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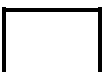
- Time allowed: **90 minutes**
 - Wait for start signal
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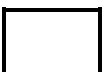
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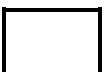
1 ★ ★	The name of this large diameter Italian sausage, served as cold meat in thin slices, has nothing to do with death. Rather, its name comes from the fact that it was traditionally made using a large mortar and pestle. Which food item?		<input type="checkbox"/>
2 ★	Leave No Trace is a US based non-profit organisation whose mission is to protect the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly. While it has traditionally used its 7 principles to guide people in leaving natural sites as unharmed as possible, in 2018 it introduced a new social media guideline which suggests avoiding what ubiquitous online action?		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Derived from the Greek word for 'to gnash the teeth', this tree resin was much vaunted by the Ottoman Sultans for its refreshing, cedar-like flavor. It is also the main ingredient to 'Boozza', an ice cream widely prevalent in the Arab world, popularized by the Bakdash shops of Syria. Which resin, whose Greek root also gives the English word for 'to crush with teeth'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	This number is used by white nationalists, Chinese social media and amateur radio enthusiasts as shorthand for everything from Heil Hitler, to a simple "bye bye" to a sign off that says "love & kisses". Which untouchable, palindromic, Erdos Woods number?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Among other well known venue this event has been held at Sydney (17 times), Adelaide (14 times), Brisbane (7 times), Perth (3 times) and once each at New Zealand cities of Christchurch and Hastings. Which event?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Emission are bright, colorful and self-luminous. Reflection are cool clouds of dust and gas. Dark (or absorption) are not illuminated and appear as holes in the sky. Planetary are the remnants of the death of a star. What are these types of?		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Though this subculture has become mainstream only since the early 2000's, the earliest proponents of this genre were Seo Taji and Boys who had their breakthrough in 1992. Identify the term in question, which The Economist magazine dubbed as "Asia's foremost trendsetter."		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	The subject of an influential 6 minute silent, animated short by Winsor McCay that preceded his best known work 'Gertie the Dinosaur', was also documented by Alexander von Humboldt as one of his chief tormenters as he navigated the great equinoctial rivers of South America. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	The country Madagascar is supposed to have got its name through Marco Polo from his corrupted transliteration of an African capital city in his memoirs. Name this city which means "Seat of the Emperor" in Persian.		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	The mobile phone has revolutionized many things in India, including a unique, home grown take on the camgirl – women who perform on camera for strangers, in exchange for instant payment of some sort. By what name are these women known on social media?		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Proposed by Bharat Ratra and Jim Peebles, it is a hypothetical form of dark energy, postulated to explain the accelerating universe. To medieval scientists and alchemists it was another word for aether, the element beyond air, water, earth and fire, an elusive link between spirit and matter that permeated all life. What word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	In which Olympic competition are athletes paired with an unfamiliar horse in a draw just before the start, something unique in the world of sport?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	In this marvelous author's own words, "I used to have a lot of expressions that I would end my columns with: Hang Loose, Face Front, 'Nuff Said, and I found that the competition was always imitating them and using them. So, I said I'm going to get one expression that they're not going to know what it means, and they won't know how to spell it. And that's where ___ came from". Identify the word in question?		<input type="checkbox"/>



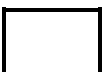
14	Originating in the early 50's Cuba, what appropriate onomatopoeic word is also the name of the film production company founded by the Mexican Oscar winning trio of Alfonso Cuarón, Alejandro González Iñárritu and Guillermo del Toro?		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	All it took to secure these naming rights were a set of books, some East India company goods that were sold for 562 pounds 12 shillings and a portrait of King George I. What was named for a colonial born in Boston who left America at age three, never to return?		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	After working for almost 5 years on a design improvement, breakthrough was finally achieved after his wife proposed its simple shape, which improved its usage time from 40 minutes to almost 8 hours. Originally made from Pyrethrum, what 2 worded, iconic product still widely used in Asia, Africa and South America was developed by Eiichiro Ueyama in 1902?		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Ashwathama, Halahala, Aatapi Vatapi, Brahmahatya, Sarama, Pretakalpa, Rudra, Yayati - What is common?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	The Vessel is a \$150 million work of interactive public art coming up in the Hudson Yards district of New York City. Its climbable design widens out from a 50-foot base to a 150-foot diameter at the top, with over 80 landings and 154 flights of stairs. What Indian architectural feature was one of the inspirations for this project?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	While Apollo Creed was Rocky's foil in the first two 'Rocky' films, Clubber Lang, Ivan Drago and Tommy Gunn provided the opposition in successive films. Appropriately nicknamed 'The Line', which fictional boxer named with two famous surnames, was Rocky's opponent in the 2006 sequel Rocky Balboa?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	In the last 5 years UP followed by WB, Maharashtra and Kerala accounted for 50% of this that is decided based on the population figures. While the actual beneficiaries are decided by Qurrah, the President, VP, PM and External Affairs Minister together can allot 300 of these every year. What numbers are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Portrayed in the 2015 film Joy by her real-life daughter Melissa, she is arguably one of QVC network's most successful sales-people, making over \$1 billion in revenue since starting out in 1990. Known for her fashion sense and fierce retorts, identify this original fashion enforcer.		<input type="checkbox"/>
22	In spite of having a martial name, it also comprises of acrobats, musicians and imperial officials. Found at a spot, that was chosen in 246 BCE because of the abundance of gold on its northern side and jade on its southern side, what are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, Fuchow, and Amoy are prominent examples. What was the name given to the key strategic places on China's coast where in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries various foreign powers controlled, through coercive agreements, whole cities or parts of cities, outside the jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities?		<input type="checkbox"/>
24 ★★	Over 9,000 steel rods, 12.7 cm apart and 5 m high, stretched to cantilevered girders comprise the now daily illuminated Luminous Veil, a 1998 addition to Toronto's Prince Edward Viaduct, which itself was completed in 1918. While it is also considered a piece of public art, what continues to be the Luminous Veil's primary purpose?		<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Most Jewish communities; North America tribes like Cherokee, Choctaw, Iroquois etc.; the Minangkabau people of SE Asia; the Bunts and Billava of Karnataka; the Khasi, Jaintia and Garo of Meghalaya; the Karen of Myanmar; the Basques; the Akan of west Africa. Some examples of what system?		<input type="checkbox"/>
26 ★★	In the First Indian General Election of 1951-52, Indian National Congress won highest number of seats (364) with 45% vote share. Which group with 37 seats and 16% vote share finished second?		<input type="checkbox"/>



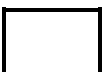
27 ★★	In the last 200 years, baby pink was the only colour being made by artisans. But in November this year, Freed of London, the world's largest supplier of this product has finally introduced brown and bronze varieties to reflect a greater inclusivity in this field. What does Freed of London manufacture?		<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Mauritian poet Khal Torabully describes it as the source of cultural reconstruction of the indentured labourers from India sent by the British to the Carribean, Africa and Fiji. Discussed elaborately in the writings of V.S. Naipaul, what 2-worded proscscription was also the cause of the Barrackpore Mutiny of 1824, which preceded 33 years before the hanging of Mangal Pandey there?		<input type="checkbox"/>
29	The plant has no self-fertilizing symbiosis with bacteria and is also susceptible to infestations and diseases making extensive use of pesticides, artificial fertilizers and massive irrigation projects necessary. Which crop, called the most human-dependent of all time was responsible for the well-known disappearance of the Aral Sea?		<input type="checkbox"/>
30	At age two, his father gave him a nickname as the young boy reminded him of his favorite wrestler ____ Sammartino, who held the WWWF(now WWE) World Heavyweight Championship for more than 11 years . His adopted last name was created to give him an edge, "I felt like I didn't have no pizzazz, and a lot of girls say I'm out of this world, so I was like I guess I'm from ____." Which performer?		<input type="checkbox"/>
31 ★	This sector was named in 2013, when Ida Tin, founder of the app Clue, couldn't find a term that fit the space the app was entering. In 2018, there are some 200 startups active in this sector, and it is slated to be worth \$50bn by 2025, although only two VC firms - Astarte Ventures and Portfolia - currently have funds exclusively focused on it. Which sector?		<input type="checkbox"/>
32 ★★	This order of Kashmiri Sufi saints are associated with religious harmony and have made important contribution to the social and cultural consciousness of the Kashmiri people. Sheikh Noor ud-Din Wali regarded as the patron saint of Kashmiris is commonly known as Nund _____. Kashmiris use the Hindu epithet X to describe these Sufi saints. Identify X?		<input type="checkbox"/>
33	At the height of her fame in 1936, writer Graham Greene summed her up as '...nervy voice, the pale ash-blond hair, the popping, neurotic eyes, a kind of corrupt and phosphorescent prettiness.' Whose popping, neurotic eyes were also the subject of a song that was Billboard's biggest hit of 1981, a number 1 hit in 21 countries and later went on to win the Grammy Award for Song and Record of the Year?		<input type="checkbox"/>
34	The Poruvazhy Peruviruthy Malanada in Kollam is the only temple in South India dedicated to this deity, though there are other temples in Uttarakhand. According to legend, he was passing by the forests in the area in search of his exiled adversaries when a local woman woman's hospitality made him linger. Identify this deity who has been portrayed in media by NTR and Georges Corraface amongst others.		<input type="checkbox"/>
35	Fluid dynamist van Heijst of Eindhoven University has sought to prove that the wave is a soliton, a single wave that keeps its shape and travels at constant speed. Earlier studies by Hungarian physicist Illes Farkas indicates that the wave usually moves in a clockwise direction at an average speed of 12 meters per second and tend to be 6-12 meters wide. What is the English name for the 'La Ola?'		<input type="checkbox"/>
36	The minerals cassiterite, wolframite, coltan and gold ore, also known as 3TGs for their primary extractions, are collectively known as what?		<input type="checkbox"/>
37	In 1959 Austrian businessman Franzkarl Schwendinger opened an exclusive restaurant, the Scotch Club, in Aachen, that played series of records for entertainment instead of live bands that was prevalent in the dance clubs those days. This club is thus widely considered to be World's 1st such establishment. What first?		<input type="checkbox"/>



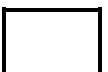
38	While they are also a brand of eco-friendly menstrual hygiene products, this phrase originally meant clothes for a special or happy occasion. Closer home, it lives on as a showy magazine with a dwindling circulation. Identify the phrase or the periodic in question.		<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Tapping the author's experience of working as a scriptwriter in 1950's Bombay, this novel is about the complicated relationship between an actor-director, his Bengali singer wife and a Muslim dancing starlet from Madras. Believed to be based on the lives of Guru Dutt, Geeta Dutt and Waheeda Rehman, which author's 1970 novel whose English translation is titled 'A Very Strange Man', is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
40	This rare genetic condition, which manifests at about age four, was first described by English doctor Jonathan Hutchinson in 1886 and described further by Hastings Gilford and is hence named for both. What condition is however commonly known by the Greek for 'before old age?'		<input type="checkbox"/>
41	This child prodigy's earliest exploits are available on YouTube as a black-and-white clip, where he is introduced to an audience by Leonard Bernstein, "Now here's a cultural image for you to ponder as you listen: a seven-year old Chinese musician playing French music for his new American compatriots." Identify the young musician.		<input type="checkbox"/>
42	Proclaimed on New Year's Day of 1804 in the port city of Gonaïves and thought to be lost since, the only known printed copy of which country's founding document was found by Canadian graduate student Julia Gaffield, at the British National Archives in 2010?		<input type="checkbox"/>
43	The English word for this is derived from Greek for "excitement, swelling", as are the words in all 3 Romance languages, Turkish and Japanese. Mandarin's version translates to "high tide", while the Finnish phrase means "Now I'm (the) fire". Russian and Tagalog both have words translating to some version of "I'm finishing". What are they all describing?		<input type="checkbox"/>
44 ★ ★	The structure defies geometry and is bigger on the inside than the outside. It has a guest room, books, a TV set, air-conditioning units, music records, a pool table and even a van Gogh which was tragically destroyed in a fire. The Van Gogh though was replaced with a Wyeth painting. What structure, which the occupant seldom seems to sleep inside?		<input type="checkbox"/>
45	According to the Mayan legend, god tried to create humans initially using mud and earth but the body would simply dissolve and disintegrate. He then tried by using wood but failed. Finally he created humans using water mixed with something that is an integral part of people's lives in these parts of the world. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
46	Some myths associated with these are that they are caused when an expectant mother sees something strange, or experiences a great deal of fear, sometimes called a maternal impression. In Ethiopian orthodox Christianity folklore, this is considered a "kiss of St. Mary the virgin". What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Opus regulatum is the most basic of these techniques and is most often used to fill in the background. Other techniques include the opus sectile, opus tessalutum, opus palladianum etc working up to opus vermiculatum which is the finest form of this technique. What/where are these techniques applied to?		<input type="checkbox"/>
48	The first recorded plague pandemic occurred in 541 to 542 AD and struck the Byzantine empire killing 5000 people a day in the capital Constantinople and eventually wiping out a quarter of the population. Name the ruler who contracted the disease and survived, though the plague got to be named after him?		<input type="checkbox"/>
49	When the silhouette of women's clothes changed in 19th century Europe, the earlier forms of these disappeared from women's clothes, much like the effect skinny jeans had a century later. In their place appeared reticules, which were considered better the smaller they were. What are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>



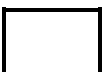
50	While India will overtake Britain's GDP in 2019, the first country to overtake the GDP of its colonizer's did so in the late 1800's. This was especially because the colonizer's economy had been deaccelerating ever since it granted independence to the colony in 1822. Identify this colony in question.		<input type="checkbox"/>
51	Named after Marquis of Pombal, this architectural style was one of the first to incorporate anti-seismic design and pre-fabricated building methods, which led to buildings that shake but don't fall. Developed in the aftermath of an event that instigated European philosophers to dwell on theodicy, which city was rebuilt using Pombaline style in the 18th century?		<input type="checkbox"/>
52	In a prokaryotic process and over millions of years, bacteria of the order Rhizobiales converted nitrogen from air into water-based ammonium and nitrates, which plants used to make food. On desertification in the Atacama, the bacteria survived, leading to deposits of which mineral (Nitratine) known by a two-word term, one of which is the name of the nation in which the desert is largely located in?		<input type="checkbox"/>
53 ★	A group of early 19th century German Romantic painters aiming to revive honesty and spirituality in Christian art adopted this name. Their appearance – long haired and bearded, dressed in robes and sandals – earned them their name. This was also the title applied to Jesus in New Testament and, later, to those who followed his teachings. What term?		<input type="checkbox"/>
54	Billboard's #1 classical album in October 2017 was "New Worlds" - a mostly serious, spoken word meets classical album that blended classical music & American standards with literary readings. Which actor, described as "America's weird uncle" performed the spoken word and occasionally sang on the album?		<input type="checkbox"/>
55 ★	Imigongo is a traditional art form from Rwanda that is painted on walls, pottery and canvas in vibrant red, black and white colours. What's the main ingredient used in Imigongo, something that might remind us of a practice closer home by rural/semi-urban women, though not strictly in the decorative sense?		<input type="checkbox"/>
56	Unlike its name, its considerable vegetation supports 51 species of insects and 16 species of birds, with the Pied Imperial Pigeon being the most abundant. Surrounded by vibrant coral reefs, it also plays host to marine creatures like Manta Rays, turtles and sharks. In the news for at least 6 times in the last 3 decades, with the last being as recent as 2017, which location is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
57	Orson Welles was the first choice for this voice role but the film-maker reasoned that Welles's voice was too recognizable. Instead he "picked a guy who was born in Mississippi and stutters" and asked 'Do you want a day's work?' Which voice-role?		<input type="checkbox"/>
58	They come in greater variety of shapes and forms than any other order of creatures comprising more than quarter of all known animal species. When JBS Haldane was asked by theologians as to the nature of the Creator from a study of His Creation, he is said to have answered: 'An inordinate fondness for _____. Which creatures?		<input type="checkbox"/>
59	In 1974, Norwegian Tor Sornes was working at the Ving lock and ice skate factory, when he heard about a woman who had been attacked by an intruder in her hotel room. This inspired him to create and patent the Ving____, first of this kind in the market. An updated version of this continues to be the industry standard, used millions of times around the world each year. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
60 ★	Varying from 11 in Nigeria to 21 in Bahrain, what 3-worded legal threshold was the subject of a landmark 1891 British India legislation that was necessitated by the death of a Bengali girl Phulmoni Dasi, which convicted her 30-year old husband Hari Mohan Maiti?		<input type="checkbox"/>



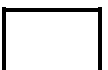
61	Surprisingly, the elements in this symbol don't represent a natural phenomenon, but the specific values of Life, Healing, Sunlight, Nature, Serenity and Spirit respectively when seen from top to bottom. There were two additional ones initially, Sex was dropped because of a shortage of hot-pink fabric and Magic/Art because the central piece was being obscured due to the mode of proud display. Identify this symbol.		<input type="checkbox"/>
62	Identify this 1970 winner of Nobel Peace Prize whom a United States law, passed in 2006, declares unequivocally as a person who has 'saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived' while conferring him Congressional Gold Medal - America's highest civilian honour.		<input type="checkbox"/>
63	Rowland Emmett, aircraft designer, also made whimsical inventions. After his 'Visivision' and the 'Clockwork Lullaby machine' featured in a 1968 film, his fame spread to the USA and helped make the phrase 'Bells and Whistles' popular. Which film was this, the main prop (also a Emmett creation) for which was bought by Peter Jackson in 2011 for half a million pounds and which is now registered as GEN 1I?		<input type="checkbox"/>
64 ★★	According to local legend, its name comes from 'necklace of mother', referring to the necklace of Sati which fell here while Shiva was carrying her dead body. Also giving its name to one of Hindustani Classical Music's most famous gharana that was instrumental in popularized it in the west, in which town in Central India did Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan hone their skills?		<input type="checkbox"/>
65	The Irish musician, Hozier's latest album "Nina Cried Freedom" takes its name from a spiritual song recorded by multiple artists before Nina Simone made it famous in 1965. Identify this traditional gospel song used in multiple films and pop culture settings, including that of a memorable museum heist in 1999?		<input type="checkbox"/>
66	The Journal of Family Medicine and Primary Care published the first ever study of deaths due to this in Oct '18 and recorded at least 259 of these in the period between October 2011 and November 2017. Researchers found the most cases in India followed by Russia, the US and Pakistan. The mean age was 23 years and men outnumbered women 3:1. What was the cause?		<input type="checkbox"/>
67	This was introduced in the 19th century by the social reformer Mahadev Govind Ranade. Later, many leaders like Lokmanya Tilak, J.S. Karandikar etc., popularised this. This became more popular in 1973 after the Marathi play, Ghashiram Kotwal. Identify this GI-tagged symbol of honour.		<input type="checkbox"/>
68	At the height of the Crusades in 1130, Norman King Roger II ruled a polyglot kingdom whose navy was run by the Greeks and treasury managed by the Arabs from here. Located on the periphery between Europe and Africa, which place also called as 'Trinacria' due to its shape, did this Norman-Arab-Byzantine tehzeeb take place in?		<input type="checkbox"/>
69	Lord Krishna would usually eat eight food items every day but when he held up Govardhan Parvat for seven days, to save his village from the wrath of Lord Indra, he had to abstain from eating. This explains which spread, made as an offering to Lord Krishna during Janmashtami?		<input type="checkbox"/>
70	The Coanda effect describes the phenomena in which a jet flow remains attached to a surface even when the surface curves away from the initial jet direction. This effect has been used by a British based company to revolutionize the design for a household device that has remain largely unchanged since it was invented back in 1920. Which device?		<input type="checkbox"/>
71	X's singular portrayal of an iconic character from a popular series resulted in his name becoming synonymous with forgettable, non-iconic acting efforts in other popular franchises. Critic Mick LaSalle in his review of Batman & Robin, considered the weakest in the Batman franchise, said that George Clooney "should go down in history as the X of the series". Identify X.		<input type="checkbox"/>



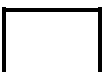
72	Repeatedly eluding him for over 2 decades, his last attempt to capture it in 1975 also ended in failure, when at an age of over 40 years he was stopped by Tony Roche in the 4th round. Nicknamed 'Muscles' by his fellow players because of his lack of them, which tennis great never won the Wimbledon Championship in his otherwise glittering career spanning over 24 years?		<input type="checkbox"/>
73	This former economist is also the main vocalist and songwriter for the band Di Derre, which is quite popular in his home country. Even though he has also tried his hand at writing children's books in the form of the Doktor Proktor series, his best-known creations are probably not for the faint-hearted. Often depicting violent crimes, especially against women, identify this author.		<input type="checkbox"/>
74	If the Bechdel test is a measure of the representation of women in fiction, what is the DuVernay test?		<input type="checkbox"/>
75	Talking about his fight against something George Washington said "I know it is more destructive to an army in the natural way than is the sword". He had all the troops under his command undergo this during the Revolutionary War, a decision that was instrumental in keeping America's dreams of independence alive: What decision?		<input type="checkbox"/>
76	Which planet in the 'Star Wars' universe and home to the "Technical Institute for Agricultural Research," has the same name as an important site in Gujarat of the Indus-Saraswathi Valley civilization?		<input type="checkbox"/>
77	Connect an architectural element that allows an arch or vault to bear weight, incompetent policemen who featured in several silent slapstick comedies made in 1910's Hollywood and species whose large top-down effect on diversity is relative to its abundance?		<input type="checkbox"/>
78	British admiral Robert Wauchope invented a means at the Greenwich Royal Observatory by which sea travelers and ship captains could set their chronometers at 1 pm, a feature that became common in ports across the world. By the advent of the 20th century the invention became obsolete but New York found use for what invention starting 1908?		<input type="checkbox"/>
79	Chrissy Amphlett, the lead singer of the 80's rock band Divinyls passed away in 2013 after a long battle with a disease that claims around 42 thousand lives in the US alone every year. One of her iconic songs I Touch Myself has thus been the inspiration for the awareness and prevention of which disease that has a 90% survival rate if detected early?		<input type="checkbox"/>
80	In a dispatch to Rome in 1221, the Bishop of the Crusader State of Acre erroneously identified him as King David of India, who after defeating the Muslims in Persia was marching towards Jerusalem to restore it with Christian rule. Which equally revered and reviled figure is this, whose world view was compared to that of Thanos by the Russo Brothers, in the promotions leading up to 'Avengers - Infinity War'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
81	In March 2018 the Kiev International Airport was renamed after this inventor who was born here in 1889. He later emigrated to US in 1919 where he founded his eponymous company in 1923. Identify this inventor whose invention was inspired by a Jules Verne book, Clipper of the Clouds, which he had read as a young boy.		<input type="checkbox"/>
82	These come in a wide variety of shapes and names – such as the Seabee, Hollow Cube, A Jack, Core-loc, Tripod and XBloc - but the generic name for this product is a trademark of the Fudo _____ Corp of Japan, which makes them in sizes ranging from half a ton to 80 tons. What product, that can be found in many coastal cities, are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>



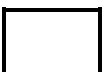
83	During the Second World War, Germany distributed millions of a tablet called Pervitin to soldiers in the Blitzkrieg and to pilots on night missions. Which active ingredient of Pervitin is attributable to the work of Akira Ogata and to Nagai Nagayoshi before him who synthesized this substance from ephedra, a common ingredient in traditional Japanese medicine?		<input type="checkbox"/>
84	Harper Lee and Tennessee Williams utilized them in their fictional Southern landscapes, while Alfred Hitchcock transformed it into a symbol of loss and vacancy in 'Psycho'. Ray & Charles Eames to Frank Gehry have lent it a touch of modernism, while Larry Arata's version attained iconic status during John F Kennedy's presidency. Which object synonymous with leisure is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
85	During this country's freedom struggle, the occupying army had banned possession of radios by civilians. A local tea-seller possessed a contraband radio, which people would congregate around to listen to the war reports on the BBC. After independence, a vibrant market developed in the area which was christened the BBC Bazaar given its importance during the freedom struggle. Identify the country.		<input type="checkbox"/>
86	MSM (_____ Memos) is a series of documents that are in the form of brief reports and analysis on contemporary topics, published by RBI or drawn from one of its recent publications. What does MS stands for - a term that is synonymous with banking & finance?		<input type="checkbox"/>
87	The 'Mask of Youth' is a term used to describe all representations of this person post a certain year, when state-wide proclamations prohibited any images of the person which gave 'great offence'. This idealised format of agelessness was arrived upon to project a strong image and to prevent any instability in the realm, given the uncertainty of this individual's succession. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
88	While the yellow ribbon has different meanings in different countries, Manchester City coach Pepe Guardiola has been specifically known to wear it during every match to honour the political prisoners of a certain movement. Identify the movement close to his heart and home. (<i>specific answer please</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/>
89 ★	An industrial city in Central Karnataka and the first ruler of an empire founded 130 kms downstream from it, both take their names from which conjoined representation that fuses together the two major traditions of Hinduism?		<input type="checkbox"/>
90	The Glossina morsitans helps spread a disease that has been called "the best game warden in Africa". It ensured that most African people clung to a hunter-gatherer lifestyle well after the rise and fall of the Greek and Roman empires. Colonial introduction of rinderpest helped extend the range of the creature further diminishing farming and animal husbandry areas. How is the Glossina morsitans better known?		<input type="checkbox"/>
91	This slogan associated with a lighter brand became very popular in US during 70s and was picked up by many comedians. During the energy crisis Bob Hope said: 'Things are so bad that the Statue of Liberty doesn't light up any more. She just stands there and flicks her ____.' Which brand?		<input type="checkbox"/>
92 ★	From the late 70's to the '80s, she was recruited to inspire youth of racial & ethnic backgrounds to go where they'd never gone before – NASA. Her pioneering, highly visible image helped drive her advocacy leading to the recruitment of people like Guion Bluford, the first African-American astronaut and Sally Ride, the first female American astronaut. Name this singer-actor-voice artist or her most famous character.		<input type="checkbox"/>
93	Traditionally made out of hippo leather, the Sjambok is widely available in South Africa in a variety of materials, lengths and thicknesses. Unfortunately remembered more for their apartheid era popularity, either give me the English equivalent or that of an etymologically similar instrument closer home.		<input type="checkbox"/>



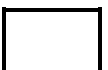
94	Medieval Christians collected its outer covering as evidence of having made the pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James at Santiago de Compostela, in Spain. Renaissance painters incorporated it to identify the Roman goddess Venus in numerous works. What entity is this, which instigated a recent 'war' between UK and France which involved hurling rocks and smoke bombs at each other?		<input type="checkbox"/>
95	What single name would connect - a controversial experiment on obedience which was inspired by the Eichmann trial, the 'small-world experiment' and the first measurements of the 'six degrees of separation', the concept of the 'family stranger' i.e., someone you see everyday but have never interacted with and the 'sidewalk experiment'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
96	This concept was conceived after WWII to foster friendship and understanding between different cultures, and to encourage trade and tourism. By the 2000s, this became increasingly used to form strategic international business links. Spain uses the term "ciudades hermanadas", Germany uses Partnerstadt , France uses ville jumelée. What concept?		<input type="checkbox"/>
97	Predominantly used by gay men, sailors and fairground folk in Britain in the first half of the 20th century, this 'language' was a combination of Italianate words, rhyming slang, and Romani. It quickly fell out of favour after homosexuality was decriminalized in 1967. Which language, whose name is derived from the Italian word <i>parlare</i> 'to speak', is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
98	She had delivered 11 flop singles when Lee Hazelwood was brought in to help her. Hazelwood thought this song "wasn't really a girl's song", but she believed that "coming from a guy it was harsh and abusive, but was perfect for a little girl to sing." It became career-defining for daddy's little girl, being later covered by Ella Fitzgerald and Jessica Simpson amongst others. Identify either the singer or the song.		<input type="checkbox"/>
99 ★	One of the tallest trophies in sport, it bears the bas-relief sculpture of each winner since the inception of the race in 1911 though the trophy itself was made in 1936. Which trophy has on its top, a figure of a naked man waving a checkered flag and is therefore usually photographed with either the flag or the swooping arm obscuring the naughty bits?		<input type="checkbox"/>
100	In a grammatical sense, it is a figure of speech which is used to embellish specific words or meaning of words, to enhance the beauty of prose and poetry. In a musical sense, they are a process of elaboration where different variations are used to decorate raagas and compositions. Which standard of Hindi grammar, Hindustani and Carnatic music is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
101	The first overseas property owned, and the longest continuously owned, by the US is the American Legation Building in this African city. This was a gift from the ruler of that country Sultan Mulay Suleman in 1821. Identify this city which was one of the two places gifted as dowry for a 1661 marriage.		<input type="checkbox"/>
102	First described in a 1st century Roman text, this surgical procedure was named blepharoplasty by a 19th century German who used the technique to correct deformities caused by cancer in this part of the body. Which part of the body does this now immensely popular procedure - with two distinct versions dictated by geography - fix?		<input type="checkbox"/>
103	Contrary to the title, The Prairie is actually the final book in the series, while the Deerslayer was the first. Most of us know the second book in this pentalogy (known as Leatherstocking Tales) better thanks to a 1992 screen adaptation. Identify the book or film in question.		<input type="checkbox"/>
104 ★★	George Roy Hill shot sections of his 1969 Western 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' here, appropriately as 80 years earlier Butch Cassidy's first major bank robbery was recorded here. Named after the ores of an element which gets its name from the Latin word for 'earth', which former silver mining town on the San Juan Mountains is also a stop for silver screen buffs, due to a renowned film festival held here annually?		<input type="checkbox"/>



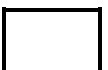
105	It is made from the dried white plant matter of the Indian swamp plant 'Aeschynomene'. George Orwell was told that natives, 'their skulls being thicker' had no need for these. They became a symbol of colonialism, though diverse professions like motorcycle taxi drivers in Vietnam, police officers in Cameroon, US postal workers and U.S. Marine Corps' coaches still use them. What item of clothing?		<input type="checkbox"/>
106	This 1991 announcement was named as ESPN's seventh-most memorable moment of the previous 25 years in 2014. Many praised him as a hero. Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush said, "For me, ____ is a hero, a hero for anyone who loves sports". It is the subject of an ESPN documentary "The Announcement". What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
107	The Leicester Demonstration March of 1885 saw 80000+ people participate - complete with children's coffins & the effigy of the person considered the founding father of something – to protest a Government Act that'd made this mandatory a few years earlier. Which regressive movement, slowly regaining popularity in the 21st century thanks to social media & misguided celebrity endorsement, is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
108 ★ ★	Mechai Viravaidya is a Thai former politician and social activist who has won multiple international awards including the Order of Australia and the Gates Award in 2007 for his pioneering social activism. Since the 1970s, his name has thus been used as a generic term for which item in Thailand in spite of popular local brand names like OneTouch and Bodyguard?		<input type="checkbox"/>
109	Although they are a euphemism for hallucinations caused by barrel-fever, they do exist in nature with most of the rare sightings seen in the Okavango Delta and Kruger National Park. An early literary use appears in Jack London's 1913 novel John Barleycorn, where he used it to describe an alcoholic character. Which term is this, also used by Sarah Palin in 2008 to refer to conservative women in the Republican Party?		<input type="checkbox"/>
110	In 1802, Jean-Baptiste Lamarck proposes a classification with French names - en voile(hazy), attroupés(massed), pommelés(dappled), en balayures(brooms) and groupés (Grouped). Instead we know them by the Latin for heaped, layered, filament and rain. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
111	Named after the fictional setting of a 1894 bestselling English book, this genre of literature, film and theatre produced hits like the Douglas Fairbanks Jr. starrer which was Hollywood's biggest hit of 1937, and the Ivor Novello musicals 'Glamorous Night' and 'Careless Rapture'. What 2-worded term, whose trademark themes of aristocratic honor, loyalty and love, was employed to blockbuster effects in the Baahubali movies of S. S. Rajamouli?		<input type="checkbox"/>
112	Over 20,000 'Banner's were shipped out during WWII, at a time when the factory was supposed to have been engaged in making only essential items for the war effort. These were made by the all-woman wartime workforce, which formed the basis of the book "Kalamazoo Gals: A Story of Extraordinary Women and ____'s Banner ____ of World War Two" Name the factory or their most famous product.		<input type="checkbox"/>
113	Margaret Atwood's Hagseed is quite a well titled adaptation of a classic play, given the sympathetic light thrown on one of the minor characters who happens to be a witch's offspring. Told as the story of a ridiculed artistic director who plots revenge via a play put up by the inmates of a prison, identify the original play - a brave, new work for its time.		<input type="checkbox"/>
114	In novelist Fred Saberhagen's 'Empire of the East' sci-fi and fantasy series, they are a political unit in relation to the eponymous Empire. Deriving from the Old Persian word for 'protector of the province', what word crossed over to the English speaking sphere meaning individuals or entities heavily influenced by powerful political and business groupings?		<input type="checkbox"/>



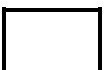
115	The company was founded by Theodore and Milton Deutschmann in 1921 & named for the compartments that held wireless equipment on ships. They rode on the CB radio craze and also introduced one of the first PC's, the TRS-80, popularly the 'Trash 80', which outsold Apple for years. Which company is this, which failed due to it over-reliance on mobile phones & which now exists only as an online brand?		<input type="checkbox"/>
116	US literature professor Gregory Rabassa, fluent in seven languages, served as a cryptologist during WW II breaking codes and interrogating high-level Axis prisoners. But his fame lies as a translator of an iconic work whose author waited for 3 years for Rabassa to translate his work. He later declared the translation to be superior to his Spanish original. Which work?		<input type="checkbox"/>
117	The term pseudospoofing was used to describe these peer to peer network security attacks until 2002 or so when this term suggested by Microsoft's Brian Zillis gained popularity. What name, inspired by the 1973 bestseller about the treatment of ____ Dorsett, (a pseudonym for Shirley A.Mason) by her psychoanalyst, is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
118	While the women were more highly visible, photographer Mario Sorrenti, and models John Pearson and Todo Segalla also share extensive screen time in this 1990 music video directed by David Fincher. The numeric title being a necessity to distinguish it from a previous 1984 hit of the same name, please feel free to choose your answer.		<input type="checkbox"/>
119	Its scientific name is 'Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressive (FOP)' and its best known case was Philadelphia native Harry Eastlack who died of pneumonia in 1973, trapped in a bowed standing position. Sharing its name with a series of unsolved murders that perplexed the Bombay and Calcutta Police in the late 80's, what is FOP's common name?		<input type="checkbox"/>
120 ★	The Seleucid Empire was defeated by the Mauryas in a series of wars over 305–303 BC but managed to wrangle out a treaty and negotiate a marriage of his daughter to Chandragupta. What bride price did he also extract, something that won him the Battle of Ipsus in 301 BC cementing the place of the Seleucid empire in history? (two words at least in answer)		<input type="checkbox"/>
121	Jeanne Baret, an expert Botanist, was the first woman to circumnavigate the world. She joined the French expedition team in 1766 disguised as a man. She discovered many plants during the expedition and her most notable discovery was named after the commander of the expedition. Name this commander who incidentally was the 1st Frenchman to circumnavigate the world.		<input type="checkbox"/>
122	In 2013, the FDA classified FMTs - a transplant procedure that aids those affected with the gut disease Clostridium Difficile infections (CDIs) - as a drug, in terms of the way it could be regulated. What is transplanted from a healthy donor to the CDI afflicted person in an FMT?		<input type="checkbox"/>
123	Set up by Sultan Mehmed V in 1915, this military decoration was awarded during WWI to Ottoman and other Central Power troops. It incidentally shared its name with another proposed medal of the British Empire that was never given due to protests that it couldn't be awarded to only certain Commonwealth troops. If this second, un-instituted medal was also called the ANZAC star, identify the Ottoman namesake.		<input type="checkbox"/>
124	According to Roman senator Tacitus only German soldiers who distinguished themselves in battle kept it, while Parisian waiters went to on a strike in 1917 to keep them. Used as a statement of Dalit self-respect by Bhim Army founder Chandrashekhar Azad 'Ravan', what did French writer Guy de Maupassant call 'the insignia of our national character'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
125	Saul Adler of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, while developing a vaccine for leishmaniasis used a single wild female rodent (Mesocricetus auratus) and her litter of eleven babies discovered in the desert near Aleppo for his experiments. The animals were later donated to pet fanciers in London and the creature is now one of the most popular pets in the world, known by which two-word name?		<input type="checkbox"/>



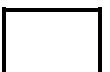
126	The tablets containing the standard version of this ancient work in Akkadian language was discovered in 1853 by Hormuzd Rassam near the modern day city of Mosul in Iraq. The central character of this work was initially reintroduced to the world as 'Izbudar', before the cuneiform logographs in his name could be pronounced accurately. Which work?		<input type="checkbox"/>
127	This anonymous urban artist is probably one of the most prolific of his ilk, with over 3500 of his trademark mosaic tile artworks up in over 75 cities across the world, from HK to Varanasi to NYC. His style is inspired by the 8-bit games he grew up playing as child of the '70s and 80s and his nom de guerre is a nod to one of the most popular games of the era. Name him.		<input type="checkbox"/>
128	Since his sister felt unflatteringly portrayed in his most famous work, this artist created Portrait of Nan as a sort of apology. In it, he portrays the 32-year-old Nan in fashionably marcelled hair, a patent-leather belt and a sleeveless polka-dot blouse – a far cry from the setting of the first painting which was of a more pastoral nature. Identify either the artist or the more famous work.		<input type="checkbox"/>
129	Deriving from the Latin term meaning 'purification', its origins lie in pastoral festival of Lupercalia observed in ancient Rome to avert evil spirits and purify the city. Which month is this which Russians remember in a bitter-sweet way, as it is associated with the end of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the culmination of the Battle of Stalingrad?		<input type="checkbox"/>
130	A kind in glass and a cousin, a spectacle and nothing strange a single hurt color and an arrangement in a system to pointing. Whose 1914 book 'Tender Buttons' had lines like this one and has defied classification, some calling it a book of prose poems and others a "masterpiece of verbal Cubism"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
131	Ehrenarier was a term used by the Nazi Bureau of Race Research to certain individuals and groups of people. This is because the services of those peoples were deemed valuable to the German economy or war effort, or simply for other purely political or propaganda reasons. Hitler declared Japanese as Ehrenarier. What does Ehrenarier mean?		<input type="checkbox"/>
132	Two events – one to do with trade in 1853, and the second, the Exposition Universelle of 1867 helped create this highly influential art movement. It was named by Philippe Burty, a 19th century French art critic & collector, who wrote about its outsized influence on all things creative in its day in a series of articles between 1872-73 . What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
133	"This X is a Y" is a derogative phrase used in Brazil for gay people by referencing two popular products from the same company. In June 2018, the company in question turned it into a positive marketing campaign and created limited edition X cans with Y inside them to celebrate Pride month. While X is also alternatively used as the company name, Y is their second oldest product. Identify the two brands X and Y.		<input type="checkbox"/>
134	It gets its popular name from the British, who interpreted its 3-note iteration to a Victorian medical term for an illness brought about by severe emotional upset. Unlike the British, the Hindi speakers interpreted the call romantically to 'piya kahan' meaning "where's my lover". Identify this bird or its lunatic popular name, that Jaya Bhaduri identifies herself with in the song 'Bol re papihara' from the 1971 film Guddi?		<input type="checkbox"/>
135	This 2014 docu series investigates notable art thefts through the eyes of detectives and forensics analysts. Each episode focuses on one infamous theft to illustrate how the piece disappeared and recovered. The series shares its name with a famous 1981 action adventure film except for one letter. Name this series.		<input type="checkbox"/>



136	At the heart of this thriving industry that started in the late 1980's, is the Berne Convention rules that stipulate 70 years must pass before restrictions on the work to expire. With over 8000 people involved in generating revenues of over \$600 million, Dafen village in China's Guangdong province has been the center of global trade for over 20 years in what?		<input type="checkbox"/>
137	The renaissance of this woven product – available in floral, striped & geometric patterns - can be traced back to 19th century jails in India. The Maharaja of Jaipur brought the art in to train prisoners & make jails economically viable, a model used by the British in other North Indian jails. The product found wide use across British offices and homes and can now be found in most Indian homes as well. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
138 ★	On 21 August 1969, an Australian Denis Michael Rohan tried to burn down this place hoping this would hasten the Second Coming of Jesus. Widely condemned by Muslims across the world, the incident was one of the catalysts for the formation of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Which structure?		<input type="checkbox"/>
139 ★★	Zhao Yuanren's " <i>The Lion-Eating Poet in the Stone Den</i> " is a masterpiece of this form of constrained writing, which works only because of a feature that is particularly prevalent in Mandarin Chinese. It makes sense in written Classical Chinese, but can look nearly incomprehensible written out in Pinyin, the romanized form of Chinese characters. What makes this piece so unique?		<input type="checkbox"/>
140	He was a film director, screenwriter, novelist, and a journalist known for directing movies likes Dharti ke lal, Pardesi, Saat Hindustani, Do Boond Paani. He is also known for writing many of Raj Kapoor's hit films including Awaara. His column 'Last Page' was the longest-running column in India running from 1935 till his death in 1987. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
141	US Navy sailors who have undergone this initiation rite at sea are called 'Trusty Shellback' or 'Son/Daughter of Neptune', and those who haven't are called 'Slimy Pollywog'. Which entity is at the center of this initiation rite, which is depicted in yellow on the flags of Gabon?		<input type="checkbox"/>
142	Since 2013, the Economist's Intelligence Unit has published an index tracking this every 2 years. In 2017, Singapore led, having toppled the US to 2nd place, with Hong Kong coming in 3rd. Notable climbers are Malaysia, Chile, Russia and Kazakhstan and notable droppers are the UK, Sweden and Japan. What does the index track?		<input type="checkbox"/>
143	Inspired by the medieval setting of Ingmar Bergman's 'The Seventh Seal' and the author's birthplace in the midst of the Western Ghats, this 1965 novel is set in a village governed by Brahmin priests that is cut-off from scientific progress. Which book, whose movie adaptation would later win the Swarna Kamal for Best Picture, and pioneer the Parallel Cinema movement in India?		<input type="checkbox"/>
144	This 2010 invention sure is handy, with many varied uses, one of which is in airplane cockpits. Here, it quickly replaced other essentials that could weigh up to 20kgs at times, thereby saving thousands of gallons of fuel and millions of dollars for airlines everywhere since. What invention?		<input type="checkbox"/>
145	While it doesn't help in the art of sailing, this incongruous sounding rope on a boat serves several purposes when a boat is not in use, including holding an anchor fast to the side or tying it to a quay or another boat. What word, derived from the Latin word <i>pendere</i> "to hang", is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
146	Although its Farsi origin name might allude to the dry and drab place, what you get to see at this 14th century historic center are ornate portals and glistening cupolas of glazed mosaics. Located in the heart of a city that was at the crossroads of cultures, what structure did Lord Curzon call as the 'noblest public square in the world'?		<input type="checkbox"/>



147	_____ologia is a Spanish company that uses lasers and ozone treatments to replace the 'finishing' process for this product that has a massive ecological impact. The blank can filled with the name of this product is estimated to sell 1.2billion units worldwide each year, with 450 million being sold in the US alone. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
148	Made with black, red and white yarn treated with castor oil and ash, this Andhra textile found favor in 19th century Africa & Arabia, where it was used in keffiyehs, turbans and handkerchiefs. It was only in the 50s that this began to be used in sarees. Which highly prized ikat weave, which still carries the name derived from its treatment and original use, is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
149	German writer Norman Ohler, who used it as the setting for his book Stadt des Goldes (City of Gold), called it "...concrete fear, the tower of Babel, and yet it is strangely beautiful". Said to be the tallest residential building in the southern hemisphere that underwent urban decay in the 80's, in which city of considerable gold deposits does the dystopian Ponte City Apartments form a part of its skyline?		<input type="checkbox"/>
150	It is meant to describe how one's childhood shapes a person's current views, that man is the product of his habits and behavior developed in his early years. Paraphrased in the first page of Cormac McCarthy's epic 1985 book 'Blood Meridian', which idiom originates from the poem 'My Heart Leaps Up' by William Wordsworth?		<input type="checkbox"/>



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