paris Academy competition was the best design for the masts on a ship. This competition was won by the French mathematician Pierre Bouguer, the father of naval architecture. The person who came second won this prize 12 times later in his life. Who is this mathematician, whose publication list of 886 papers and books is exceeded only by Paul Erdos and whose epitaph translates to "... he ceased to calculate and to live?"		<input type="checkbox"/>
38	In 1888, John J. Loud invented something that was only useful in the leather industry and was thus quickly forgotten. The person now acknowledged as the inventor was a newspaper editor inspired by children rolling a marble near a Budapest café. His birthday is remembered on September 29th as Inventor's Day in Argentina. One of these items features in the permanent collection at the MOMA. Name either the item OR the inventor.		<input type="checkbox"/>



39	In 1942, when the luxury liner <i>Normandie</i> blew up in New York Harbor, navy intelligence, worried that Axis spies would overrun the place, turned to a man they thought could help. Although he was held up in a facility a bit far away, he gave orders that ensured the sabotage on the docks ended. In return, he was allowed to move back to Italy, where he soon resorted to his old tricks. Name this man, whose life was littered with examples such as this showing how he earned his fortunate nickname.		<input type="checkbox"/>
40	In 1980, John B Goodenough invented the cobalt oxide cathode, the single most important component in the modern design of a common device. A few years later, Sony made the first commercial version of this object: it became a blockbuster, and also solved a problem plaguing their handheld cameras. What is the object in question?		<input type="checkbox"/>
41	The makers of this TV show did not want to expand the abbreviated name of the organization in the title. However, the United Nations protested at being potentially associated with a fictional organization, and an "official" expansion followed. Identify this fictional organization made up of agents from various nationalities.		<input type="checkbox"/>
42	In addition to the obvious, there are four other ways a competitor can lose out. These include not approaching the microphone when the time comes, engaging in "unsportsmanlike conduct," altering the sequence, or uttering "unintelligible or nonsense sounds" during the process. What event that has been held since 1925 is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
43	In an act of familial reversal, which prominent Shakespearan actor of the time is said to have saved Robert Todd Lincoln's life at a train platform in 1864? Full name please.		<input type="checkbox"/>
44	In architecture, it is a keystone or knob that is found in the ceiling of a building, typically where vaults intersect. Which four letter word that also finds use in a corporate context as a term for someone above you?		<input type="checkbox"/>
45 ★ ★	This book was first published in 1908. When the book was reprinted, the writer had added a warning to his preface. When it was reprinted in 1941, he asked - " <i>Is there anything to add to that preface now? Nothing except my epitaph. That, when the time comes, will manifestly have to be: 'I told you so. You damned fools.'</i> " Name this work inspired by a major invention of the 1900s, the author of which was notable for prophetic ideas and concepts.		<input type="checkbox"/>
46	In Hong Kong tea culture, the slang term "one bowl with two pieces" describes a bowl of tea with what heart-touching snack item?		<input type="checkbox"/>
47	In India these designs are known by various names such as Buta, Kairee or Mankolam design. In US, such patterns of Indian and Persian origin were known as "Persian Pickles" mostly among quilt makers. The name of the town in Scotland where such designs were produced is now the English word for them. What word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
48	In Japan, this figure is depicted as a hollow red doll with blanked eyes, one of which is filled in when setting a goal, and the other after succeeding in that goal. He was apparently poisoned six times, and he let himself be buried on the last time, only to return holding one shoe in his hand. The tea plant sprang from his eyelids after he cut them off to avoid sleeping while staring at a wall for nine years. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
49	In June 1915, German schooner <i>Annie Larsen</i> was seized in San Francisco and found to be carrying a large quantity of arms, rifles and cartridges. This later resulted in the Hindu-German conspiracy trial in a US court in 1917. Which group of people in India were the arms meant for?		<input type="checkbox"/>
50	In 1952, CBS borrowed the use of the fifth-ever UNIVAC computer for what specific predictive purpose, a usage that has become increasingly commonplace with news channels since?		<input type="checkbox"/>
51 ★	In November 2010, writer and comedian Harris Wittels, irritated by the trend of what he exemplified as "supermodels tweeting about how they hate their lives, and how much they miss cake," started reposting this type of tweets using a ten-letter hashtag. The hashtag soon spread worldwide, and in 2012, Wittels compiled a best-selling book of these tweets entitled _____: <i>The Art of False Modesty</i> . Fill in the blank.		<input type="checkbox"/>



52	In Sep 2015 at Zagreb, who became the first athlete in history to run sub-10 seconds in a 100 metre race more than 100 times?		<input type="checkbox"/>
53	It began life in the early 14 th century as a grotesque figure in architecture or decoration, usually a gaping, grimacing form (such as a gargoyle). From there, the term was borrowed for a simpleton or a dimwit, and the zoological transition followed logically. Alternatively, the species origin may be imitative, based on their babbling speech-like cries. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
54 ★	In the famous witches' scene in <i>Macbeth</i> , the witches are stirring a boiling cauldron and putting together a recipe to call ghosts. The spell involves body-parts of different animals e.g. wool of bat, tongue of dog, adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting, lizard's leg, and howlet's wing. Some experts believe that the witches used coded language. What is the first ingredient of the recipe, which is also used by herbalists to denote mustard seeds?		<input type="checkbox"/>
55	In the history of the Grammy Awards, only six musical acts have won the 3 big awards - Record, Album and Song of the Year - on the same night. The first was Paul Simon in 1971. The most recent act to achieve this feat did so thanks to an album that holds the impressive feat of being the best-selling album worldwide, two years in a row. Name the performer.		<input type="checkbox"/>
56	In the venture capital world, a new term in vogue is "FOMO," which manifests itself in the fact that several large firms invest in a few select start-ups even at astronomical valuations. What does FOMO expand to?		<input type="checkbox"/>
57	It appeared in the 15th century, as a kind of morality show or allegorical representation of Death and his victims. The typical form of the allegory is a series of pictures or sculptures in which Death appears either as a dancing skeleton or as a shrunken corpse wrapped in grave-clothes. It literally refers to the leaders of the Jewish revolt against the Syro-Hellenes, from the vivid descriptions of their martyrdom in the Apocrypha. Which word, now meaning "gruesome," and first used in that sense in 1842 in French and 1889 in English?		<input type="checkbox"/>
58	It has been called by different names through the centuries. Seated in a temple believed to be in Warangal till it was looted in 1310 by Malik Kafur, Alauddin Khilji's general, it was named after Babur at one time. First the Italian Hortenso Borgia during Aurangzeb's reign, and then the Englishman James Tennant in 1852, gave it its current form, and Nadir Shah, its present name. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
59 ★★	It is one of the oldest musical instruments in the world and a musician apparently playing it can be seen in a 4th century BCE Chinese drawing. The common English name is now considered politically incorrect, though there is little evidence that a particular community was ever involved in its origin. The old English "trump" is often used instead in scholarly literature. Versions feature prominently in India, both in Rajasthani folk music and in the rhythm section of a Carnatic ensemble. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
60	Italian mathematician Quirico Filopanti first proposed what he called "longitudinal days" in his book <i>Miranda!</i> published in 1858, but his idea was unknown outside the pages of his book until long after his death. The modern idea first came to Sir Sandford Fleming, a Scottish-born Canadian, when he missed a train in Ireland. He proposed what he called "cosmic time" in 1879. How do we know it better?		<input type="checkbox"/>
61	James Runcie's <i>The Grantchester Mysteries</i> begins in 1953, attributed as the "beginning of Modern Britain," due to two major events - a political ascension and a structural scientific discovery. Name either.		<input type="checkbox"/>
62	Daniel Sickles was a former politician who fought in the Union Army, partly to redeem himself in the public eye after a scandal: he had shot dead Phipp Barton Key II (son of Francis Scott Key), who had been having an affair with his wife. During the murder trial, the defense successfully argued that his wife's infidelity drove him to this, marking the first successful use of what tactic in American legal history?		<input type="checkbox"/>
63	John Ellis, a British theoretical physicist working at CERN, has won many awards and has written over 1000 papers. He has also given interesting names in science literature, e.g. the name "Penguin diagrams" for a type of Feynman diagrams. His paper on String Theory, published in <i>Nature</i> in 1986 popularized which famous phrase in Physics literature?		<input type="checkbox"/>



64 ★	Josef _____ was a Nazi sympathiser who elected to move to Germany when Hitler and Mussolini came together. After the War, he returned home to South Tyrol in Italy and set about raising nine children, each with resolutely German names. Two of them fell in love with the mountains around their home and the older one went on to become - as one admirer says - the Michael Jordan of his chosen field. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
65	Kiron University is an institute of higher education based in Germany which offers free education for everyone. The idea for Kiron was born in 2014, when Vincent Zimmer and Markus Kreßler realised that a growing section of the population did not have access to higher education owing to a lack of money, identity, lack of previous certificates, etc. So, what group of people forms the primary target of this university?		<input type="checkbox"/>
66	Kusunoki Masashige, one of the most revered figures in Japanese history, was a Samurai warrior who died defending his Emperor. He is regarded as the purest expression of imperial loyalism, a fact that made him the natural choice for the unofficial patron saint and emblem of a bunch of people many centuries later. Which group of people?		<input type="checkbox"/>
67 ★	According to Avi Steinberg, author of the memoir <i>Running the Books</i> , the most popular titles among these readers are <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> , Robert Greene's <i>The 48 Laws of Power</i> , and among women, the works of Sylvia Plath. Steinberg, who got the job he chronicles by answering a Craigslist ad, also claims that these people are likely to judge books by their authors' photos, as most have never heard of the titles before. What group of people?		<input type="checkbox"/>
68	Made by Said Gilani and his team under the supervision of Bebadal Khan, it had a quadrangular-shaped dome and four steps. It also had a platform canopied in silk that was supported by twelve pillars. From this description by Jean-Baptiste Tavernier, identify the object that was named after the two creatures crafted behind it.		<input type="checkbox"/>
69	More than forty years ago, NYPD officer Sgt Charles Daniels was part of a group trying to talk sense into him, and even tried pleading with him in French to try and bring him back to solid ground. He later recalled: "Upon seeing us he started to smile and laugh and he started going into a dancing routine. He was bouncing up and down ... Unbelievable really." Who was the man he was talking to?		<input type="checkbox"/>
70	Among his less controversial achievements are the Guinness World Records for the most published author (with 1,084 works), most translated book (71 languages for his 1980 booklet <i>The Way to Happiness</i>) and most audiobooks (185 as of April 2009). Name this author who was given the first name Lafayette, after his grandfather.		<input type="checkbox"/>
71 ★	Obwandiyag, the Ottawa war chief, attempted to take Fort Detroit from the British by surprise in May 1763 with 300 followers. The attack failed and the fort was besieged by a force of eventually over 900 warriors from six tribes. In July 1763, the forces defeated a British detachment at the Battle of Bloody Run, but still couldn't capture the fort. In 1769, Obwandiyag was assassinated by a Peoria warrior. How do we know him better, primarily through a companion brand to the Oakland that was launched in 1926 and lasted till 2009?		<input type="checkbox"/>
72	On October 9th 2015, Bob Alper, a 70-year-old rabbi turned stand-up comedian, submitted a joke to a worldwide competition called "Joke With X," and won it. In doing so, he defeated famous comedians such as Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Fallon, won \$10,000, and was named "honorary comedic advisor" to X. Name X, who might have been a little galled at taking any sort of advice from a rabbi.		<input type="checkbox"/>
73	Earlier this year, and forty-six years after reporting on the infamous incident that made his career, he finally visited the location known to American soldiers as 'Pinkville'. He had previously reported only what he had heard from witnesses. Based on this trip, he wrote an article titled <i>The Scene of the Crime</i> in the New Yorker. Name this Pulitzer Prize winner.		<input type="checkbox"/>
74	Only three Indian Prime Ministers have been members of the Upper House. (The rest were MPs in the Lok Sabha.) H Deve Gowda from Karnataka and Manmohan Singh from Assam were two such PMs. Who was the third?		<input type="checkbox"/>
75	Pahlanji Rantanji was the first Indian to score a test double century; when he retired in 1962, he held all the Indian batting records – highest number of Tests, runs and centuries, till Sunil Gavaskar broke them. The BCCI has an annual award in his name for the international cricketer of the year from India. How do we know him better?		<input type="checkbox"/>



76	Quinquina is a fortified wine flavored with spices and bittered, like tonic water, with quinine. The most famous brand of Quinquina is geographically indicated and made by a French company in Bordeaux, and appeared as a key ingredient in a cocktail, in a 1953 book and 2006 film. Which brand?		<input type="checkbox"/>
77 ★★	Los Pepes' was a vigilante group that existed in the early 1990s to fight a notorious individual. The name is a short form in Spanish for 'persecuted by ____ ____.' Despite the name, it was led by two of his former employees, Don Berna and Fidel Castaño, who wanted a piece of the action. Who was this man, who soon met a grisly end?		<input type="checkbox"/>
78	Regarding the 'Dream Shake,' his signature move, this two-time NBA champion wrote in his autobiography, "It was actually one of my soccer moves which I translated to basketball. It would accomplish one of three things: one, to misdirect the opponent; two, to freeze him in his tracks; three, to shake him off." Name this 12-time All Star, who leads the NBA in career blocked shots to this day.		<input type="checkbox"/>
79	Sibos (Swift International Banking Operations Seminar) is an annual banking and financial conference organized by the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), and the premier global conference for the B&FS industry. In Sibos 2015 at Singapore, the hottest ticket in town was to the Innotribe discussion 'New Kids on the Block.' The new kids, it turns out, are the banks. What global buzzword was the subject of the discussion?		<input type="checkbox"/>
80	<i>Silver Linings Playbook</i> and <i>American Hustle</i> are the only two 21st century films to achieve what thespian feat in terms of nominations at the Academy Awards; a list dating back to <i>My Man Godfrey</i> in 1936?		<input type="checkbox"/>
81	Situated a few hundred kilometres apart and encompassing two parts of the border of a nation, which two entities were named after two halves of a famous couple in 1858 and 1864 respectively?		<input type="checkbox"/>
82	Among the other names proposed with good reason but not accepted were Albionoria (Albion of north), Borealia, Cabotia (in honour of Italian explorer John Cabot), Efigsa (an acronym of "English, French, Irish, Scottish, German, Aboriginal"), Mesopelagia ("land between the seas"), Ursalia and Vesperia. What name was finally selected?		<input type="checkbox"/>
83	Subsequent to a decision taken in 2014 by the general synod, Libby Lane became the first lady in Jan 2015 to occupy what position in the 480-year history of the Church of England?		<input type="checkbox"/>
84	The 1986 Treaty of Canterbury (named after the Cathedral where it was signed) modified two national borders, by providing for a land frontier where no land existed. It also set up the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) as a monitoring and arbitration agency for the same. What was the chief subject of the Treaty?		<input type="checkbox"/>
85 ★★	The 2004 Nobel prize in Medicine was "for the discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation." It was discovered that the body uses ubiquitin to 'tag' proteins that are ready for destruction or need to be destroyed. This tagging mechanism is described by a famous idiom derived from an incident in the life of Jesus Christ. As the news release by the Nobel Committee states - "... helping to understand how the human body gives the '____ ____' to rogue proteins to defend itself from diseases like cancer." What idiom?		<input type="checkbox"/>
86	The Academy Award for Best Original Musical holds a unique place in Oscar history - it has not been discontinued by AMPAS, but has not been awarded since 1984 (due to an insufficient number of nominees in every year since then). The last movie to win the award was a film based partly on the life of its star, one which also garnered two Razzie nominations (for Worst New Star and Worst Original Song, both of which went to co-star Apollonia Kotero). Name the movie, the soundtrack album of which has sold over 12 million copies to date.		<input type="checkbox"/>
87	The Battle of Cos, part of the Syrian Wars, was fought around 255 BCE between an Antigonid fleet and a Ptolemaic fleet. Antigonus II Gonatas, who dedicated his flagship to Apollo after he won, led his forces against Patroclus, admiral of Ptolemy II. The battle may have severely damaged Ptolemaic control of the Aegean. What is the best-known commemoration of this battle, which now has a commanding view of the Daru staircase?		<input type="checkbox"/>



88	The Battle of Thapsus in 46 BC, when Julius Caesar decisively defeated the forces of Quintus Metellus Scipio (which included the cavalry of his own former right-hand man, Titus Labienus, and the forces of the Numidian king Juba I), marked the last use in Western combat of what? King Porus had also notably employed them at the Battle of the Hydaspes against Alexander.		<input type="checkbox"/>
89	The biggest tennis story of 1975 unfolded not on the courts, but in the jam-packed press tent at the West Side Tennis Club on the final Saturday of the US Open. That moment had been in the making for a generation, ever since the protagonist's grandparents were stripped of their thirty-acre estate by the Soviets. What story unfolded in 1975?		<input type="checkbox"/>
90	The groom wore a cream-silk Patiala achkan and chudidars with a pink Bharatpuri turban while the bride wore a pale pink khadi sari with little jewellery. In keeping with Kashmiri traditions, she wore floral jewellery - jasmine garlands tied on her ankles, wrists and neck. Which couple got married at a quiet ceremony at 1, Safdarjung Road on Feb 25, 1968?		<input type="checkbox"/>
91 ★	The Chinese version of this is the <i>suanpan</i> (with individual components being designated 'heaven' and 'earth/water') and the Japanese one the <i>soroban</i> . According to some scholars, the Darius Vase and Salamis Tablet are proof that the ancient Greeks knew about it. The Romans used base-10 versions of this, and currency reforms seem to have been major milestones in its development. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
92	The Chocolate Bhutlah, so named for its dark brown colour, is the latest contender for what hotly contested title, currently held by the Carolina Reaper?		<input type="checkbox"/>
93	The Church of the East had been a major branch of Christianity till the 13th century. This ruler was responsible for almost completely destroying it. He is considered a great hero in his native land where an area previously known as Revolution Square in the capital city of Tashkent was renamed after him in 1991, and the big statue of Karl Marx was replaced with his statue. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
94	A glass or food-grade plastic pipette is used to steal away a little amount of wine from a barrel or any other fermentation device for the purpose of testing. What is the two-word name given to this pipette?		<input type="checkbox"/>
95	The first issue of this American monthly magazine was released in March 1993, featured science fiction author Bruce Sterling on its cover and listed Canadian media theorist Marshall McLuhan as its 'patron saint.' Name this magazine, whose writers have been credited with coining terms such as "crowdsourcing" and "the long tail."		<input type="checkbox"/>
96	The first was <i>Serdet</i> and the last one was <i>Messiah</i> . All of them were made in the late 17th to the early 18th century. Some famous ones are <i>Spanish I and II</i> , <i>Molitor</i> , <i>Markees</i> , <i>Jupiter</i> , and <i>Viotti</i> . Sherlock Holmes famously possessed one. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
97	The Former Child Star Lifetime Achievement Award is an honour bestowed by the Young Artist Association of America to recognise child stars who have gone on to have successful careers as adults. The award is informally known as "The _____ Award" in honour of a child actor who made his name starring in a series of films alongside Judy Garland, and went on to have an 88-year career before dying in 2014 at the age of 93. Full name, please.		<input type="checkbox"/>
98	The Hereford <i>Mappa Mundi</i> is one of the oldest known medieval maps, created in the late 13th century and preserved today at the Hereford Cathedral in the UK. In accordance with Christian beliefs of the time, which city is positioned at the centre of the world in this map?		<input type="checkbox"/>
99	The hero Aeneas leaves burning Troy and leads a quest to find a new home in Italy. There, Deiphobe, the seven-hundred-year-old Cumaean sibyl, escorts him on a journey into the underworld to see the "shade" of his deceased father Anchises. However, Aeneas must obtain a specific gift for Proserpina, the queen of Pluto, which the hero gets with some help from his mother Venus. Soon after they start their descent, the sibyl shows the gift to Charon who only then allows them to enter his boat and cross the Styx. Identify the gift, made famous through the title of an 1890 work.		<input type="checkbox"/>
100 ★	The history of this substance begins with the Phoenicians who were the first to develop a fine uniform iron tube which was essential to its production. Venetian craftsmen who made this worked on the island of Murano and were forbidden from leaving the city. The most highly valued type was made from <i>cogoli del tesin</i> (from the Ticino river) and was improved by the addition of manganese oxide. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>



101	The most prized shade of red in rubies is named after a bird. It was said that this bird had to be dissected to see that shade of red in real life. In 1902 the Verneuil process was developed to help create rubies of the same colour. What are such rubies called?		<input type="checkbox"/>
102 ★★	At heart, he was a sociologist, eugenicist and demographer. Along with Santi Paladino, he co-founded a political party with the Stars and Stripes as its emblem, and with a goal of having the United States annex Italy. He wrote <i>The Scientific Basis of Fascism</i> and was tried in 1944 for being a Mussolini apologist. Ironically, he resigned in 1932 from the Central Institute of Statistics in protest at interference in his work by the fascist state. His best-known contribution (named after him) has been criticized by Thomas Piketty for underestimating how bad things really are. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
103	The only other time this country made an appearance at a major international tournament, they were managed by Jimmy Murphy (who discovered the Busby Babes), and were knocked out in the quarterfinals by a single goal scored by Pele, who became the youngest goal-scorer in World Cup history. Their talisman has helped them qualify for the 2016 Euros, ending 58 years of hurt. Which nation is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
104	<i>Is Somebody Singing?</i> is a song written in 2013 by two Canadian citizens, the first being Ed Robertson, lead singer of the rock band Barenaked Ladies. Who was the second, who performed the song live along with Robertson on February 8 th 2013, while playing a light-weight, small-body Larrivéé Parlor acoustic guitar? This song was somewhat eclipsed by a cover song sung by the same performer three months later.		<input type="checkbox"/>
105	Both these words 'flower' and 'X' are derived from the same old French word for "blossom" or "the finest." 'X' was supposed to be the "finest part" of meal. What is 'X'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
106	Hemu Adhikari, Pankaj Roy and Chandu Borde are three of the four people who have achieved which singular distinction for India in test cricket?		<input type="checkbox"/>
107	The re-release of the 1985 Nintendo game <i>Wild Gunman</i> , the limited-edition release of a redesigned Pepsi bottle with the label "Pepsi Perfect", and the uploading of a spoof trailer for <i>Jaws 19</i> (directed by Max Spielberg) to YouTube all occurred around a couple of months ago to mark what significant date in popular culture?		<input type="checkbox"/>
108	The scientific prizes awarded by the International Mathematics Union (IMU) till 2002 were the Fields Medal and the Nevanlinna Prize. In 2002, a third prize was announced bearing the name of a famous mathematician to commemorate his 225th birth anniversary. Which prize?		<input type="checkbox"/>
109	During WW1, he received an electric shock from a lightning-hit telephone, causing him to stammer and sweat badly - he did not use a phone again for twelve years. He was badly wounded by a shell blast while leading his men through the Bazentin-le-petit church cemetery during the Battle of the Somme. One of the sixteen Great War poets commemorated in Poet's Corner, he is as well known for his historical novels and classical translations. He is buried on a hill at Deià, at the site of a shrine once sacred to the White Goddess of Pelion. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
110 ★	The social news website reddit.com is divided into thousands of specialised areas of interest known as subreddits, many of which have humorous names. The subreddit dedicated to which figure from the world of entertainment, whose most recent performance was lending his distinctive voice to the 2012 animated film <i>Sir Billi</i> , is named "r/shubreddit"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
111	The term "unreliable narrator" was coined in 1961 by Wayne C. Booth in <i>The Rhetoric of Fiction</i> to describe a narrator whose credibility has been seriously compromised. A well-known example is from a 1926 novel where the narrator hides essential truths in the text through evasion, omission, and obfuscation, without ever overtly lying. The novel, widely regarded as the prolific author's masterpiece, significantly and controversially affected its genre. An adjective derived from its title character has passed into the language as an example of unreliability of narration. Name the novel OR the adjective.		<input type="checkbox"/>
112	The two-word term for a statement released by an intelligence agency to the effect that an asset or source is unreliable (most often because the source fabricated intelligence) is also the name of an American TV series that aired from 2007-2013, starring Jeffrey Donovan as an operative against whom the CIA has issued such a statement. What term?		<input type="checkbox"/>



113	The U.S. cities of Oak Ridge (in Tennessee), Richland (in the state of Washington) and Los Alamos in New Mexico all share what appropriate nickname?		<input type="checkbox"/>
114	There are three main theories behind the origin of this nickname: the baked goods theory (the most obvious and popular), the button theory (which states that the name arose because the brass buttons on uniforms resembled a type of baked food) and the pipe clay theory (which states that the clay used as a makeshift polish in the field looked whitish when rained on). What nickname, perhaps more famous nowadays in the field of advertising?		<input type="checkbox"/>
115 ★★	There are two basic kinds of this "dialogue" or "discourse" - one using words or <i>bol</i> , which may be actual words or placeholders like <i>anantha</i> , <i>hari</i> , <i>om</i> , or <i>narayan</i> , and the other without words. The second kind can be of four types - <i>aakaar</i> , <i>nom-tom</i> , <i>teri</i> and <i>yellala/yellali</i> . Another classification scheme based on length defines four varieties - <i>aochar</i> being the shortest, followed by <i>bandhan</i> , <i>kayed</i> and <i>vistar</i> . Identify this, which some might remember as the title of a 1977 cinematic disaster.		<input type="checkbox"/>
116	They are 2381 in number and classified into five geographical "environments," each named after a flower: <i>Strobilanthes kunthiana</i> , jasmine, giant crape-myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i> or Jarul), water lily, and dyer's oleander (<i>Wrightia tinctoria</i> or Indrajao). What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
117	This colour, similar to lavender blue, gets its name from the common name of a flowering plant with a five-petaled flower, <i>Vinca minor</i> . Used in the awareness ribbons for stomach cancer, anorexia and bulimia, it also represents "downvote" on the reddit site. Which colour?		<input type="checkbox"/>
118	This current incumbent of the post was the subject of much "will he/won't he" speculation recently. Daniel Webster famously rejected this in 1848 with the immortal words "I do not propose to be buried until I am really dead and in my coffin," referring to the apparent impotency of the post. What post?		<input type="checkbox"/>
119	This distant relative of the dandelion with bright blue flowers has been grown along the Nile since the time of Cleopatra. The Romans believed that it kept the blood pure. In the US, it is called the curly endive, and its leaves are used as salad greens or cooked like spinach. In south India, however, we are more likely to encounter it at breakfast, thanks to its key bitter ingredients - lactucin and lactucopicrin. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
120	This eight-letter word (derived from the Greek for "summit" or "finishing touch") is the technical term for the publication information of a book, such as the publication date and the name of the publisher, and is usually found on the page opposite the title leaf. It is not related to the ancient Greek city (in present-day Turkey) with which it shares its name. What word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
121	This event is the subject of 76 sculptures of nude women by Suse Lowenstein, as well as the documentary film <i>The Maltese Double Cross</i> . Syracuse University gives Remembrance Scholarships to 35 students each year to commemorate it. The trial following it hinged on the testimony of Maltese clothes shop owner Tony Gaud and ended by convicting Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, who was released from jail in 2009 to die of prostate cancer. What event?		<input type="checkbox"/>
122	This famous 1969 book, also made into a 1981 film with an adapted screenplay by Harold Pinter, is a historical pastiche of Victorian and current-era romances, and offers the audience multiple alternate endings in both versions. Name it.		<input type="checkbox"/>
123	This famous mode of transport was originally named something else, but we are not told what it is. The man in charge gives it the name we know it by, a name that means "horse that used to be ordinary." In this manner, he transforms this poor specimen into a steed worthy of his own transformed stature. What name?		<input type="checkbox"/>
124	This form of injury, which can cause paralysis, is a problem that starts in the blood vessels surrounding the spine. When the spinal cord is hyperextended, it can interrupt the blood flow to the spine, starving it of oxygen, and causing a "stroke to the spine." This injury is common among practitioners of a particular sport who arch their backs on their sporting equipment, and the disease is named for such sportsmen. Which sport / sportsmen?		<input type="checkbox"/>



125	This gifted writer of Urdu prose and poetry used the Urdu word for "lion" and later the word for "dominant" as his pen-names. When Sir Syed Ahmed Khan asked him for a foreword to his book on Abul Fazl's <i>Ain-e-Akbari</i> , he wrote a short Persian poem criticizing <i>Ain-e-Akbari</i> , praising the "Sahibs of England" and advising Sir Syed not to waste his talent and time on dead things. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
126 ★★	This meteorological term was first defined and formulated by Paul Siple and Charles Passel during their Antarctic expedition of 1939-41. They did so by observing the cooling rate of a small plastic bottle as its contents turned to ice while suspended, open to the elements, on the expedition hut roof. What three-word term, now common in weather forecasts?		<input type="checkbox"/>
127	This ongoing A&E TV show is a "contemporary prequel" and captures events prior to the setting of a 1959 book (made into a celebrated 1960 film). The show takes its two-word name from the surname of co-protagonist Norma and the type of business she purchases and runs in coastal Oregon - a locale different from the original Fairville in the book/film. What is the name of the TV show?		<input type="checkbox"/>
128	This particular subspecies of a bird that can famously drop into a steep, swift dive that tops 200 mph was last sighted in this archipelago in the 1980s. However, a few months back, three mating pairs of this bird were confirmed to have returned. It has been wryly noted that this could indeed be the stuff that an ornithologist's dreams are made of. Name the subspecies.		<input type="checkbox"/>
129	This person from the early 19th century was born in a noble family but was a descendant of a slave from Cameroon. He was very touchy about his honour and fought as many as 29 duels, the last one eventually resulting in his death. Who is this literary giant, who wrote the "most famous love poem" of his language?		<input type="checkbox"/>
130 ★	This place, named after one of the Apostles of Christ, is home to the country's largest cathedral and one of the oldest universities in the world. However, it is more famous for an activity that takes place across venues named Balgove, Eden, Jubilee, Strathtyrum, New, and the most iconic of them - the Old. What place?		<input type="checkbox"/>
131	This six-letter word, in the context we are most familiar with, refers to a kind of pattern commonly found in homes. However, when the first letter is capitalised, it becomes an adjective associated with a Biblical figure immortalised by individuals ranging from Michelangelo to Charlton Heston. What's the good word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
132	The Tamil actress Gopishantha has the distinction of having worked with five chief ministers, and boasts over 1500 films, many stage performances, as well as several television series. She entered the Guinness Book of World Records in the 1980s for acting in more than 1000 films. How do we know her better?		<input type="checkbox"/>
133	This temple was declared as "state owned," giving it the distinction of "national monument" or "national temple." As a result, the national flag is hoisted every morning outside the main premises, following all the rules of the flag code. Special prayers are held on national holidays and important days. As per researchers, this temple dedicated to a Goddess is also one of the Shaktipeethas. Which temple, probably the only "national temple"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
134	This two-word pejorative term for a warrior who looks good in uniform but is useless on the battlefield was popularised by George Bernard Shaw's 1894 play <i>Arms and the Man</i> , and has since been used as the title of a 1908 operetta based on Shaw's play, a 1941 film adaptation of the operetta starring Nelson Eddy, and as a nickname for a member of the Australian Army Reserve. What term?		<input type="checkbox"/>
135	Through the course of this film's six-year development period (lengthy, but common to most films from the studio in question), the number of central characters swelled to eleven, with some of the names including Greed, Irritation, Shame and Embarrassment. When the film was finally released earlier this year, however, that number had shrunk to five. What film?		<input type="checkbox"/>
136	What annual phenomenon in a South Indian city started when delegates felt the need to add a cultural dimension to the annual meeting of the Indian National Congress in December 1927? This also led to the establishment of a venerable institution in the same field.		<input type="checkbox"/>



137	What eight-letter word for an alcoholic solution of at least 25% ethanol by volume (seen commonly in pre-20th century medicine) is derived from the Middle English for 'to tint with colour,' as the most commonly-used types tended to leave stains when applied to a surface?		<input type="checkbox"/>
138	What European geographical feature, later co-opted by cities such as Constantinople, Amman, Moscow, Cincinnati and San Francisco, is the mnemonic "Can Queen Victoria Eat Cold Apple Pie?" used to help remember?		<input type="checkbox"/>
139	What five-letter word, perhaps most familiar nowadays as the first part of a well-known phobia, was the name given to the central, open-air gathering places present in most ancient Greek cities (the one in ancient Athens being the most famous example)?		<input type="checkbox"/>
140	What iconic German brand (not to be confused with a mononymous Soviet pioneer) was named as a portmanteau of founder Ernst Leitz's name and the type of devices they primarily manufactured?		<input type="checkbox"/>
141 ★	What word, also the name of a marine mammal, is used to describe the online behaviour of a person who repeatedly asks questions feigning interest but with the actual intent of annoying the respondent?		<input type="checkbox"/>
142	When Donald Trump first ran for US President under the Reform Party ticket in 2000, he named as his ideal running mate a television personality he described as "popular, brilliant, and a wonderful woman," although she denied and continues to deny any political ambitions. Which of his fellow billionaires was Trump seeking out as his potential vice president?		<input type="checkbox"/>
143	When his father forbade him to play, hoping that he would pursue a career in vaudeville instead, he practiced with potatoes and a broomstick. This sort of practice seemed to have helped, seeing that he won fifteen world championships in the '40s and '50s, becoming synonymous with his sport and helping popularise it. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
144 ★★	This classic first appeared in 1889 to near-universal derision from critics. The author wrote later: "One might have imagined ... that the British Empire was in danger. ... <i>The Standard</i> spoke of me as a menace to English letters; and <i>The Morning Post</i> as an example of the sad results to be expected from the over-education of the lower orders." Yet it sold so many copies that the publisher told a friend that "the public must eat them," and it has never been out of print. It is also easy to recreate, following the detailed description, and much of the route remains unchanged - for example, all the pubs and inns named are still open. Name the book.		<input type="checkbox"/>
145	Which "forest of magnolia" in Bihar found its way into the history books in 1917, after actions by a group of lawyers to highlight the cause of indigo farmers?		<input type="checkbox"/>
146	Which part of the human body that originates as an outgrowth of the developing brain and is thus considered part of the central nervous system, gets its name from a Vulgar Latin phrase meaning "net-like tunic," because of its resemblance to the network of blood vessels found there?		<input type="checkbox"/>
147	Which structure was built by Queen Udayamati in memory of her husband Bhimdev I of the Solanki dynasty, and is designed like an inverted temple, since water was considered sacred at the time?		<input type="checkbox"/>
148 ★	Neither the <i>Provenzano</i> in July nor the <i>Assunta</i> in August lasts more than 90 seconds, and it is the pageant <i>Corteo Storico</i> that precedes both that really attracts visitors from around the world. Only ten of the seventeen <i>Contrade</i> take part at a time in this annual extravaganza. Historically, the Goose is leading with 63, followed by the Snail (51) and the Tortoise (46), but the animal most associated with this event is not included. What are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
149	William Eugene ____ was a fairly well-known sportswriter at the <i>Des Moines Register</i> for many decades, covering games across the country for them. However, we know him better as the father of a best-selling travel writer who came from Des Moines, mostly because somebody had to. Name the travel writer.		<input type="checkbox"/>
150	Which word, primarily used in North America to describe a certain type of building/structure, appropriately comes from the Latin root meaning "repentance?"		<input type="checkbox"/>



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