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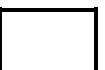
- Time allowed: **90 minutes**
 - Wait for start signal
- Questions marked with ★/★★ will resolve ties (first total stars, and if still unresolved, count of double stars)
 - No negative marking
 - No half marks for any question
- When the answer is a person's name a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
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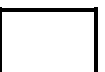
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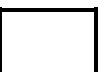
1	Name the girl with “long red braided hair, black trousers, gold headphones and grumpy teenage disposition” who has created a first of sorts in a popular series of books whose current creators are a French pair called Jean-Yves Ferri and Didier Conrad.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Which term, derived from the Italian word for ‘free’, is the only position common to football and volleyball?		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	On January 30, 1981, Hindustan Times New Delhi carried an advertisement which said, “On 31st January, history will be recreated. Will you be there?” The creator of the ad, in fact, was involved in some capacity in this ‘recreation of history’. What are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Manufactured at the Matsushiba Robot Factory, which fictional character, whose birthday is on 3 September 2112, is 129.3 cm tall, weighs 129.3 kg, and can run 129.3 km/h when scared?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Fermat's Last Theorem was famously written in the margin of another mathematical book. Which ancient Greek mathematician from Alexandria authored this work in 250 CE?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Born in 1922, this US physicist seems to go on and on. At age 97, who became the oldest Nobel laureate in history, winning though for Chemistry? With most MQ questions a surname is 'adequate', more so in this case.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Which group of characters from Hindu mythology who feature prominently in the sculpture, dance, literature and painting of many South Asian and Southeast Asian cultures, get their name from the Sanskrit word for water, from which they are believed to originate? Nehru named India's first nuclear reactor for the same characters after observing the blue Cherenkov radiation from the reactor pool.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	With a name suggesting a bird of prey, which of the thirty teams in the NBA men's professional basketball league is not based in the USA?		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	His name survives as an adjective meaning something related to drama and the theatre and as an eponym for a performer. Who according to accounts of people like Aristotle was the first person in Greek theatre to speak lines as an individual actor on stage?		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	The Austen project pairs popular authors with Jane Austen classics. In this series, Curtis Sittenfeld's <i>Eligible</i> is a modern retelling of which Jane Austen novel? Helen Fielding's 1996 novel <i>Bridget Jones's Diary</i> is also based on the same novel.		<input type="checkbox"/>
11 ★	In what way was St. Hilda's College the last bastion to fall in the history of the University of Oxford?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	The first mention of this term was in the Annals of Physics in 1957, though the actual concept was proposed in 1928 by Hermann Weyl. While it has remained firmly in the realms of theory, it has seen much more prolific use in science fiction due to the implications of its existence, with the word appearing for the first time in fiction in Joe Haldeman's <i>Forever War</i> . What term?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Commonly found on the roadsides in India, this plant has a long-celebrated history as an offering to Shiva and in its use in Ayurveda since ancient times. It also has a darker side, its toxicity responsible for many murders, suicides and accidental deaths; it was supposedly used by the Thugees to poison their victims. What plant from the Solanaceae family, which takes its name from the Sanskrit for thorn-apple?		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	In 2017, this was the first modernist city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in its entirety. Founded in the 12th century on a desert mountaintop, it achieved its distinctive look in the 1930s with the construction of many art deco and futuristic buildings by Italian architects. Which capital city?		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Along with four sports – karate, skateboarding, climbing, and surfing – appearing for the first time in the Olympics, another sport will return after a gap of 12 years in the Tokyo Olympics. This sport will comprise a men's and women's event, which though very similar in structure have two different names. Name both versions of this sport.		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Now a prime tourist attraction and originally deriving its name from the NATO phonetic alphabet, which of the three crossing points in divided Berlin connected the US occupied zone to the Soviet occupied one?		<input type="checkbox"/>



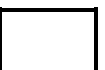
17 ★★	This marsupial has mostly disappeared from the mainland and the largest surviving population is on Rottneest island, so named after a passing Dutch mariner mistook the animal for a rat. Tourists now flock to this island to take photos with them, their friendly demeanour and smiling appearance earning them the moniker of 'the world's happiest animal'. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Which metal used in vehicle catalytic converters shares its name with a wooden statue of Athena in the city of Troy that was said to have fallen from heaven?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	The name of this town, whose residents had a reputation for 'madness', came from an Anglo-Saxon word for 'goat's town'. Which English town name did Washington Irving borrow as a nickname for New York city in an 1807 article mocking New Yorkers?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Paris-Valry Airport is a whopping 147 km from Paris, which takes over two hours to reach by car. It is marketed as the gateway to which attraction, though the airport in question is also about 105 km from that place?		<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul Theroux's novel about the paranoid and brilliant inventor Allie Fox seeking a Utopia, bore this name. Which geographical area shared by Honduras and Nicaragua is named for the region's indigenous Indians and not for a pesky bloodsucker?		<input type="checkbox"/>
22	The first recorded use of this phrase was in in Harper's magazine in 1971. A 1981 article in The Washington Post re-popularized the term, referring to Henry Kissinger warning about Soviet Union launching an attack of this nature on China's nuclear plants in the 1960s. What term is this, that in military terminology is the opposite of carpet-bombing?		<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Marco Polo popularized this moniker in Europe as a translation from the original term Shaykh al-Jabal, which referred both to the seniority of the position as well as the location of their stronghold Alamut Castle. What 5 or 6 word phrase which could refer to any of a succession of leaders until their final surrender to the Mongols in 1256?		<input type="checkbox"/>
24 ★	If you miss this, you will be suitably 'chastained'. What idea occurred to Polly Smith and Lisa Lindahl in 1977 after the latter's husband walked down the stairs with his jockstrap pulled over his chest?		<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Its leaves are fed to moths which produce the famed Tassar Silk, while its flowers are used to make a popular fermented alcoholic drink. The fat from it is used in soaps and as vegetable butter, while the seed cakes obtained after oil extraction is used as fertilizer. Which tree, that has been central to the daily lives of the Adivasis for centuries?		<input type="checkbox"/>
26	The second largest city in Mexico and the birthplace of mariachi takes its name from a much smaller city in Spain, whose own name derives from the Arabic for 'valley of stones' or 'Wadi-al-Hajarah'. Name either city.		<input type="checkbox"/>
27	He lends his name to a majestic structure on the Hoogly, near Howrah Bridge, famous for its Greek and Gothic inlays. Which great uncle of writer William Dalrymple unlocked the secrets of Kharoshti and Ashoka Brahmi, the script of the Ashoka Pillars, and helped rediscover a whole new chapter of forgotten ancient Indian history?		<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Which popular fictional villain's name has been turned into a verb (just like 'Google') to describe the phenomenon of deliberately avoiding the use of particular name or keyword, especially on social media?		<input type="checkbox"/>
29	"Dave Brubeck Day" is informally observed by music fans in the United States on this day every year, chosen as a tribute to his widely popular quintuple meter recording from 1959. Identify the date, which is also famously commemorated by geeky fans of a sci-fi media franchise since the late 70s?		<input type="checkbox"/>
30 ★★	If the basilisk with whom it is often confused is hatched by a rooster from the egg of a serpent, then this monster is the reverse, emerging when a rooster's "egg" is incubated by a serpent. Name this mythical beast which also kills with a glance, and is featured in many medieval bestiaries as well as in the <i>King James Bible</i> .		<input type="checkbox"/>
31	What term was coined by Heinrich Heine to describe the outpouring of emotion that accompanied performances of a composer? It is also the name of a film whose screenplay is partly derived from a kiss-and-tell book, <i>Nélida</i> by Marie d'Agoult, about her affair with him.		<input type="checkbox"/>



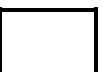
32	Three models by British luxury car maker Bentley – Hunaudières, Mulsanne and Arnage – are named in tribute to which coveted show of endurance that happens annually at the Circuit de la Sarthe?		<input type="checkbox"/>
33	<i>Discoveries Monument</i> , on the bank of the Tagus, is a sculpture of a 3-sailed ship ready to depart. In it are figures such as King Manuel I, poet Camões, Vasco da Gama, Magellan, Cabral, and others. Whose 500th death anniversary was it built to commemorate? His figure stands on the front of the deck, leading these luminaries, in the sculpture.		<input type="checkbox"/>
34	The trigger for the recent protests in Lebanon that brought down PM Saad Hariri was a proposed tax on what service, a 'utility' which many Indian uncles and aunties start their day with?		<input type="checkbox"/>
35	Vitruvius attributes their name and origin to the women of a Greek city who were captured and put to hard manual labour by the Greek allies because their city sided with the Persians after the Battle of Thermopylae. What architectural element is being talked about here?		<input type="checkbox"/>
36	It's a traditional garment worn by men in the Indian subcontinent and is tied at either the right or left shoulder. Derived from the Sanskrit for 'body protection', it's survived all the way from ancient India to medieval courts to the present day. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
37	The title of this hit ZZ Top song is 'lavish' in New York slang, in addition to its common slang usage for a certain body part and this ambiguity was essential to ensure radio play. ★ What is also the correct word for the small tusk sometimes found on the female Asian elephant or any long-pointed tooth especially a horse's canine?		<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Tutored when young by Khwaja Maulana-i-Qazi, he religiously abstained from drinking till his early 20s and later renounced it. While in Kabul, he employed an 'alim to read him the Quran. Near the end of his life, he allowed himself to be portrayed or instructed Mir Baqi to identify in the mosque inscription as a qalandar, an itinerant Sufi mystic. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
39	It has eight designated "quiet zones", meaning no loud music should be played, dogs must always be leashed, no running, rollerblading, bike riding, or participating in any organized sports, and no feeding birds or other wildlife. What place, primarily designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
40	Which Oscar-winner is this, reacting to criticism about her on-screen roles: "Why should I complain about making \$7,000 a week playing a maid? If I didn't, I'd be making \$7 a week actually being one!"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
41	It was witnessed and documented in 1521 by Magellan's chronicler Antonia Pigafetta in the kingdom of Taytay, where it was locally called Sabong. Placed by German painter Johann Zoffany as the center of attraction in his famous 1788 painting of the Awadhi court of Asaf-ud-Daula, what 6000-year-old pastime was also the premise for a 2011 movie that won a Swarna Kamal for its Cuddalore-born director?		<input type="checkbox"/>
42	In France where it originated, this frozen dessert is made from a base of sugar syrup, egg, and cream. Elsewhere it is made by layering cream, ice cream and flavoured gelatins with a topping of fruit, cream and liqueur. Which dessert is a French word meaning 'perfect'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
43	Its first edition was opened by King Hassan II of Morocco in 1989 at Casablanca where over 1700 people from 36 countries took part. Which quadrennial event is this, which has been held in the preceding years at places like Paris, Antananarivo, Niamey and Beirut, with the next edition slated to be held at Kinshasa in 2021?		<input type="checkbox"/>
44	The Danes built the imposing fort as their commercial hub, one of the first things they did upon arrival in the 1620s at Tharangambadi. At its peak, this was the second largest Danish castle in the world after Kronborg (aka Elsinore), the setting for Shakespeare's <i>Hamlet</i> . What fort?		<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Which resort spa in the Prussian Rhineland gives its name to a telegram recounting a meeting between William I of Prussia and the French ambassador, that precipitated the Franco-Prussian war, after Bismarck purposely edited it to sound offensive?		<input type="checkbox"/>
46	Which anatomical feature that performs a connecting function derives its common name from a landform created by the action of water? Either the common name or the Latinate name is acceptable.		<input type="checkbox"/>



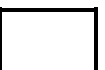
47	Adam and Eve's third son is their only other child mentioned in the <i>Bible</i> after Cain and Abel, and as the ancestor of Noah is held to be father of all mankind. The name is moderately popular in US and UK, though it's coincidentally rather similar to that of the Egyptian God of Chaos, Violence and Envy. What first name is being talked about here?		<input type="checkbox"/>
48	The Ghegs and the Tosks are the two main ethnic subgroups in this country, their rivalry dating back to their initial divide as Catholics and Orthodox Christians. Tosks are generally held to be more cosmopolitan and were strongly influenced by the Ottoman occupation, while the Ghegs are traditionally tribal, rural and known for their blood feuds. Which country is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
49	A 2012 book on Indian boxing by journalist Shamyra Dasgupta takes its name from a place considered the nursery of Indian boxers. The name is almost identical (with just a letter different) to a 1956 film starring Ava Gardner and Stewart Granger. Name the book.		<input type="checkbox"/>
50	Which author created a fictional Moorish historian called Cide Hamete Benengeli and attributed his classic and very influential 1605 novel and its source to him, in a thinly veiled attempt to lend greater credibility to his story?		<input type="checkbox"/>
51	With an area of 1,104,300 km ² , which country is the most populous landlocked country in the world? The country became landlocked after territory it had annexed in 1962 formally seceded in 1993 and became a separate nation?		<input type="checkbox"/>
52	It's derived from the Greek word for 'goatskin', referring to the magical cloak of Zeus made from the skin of the goat that had suckled him as an infant in Crete. Identify this five-lettered word that entered the English lexicon in the 15th century as a noun meaning 'protection under sponsorship/auspices'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
53	Its now familiar shape is credited to Albert J Parkhouse, who in 1903 came up with it while working at Timberlake Wire and Novelty Company in Jackson, Michigan. Which device, often called the "fashion industry's plastic straw" because of its ubiquity and environmental impact?		<input type="checkbox"/>
54	It traces its origin to the 1930's and in Portuguese refers to 'the wave-like snapping of a whip'. Which one-worded dance craze is this, which gained global popularity in the late 80's due to the success of a hit single by the same name by the French-Brazilian recording group 'Kaoma'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
55	Its first recorded use was by Amir Khusrau in the 13th century, and they are compositions in Hindustani classical vocal music where short Persian words and syllables are repeated many times, with variation and elaboration in the main melody. Popularized in the modern era by Ustad Amir Khan who used it widely in his renditions, what one-word term is this that also finds a mention in official name of Pakistan's national anthem?		<input type="checkbox"/>
56 ★★	The 'Seven _____' was first achieved on 30 April 1985 by Richard Bass. Victor Vescovo first achieved the 'Five _____' on 24 August 2019. Fill both blanks with two 'opposite' words.		<input type="checkbox"/>
57	The majority population of the fledgling nation wanted five stars, modelled after the five stars in the PRC (China) flag while the minority wanted an Islamic symbol. The first design which involved a completely red background was rejected as being too communist. Whose national flag came about as a compromise of all this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
58	This word originates in senior Roman Army commanders punishing units guilty of offences such as cowardice, mutiny, desertion, or insubordination. The Latin translates to "removal of a tenth". In current English usage, it refers to destruction, ruin, or an extreme reduction in population. What is the word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
59	Frank Neuhauser would be greeted with bouquets of 'gladiolus' flowers since it was instrumental in him becoming the first winner of a contest in 1925, which won him a trip to the White House among other things. What was Neuhauser the first winner of?		<input type="checkbox"/>
60	Which March 1918 treaty, named for a town that is now in Belarus, ended Russia's participation in the First World war, gave Germany the Baltic states and part of Belarus and made an independent Ukraine a German satellite? It was annulled in November 1918 when Germany surrendered.		<input type="checkbox"/>
61 ★	Shahu Patole, in his book on a particular community's cuisine, talks about dishes like steamed mutke, which uses beef fat instead of oil. Even in making puran poli, ghee is substituted by buttermilk. Which community's Marathwada population does this book talk about that often has to find substitutes for oil and ghee?		<input type="checkbox"/>



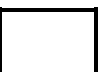
62	One of Prophet Muhammad's hadith says, "Make a regular practice of _____ for verily it is the purification for the mouth and a means of the pleasure of the Lord." Also, the source of the name of an oral hygiene brand, now part of Dabur, identify the common name of the plant, <i>Salvadora persica</i> .		<input type="checkbox"/>
63	The Underground Railroad helped escaped slaves from the South to reach places of safety in the North or in Canada prior to the US Civil war. In the coded language used in this movement, what were people like Harriet Tubman who moved or hid the slaves called? (Superstar Rajini's life before stardom might be a clue)		<input type="checkbox"/>
64	It extends for 142 meters and originally had 200 elements made of greenish-grey sandstone from Trieste that served as a gateway to the city. Designed by Francesco Boffo and Avraam Melnikov and built by John Upton, which entity that served as a setting for the acclaimed eight-minute 4th act of a world cinema classic, is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
65	Its current name traces back to the Arabic word 'at-tawbu', and the largest structure built incorporating it was Citadel of Bam in Iran dating back to 500 BCE. Identify them, now popularly associated with the state of New Mexico in USA and a UNESCO inscribed heritage site on the flood plain of the Bani River?		<input type="checkbox"/>
66	Nagasaki replaced this former capital with its thousands of temples, palaces and shrines on the atomic bombing target list, as the then US Secretary of War was an admirer of the city and had spent his honeymoon there. Which lucky city?		<input type="checkbox"/>
67	In 2006, BBC reported that some British schools were teaching a slightly modified version of a popular nursery rhyme, replacing a word in the first line/ title of the poem with 'rainbow'. A few London schools were also reported to have used 'green' as the substitute for the same word. Name the poem in question.		<input type="checkbox"/>
68	Literally meaning "seize the day", the aphorism <i>carpe diem</i> was taken from the work of which Roman poet?		<input type="checkbox"/>
69	This 1910 book has the subtitle <i>An Account of the African Wanderings of an American Hunter-Naturalist</i> . More than 500 animals were shot by the author and son, including 17 lions, many of which were used as taxidermy specimens by the Smithsonian. Which former head of state is the author of this book?		<input type="checkbox"/>
70	It was reckoned that the smooth portions of the fabric resemble the flat surface of milk while the puckered areas are like crunchy granules of sugar. What fabric thus got its name from a Persian loan word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
71 ★	Edmond Halley, Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke famously debated about inverse square law of gravity in its premise, while Isaac Newton distributed unpublished manuscripts to his favoured few here. Combining the amount one needed to pay to enter and the alternative form of learning gained from intellectual conversations here, by what two-word name were coffeehouses in 17th and 18th century England known?		<input type="checkbox"/>
72	They are a volcanic archipelago consisting of 7 islands scattered across the Tyrrhenian Sea, and are named after the Greek demigod of winds who unsuccessfully tried helping Ulysses and his crew in reaching Ithaca. Identify them, whose pristine landscape have been a setting for movies like <i>L'Avventura</i> and <i>Il Postino</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
73	Also called an Idiot Defense or Dummy Defense, it refers to a criminal defendant's claim of being ignorant of his/ her criminal activities. By what alternate name from the avian world is it also known, alluding to a popular myth about a peculiar habit when faced with danger?		<input type="checkbox"/>
74	Istanbul is the best known and among the rest, the largest ones by population are Suez (Egypt), Orenburg (Russia), Magnitogorsk (Russia), Atyrau (Kazakhstan) and Canakkale (Turkey). By some accounts Panama City should also qualify. What qualification do all these cities have?		<input type="checkbox"/>
75	This state's Living Legend Award is conferred by the Dairy Foundation. The 2018 recipients were Dutee Chand, Nagpuri Ramesh, Masako Ono, and three others. The award's statuette is a stylised figure holding what, that is also seen in the logo of the newly rebranded ISL team from the state?		<input type="checkbox"/>
76	Its inhabitants and the Islamic and the Slavic worlds continued to refer to it by a name that most subsequent historians state ended in 476 CE. The term familiar today was coined by Hieronymus Wolf in 1557, which pointed to the old name of its capital city located at a strategic crossroads. Identify the familiar term, described by writer Robert Byron as 'of a Roman body, a Greek mind and a mystic soul'.		<input type="checkbox"/>



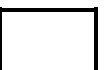
77	Green Valley in Camboriu, Brazil held the top spot in 2019, defending its position from last year. The other entries include Echostage in Washington DC, Octagon in Seoul and the famed Berghain in Berlin. Published by a British magazine that in its earlier avatar was called <i>Jocks Magazine</i> , what does this revered annual list of 100 rate?		<input type="checkbox"/>
78	Connect a bestselling 2009 book that recounts the journey of a British explorer Percy Fawcett, the original source material for the 2012 Dibakar Banerjee movie <i>Shanghai</i> , and an acclaimed 2005 album by the American Alt-Country rock band <i>My Morning Jacket</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
79	The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1944 was awarded to Otto Hahn "for his discovery of the fission of heavy nuclei." Whose omission was later described as the result of a "mixture of disciplinary bias, political obtuseness, ignorance, and haste"? Element no. 109 is named after this person.		<input type="checkbox"/>
80	What two-word name, with a minor spelling variation, connects the world's oldest working steam locomotive (runs between New Delhi and Alwar occasionally) and a 1590 work that was aimed at fashioning "a gentleman or noble person in virtuous and gentle discipline" but was in reality a blatant attempt at sucking up to gain royal favour?		<input type="checkbox"/>
81	Which boulangerie item gets its name because it is shaped like a half-moon?		<input type="checkbox"/>
82 ★	He delighted in his surname, describing it as "splendid", and said it was "the most literary of names". But, whenever he taught <i>Ulysses</i> , he referred to its protagonist as Poldy, since his name had been "confiscated – for a time." Who is this, whose only work of fiction is <i>The Flight to Lucifer: A Gnostic Fantasy</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
83	Bhallaladeva, the main antagonist in Baahubali, fights this animal as sport and uses it for his war chariot. It is the state animal of Goa and is also part of the Red Bull logo. What animal are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
84	Kiribati is a cluster of 33 atolls in the Pacific Ocean, between Hawaii and Australia. In 2014, Kiribati's president purchased 20 km ² of land on Vanua Levu, in Fiji, 2,000 km away. The consequence of what was this in preparation of?		<input type="checkbox"/>
85	What two-word name did TS Eliot use to sign the letters he wrote to his godchildren – a name that later found its way into the title of one of his works?		<input type="checkbox"/>
86	To mark the second anniversary of the granting of the GI tag, the government of West Bengal decided to celebrate Nov 14, 2019 as Rosogolla Dibas or Rosogolla Day. What international day, ironically, is also observed on November 14?		<input type="checkbox"/>
87	This was the third item created by the brothers Brokkr and Sindri, the first being a golden boar called Gullinbursti and the second a magical golden ring called Draupnir. In 2013, it was added to the list of sacred symbols allowed on the gravestones of US armed forces veterans. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
88	Which word of Arabic origin and the collective noun for a group of camels would throw up the following synonyms in any standard thesaurus – Cavalcade, Expedition, Convoy, Procession, Band, Campers, Train, Safari, Troop, Camel Train?		<input type="checkbox"/>
89	Discovered by anthropologist Mary Leakey in 1959 in Tanzania and dated to 1.75 million years, <i>Paranthropus boisei</i> , an early hominin, received a nickname as his large posterior teeth and jaws resembled an everyday item. What 2-word nickname, that should remind you of a popular Christmas standard, especially in North America?		<input type="checkbox"/>
90 ★★	Its performance by a German theater group was cancelled in China in 2018, as the audience shouted criticism of the Chinese regime through the characters during the interaction parts. First performed in 1883, which literary classic was an indirect inspiration to Peter Benchley who replaced the health spa in the original to a summer resort town, in his 1974 novel <i>Jaws</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
91	John Glennie Greig was an Englishman who made his first-class debut in India, representing the Europeans, and was the first to score 1,000 runs in the history of the pentangular tournament. He was also the first to be given a title that was later used for three cricketers of the subcontinent. What was this title?		<input type="checkbox"/>
92	Ancient Egyptians used it in the lower Nile and it is the oldest positive displacement contraption in recorded history. Named after the Greek who fully explained its properties, which machine was also used by the Babylonians in the upkeep of an ancient wonder in Mesopotamia?		<input type="checkbox"/>



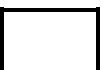
93	It was the brainchild of Walther Windham and the 13-minute task was carried out by Frenchman Henri Pequet who used a Humber-Sommer configuration. Some of the 6500 odd beneficiaries include TC O'Brien based out of Lahore and DJ O'Connell from Calcutta. What landmark first was this, which was demonstrated at the United Provinces Exhibition of 1911 in Allahabad?		<input type="checkbox"/>
94	Sylvia Milo's play, " <i>The Other _____</i> " and René Féret's French film, " <i>_____ 's Sister</i> " are both about Nannerl, a prodigious talent who lived in the shadow of her brother. As children, both siblings toured across Europe where the sister often received top billing, but she was stopped soon because a woman's reputation could not be risked. Who was Nannerl's more famous brother?		<input type="checkbox"/>
95	In which short-lived competitive Olympic 'discipline' did an Indian named Chintamani Kar win a silver medal in 1948, carving his name in glory while representing Great Britain?		<input type="checkbox"/>
96	Geoffrey Chaucer's <i>Canterbury Tales</i> was influenced by which similarly structured 14th century Italian work, consisting of stories told by seven women and three men?		<input type="checkbox"/>
97	What is the German word for Bavaria that is quite familiar to us thanks to the world of sports?		<input type="checkbox"/>
98 ★ ★	Homages to this include a 2004 gathering of 50 writers of Caribbean, Asian and African descent on the steps of British Museum in London and a 1998 collector's issue spread for XXL magazine that involved 177 hip-hop artists. What iconic piece of pop culture from 1958, which is key plot point in Steven Spielberg's 2004 film <i>The Terminal</i> is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
99	This avian variety roosted in the rafters of the Parthenon, thus gaining favor with the citizens of the city, who incorporated it as their symbol on their silver coins. At the height of the city's power in 5th century BC where it minted plentiful coins, bringing in currency from the outside was pointless. What phrase in English that includes the avian and the city, has its origins in this story?		<input type="checkbox"/>
100	After being asked to testify during Mother Teresa's beatification hearings, who claimed to be the only living person to have represented the Devil pro bono, as the office of "Devil's Advocate" had been abolished under John Paul II's pontificate to fast-track his many candidates for canonization?		<input type="checkbox"/>
101	CNBC analyst Jim Cramer coined FAANG for USA's best performing stocks, a list that includes Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Google (Alphabet). India's best performing stocks HDFC, Reliance, IndusInd, TCS, HUL, Infosys and Kotak Mahindra Bank likewise go by what 'hunky' name?		<input type="checkbox"/>
102	A name of uncertain origin and certainly not to be confused with a name referencing the northeastern coast of South America and a country located there, which name is shared by four current-day countries and is the also name of some nine former European colonies and a former British coin and currency unit?		<input type="checkbox"/>
103 ★ ★	What hyphenated word is common to the 1966 'The Supremes' album which became the first album by an all-female group to top the Billboard 200, and the band whose 1982 debut became the second album by an all-female group to top the Billboard 200?		<input type="checkbox"/>
104	The Proto-Indo-European root (aus-), the basis for East, Australia and Ostrogoth also has the derivative _____ – name for the Vedic deity of dawn and its cognate ____, the Greek goddess of dawn. Give either goddesses.		<input type="checkbox"/>
105	At which small fort located in what was then the North-West Frontier Province did 21 Sikh soldiers fight to death on September 12, 1897, fighting a ten thousand-strong army of Pashtun tribesmen?		<input type="checkbox"/>
106	October 25, 2019 was the last day you could legally make the ascent, resulting in a rush of tourists and climbers before the ban went into force. It is the most famous example of an 'inselberg' and has now been returned to the caretaking of the local Anangu people. What famous tourist attraction is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
107 ★	On which country's flag would you find the emblem that contains these: a triangle signifying equality, a rainbow signifying peace, the gorro frigio (Phrygian cap) symbolising liberty and the five volcanoes expressing the union of all five Central American countries?		<input type="checkbox"/>
108	Who is the most referenced person in the <i>Quran</i> , mentioned either directly or indirectly 187 times; 25 times by name, 48 times in the third person, 35 times in the first person, and the rest as titles and attributes such as "The Sign", "The Gift", and "The Word of God"?		<input type="checkbox"/>



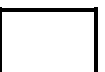
109	What term from the world of economics is also the name of a mystery artist's online shop selling, among other things, riot helmets turned into disco balls, clutch bags made from bricks, and a stab-proof vest designed for rapper Stormzy?		<input type="checkbox"/>
110	A new species of cat snakes, discovered recently in the Maharashtrian stretch of the Western Ghats, has been named after a young man who spotted it first and studied its behaviour. Which family famous in an unrelated field and much in the news in recent weeks does he belong to?		<input type="checkbox"/>
111	This phenomenon of small children spontaneously developing a British accent and using British terminology has been independently attested by parents in various part of the world, and has been blamed on which hit TV show first shown on Channel 5 in 2004 and now broadcast in more than 180 countries?		<input type="checkbox"/>
112	About four inches long and located under the liver in the upper-right section of the abdomen, the surgical removal of what is called cholecystectomy? A secretion of the liver is stored in this.		<input type="checkbox"/>
113 ★	The largest dinosaur and terrestrial animal to have ever lived was identified from two partial skeletons found in Argentina in 2005, and was appropriately named to reflect that it probably 'feared nothing'. Another way to arrive at its name is by Latinizing a type of early 20th century warship. What is it called?		<input type="checkbox"/>
114	The first chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University was also the last of a group of four, who were at the forefront of politics and public life of a region in Central India. What three-word epithet is given to this remarkable quartet whose reign of influence lasted from 1819 to 1926?		<input type="checkbox"/>
115	<i>MS Agapenor</i> was transporting plastic toys for Woolworths, while <i>SS Observer</i> was carrying wheat from Galveston to Bombay when they became a part of a group of 15 ships blocked in Suez Canal as a result of the Six Day War. By what two-word name were they called, derived from the coloration of the ships as they remained trapped in the middle of the desert from 1967 to 1975?		<input type="checkbox"/>
116	John Napier discovered what we now call logarithms and the precursor of the slide rule, the so-called 'Napier's Bones.' He also popularised which invention of a German Jesuit priest Christopher Clavius, a separator between whole numbers and their fractional part?		<input type="checkbox"/>
117	Which observance draws its name from spherical clay pots used to hold water and from the fact that the festival falls on the fourth day of the dark-fortnight, or Krishna paksha, of the month of Kartik?		<input type="checkbox"/>
118 ★★	Whose family Coat of Arms consisted of a hand beneath three cocks with a griffin above the rest? Today, his name is synonymous with a word which also has this OED definition – 'a distinctive pattern, product, or characteristic by which someone or something can be identified'.		<input type="checkbox"/>
119	There are 47 in all, 43 proper ones called 'ken', two urban ('fu'), one territory ('do') and one metropolis ('to'). The country's fascination with Napoleon as a revolutionary emperor who modernized and expanded France, led to Japan choosing what nomenclature?		<input type="checkbox"/>
120	When visiting the birthplace of his favourite playwright, David McConnell was taken by the way the countryside resembled that around his home in Suffern, New York. The California Perfume Company which was born in 1886, therefore took what name in 1928?		<input type="checkbox"/>
121	After her marriage to Louis VII was annulled in 1152 as she failed to produce a male heir, she married Henry Plantagenet, the future King Henry II. Which wealthy and powerful woman is the only person in history to have been married to both a King of France and a King of England?		<input type="checkbox"/>
122	After a recent intervention, which country is the only one in the contemporary world to have two brothers as head of state and head of government?		<input type="checkbox"/>
123	90% of people who are referred to as 'inkawu' in Nguni, 'isishawa' in isiZulu, and 'zeruzeru' in Swahili, die before they reach 40. Mostly due to cancer, and occasionally from attacks by hired killers. They are given 'Kilisun', a water-in-oil emulsion with a high SPF, to prevent the former. Who are these people?		<input type="checkbox"/>
124	Known to Iranians as Takht-i-Jamshid or the Throne of Jamshid, it was also referred to in the medieval period as Hundred Pillars and Forty Minarets because of its extensive ruins. Which site, that suffered from a destructive fire at the hands of an invader in 330 BCE?		<input type="checkbox"/>



125	St. Margaret of Antioch was the daughter of a pagan priest who was disowned after converting to Christianity. There are many miraculous tales surrounding her ordeal after she refused to marry a Roman governor, including one where she burst through the stomach of a dragon which swallowed her with a cross in her hands. Because of this legend, she was prayed to often by a particular group of people, and therefore became the patron saint of what?		<input type="checkbox"/>
126	This actor's first major film role was in the 1986 film, <i>Spacecamp</i> , where he is credited as "Leaf", a name he gave himself, perhaps in keeping with those of his siblings, Summer, Rain, Liberty, and one more belonging to the sibling who died in his twenties. Name the actor.		<input type="checkbox"/>
127	Lindy Hop was a type of swing dance which originated in Harlem in the late 1920s and grew along with the popularity of jazz music. It was one of the many things named after a famous event from that decade. What does it commemorate?		<input type="checkbox"/>
128	Whose death during the taking of the Kondhana fort from the Mughals prompted Shivaji Maharaj to say, "Gad ala, pan sinha gel" or "The Fort is captured, but the Lion is dead?"		<input type="checkbox"/>
129	Shirley MacLaine plays _____ in the eponymous 2008 biographical TV film. If you add the letter 'n' to the person's surname, it becomes the name of the waterbody between Andaman Islands and an island group of Myanmar. Identify either.		<input type="checkbox"/>
130 ★	It was used to predict the occurrences of eclipses, forecast what the color of the moon and weather in the region will be, to the precision of a day. But the exact date of its discovery 117 years ago has been a source of controversy, due to the usage of Julian calendar which the local media used to report. What object?		<input type="checkbox"/>
131	Said to have been founded around a kitchen table in 1987, this festival is held in a market town whose Cymric name means 'The Grove'. With sister events taking place in places like Beirut, Cartagena and Thiruvananthapuram, which 10-day annual event did former US president Bill Clinton call 'The Woodstock of the Mind'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
132	Which American won the men's freestyle wrestling heavyweight division at the Atlanta 1996 Olympics despite suffering a fractured neck? He also won the WWE Championship belt four times and World Heavyweight Championship title once and is thus the only professional wrestler to have won an Olympic gold medal.		<input type="checkbox"/>
133	"It is unlikely I shall ever keep a swan; Or build a tower on any small tombolo, But that's not going to stop me wondering what sort; Of ____ I would decide on if I should. Moraine, pot, oxbow, glint, sink, crater, piedmont, dimple...? Just reeling off their names is ever so comfy." What geographical term fills the blank in these lines taken from an eponymous WH Auden poem?		<input type="checkbox"/>
134 ★★	It was only after getting a broken nose in a handball match and being rushed in an ambulance to a hospital that she discovered her love for speed and danger. Who is this, who has raced with Mark Thatcher at the Le Mans, and is the last woman racer to have qualified for an F1 race and the only woman to have scored points in it? (Give full name).		<input type="checkbox"/>
135	Which famous concise biblical phrase is rather appropriately used as a mild expletive by Mary Quinn's character in the TV show <i>Derry Girls</i> when the dull and boring Uncle Colm starts narrating one of his seemingly never-ending stories?		<input type="checkbox"/>
136	Literary critic Giuseppe Baretti reported a 1633 event in his 1757 book <i>Italian Library</i> thus: "The moment he was set at liberty, he looked up to the sky and down to the ground, and, stamping with his foot, in a contemplative mood, said, Eppur si muove". Who was he writing about here?		<input type="checkbox"/>
137	In his first recorded interview, Sir Alex revealed that employees in his organisation have their own bar, accessible only to those at the HQ in Vauxhall. He said that it's essential in allowing them to unwind, given they cannot talk to anyone outside about the pressures of work. What organisation?		<input type="checkbox"/>
138	The assassination of Benazir Bhutto took place in a park named for which former Pakistan Prime Minister who was incidentally also assassinated there in 1951 during a public rally?		<input type="checkbox"/>
139	In this story, Tibetan Lamas employ computer technology to help calculate and render all possible names of God in no more than nine characters. Whose story did Satyajit Ray translate into Bengali as <i>Ishware'r Naw Lokkho Koti Naam</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>



140 ★	The screenplay described this character in her 1984 movie debut as 'Pretty in a flawed, accessible way. She doesn't stop the party when she walks in, but you'd like to get to know her'. Seven years later in the sequel, the screenwriters wrote, 'Her eyes peer out through a wild tangle of hair like those of a cornered animal'. Identify the character who returned to the big screen in 2019?		<input type="checkbox"/>
141	The practice existed during the Tang dynasty in the 6th century AD. China continued following this tradition in modern diplomatic gifts, and gave 23 of these to 9 countries from 1958 to 1982. The most recent gift was in June 2019 when Xi Jinping gifted two to Russia on a state visit. What are these coveted 'gifts'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
142	Whose much-vaunted sporting record lasted just forty-six days till the Australian John Landy knocked 1.4 seconds off the record on June 21, 1954?		<input type="checkbox"/>
143	"...Full of veins with no trace of blood, Yet from its veins blood races out, Wondrous plant, for placed in the mouth, Blood comes from its body like a living thing." What is this an ode to by the poet Amir Khusrau in his <i>Qiran us-Sa'dain</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
144	William Goldman wrote <i>Marathon Man</i> and <i>The Princess Bride</i> and adapted both for film. As a screenwriter he won Academy Awards for the screen play of <i>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</i> and which 1976 film that is unlikely to be a Trump favorite?		<input type="checkbox"/>
145	The government decided to place a monolithic iron ore rock at whose memorial (specific answer) as a tribute to the person's 'iron will'? A rock of jasper variety was chosen for its red colour and visible holes caused by jackhammer drilling at one of the SAIL mines at Barsuan, as it was symbolic of the bullet marks on the person's body.		<input type="checkbox"/>
146	In early October this year, what term saw a spike on Google searches after the Indian PM visiting Mamallapuram did something that was started at Stockholm around 2016 by Erik Ahlström?		<input type="checkbox"/>
147	The first name was borrowed from the saxophonist of the band <i>Bluesology</i> . And contrary to popular belief, the second name was not borrowed from John Lennon, but from another member of <i>Bluesology</i> who was a mainstay of the 1960s London rock scene. What rechristening resulted from this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
148	The Carretera Austral is a 1240 km long highway that snakes through an area in this country filled with snowy peaks, thick forests and glaciers. The highway ends at a small town called Villa O'Higgins named after the hero who freed the country from foreign rule. Which country's highway network is Carretera Austral a part of?		<input type="checkbox"/>
149 ★★	What tart (specific name) takes its name from a nobleman, Marquis Muzio _____, who, while living in Paris, is said to have devised a perfume based on bitter almonds that was used for scenting the gloves of the king? He also gives the common name to the flower plumeria.		<input type="checkbox"/>
150	Malena and Svante are obviously fans of Herge's works. Which of their earthbound kids did they give the middle names of Tintin Eleonora Ernman?		<input type="checkbox"/>



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