



MAHAQUIZZER

2022 ANSWERS

Rules for the proctor

- Do not open till the end of the 90min
- **Make sure all sheets have been collected**, and redistributed for corrections
 - **Small spelling variations are okay**, use your judgement
- For all answers which are names of people, unless mentioned otherwise, **just surname is acceptable. However, if surname is correct and first name(s) are given wrongly, it is to be considered incorrect**
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1	<i>Hans</i> is a premier Hindi magazine established by whom in 1930? At its inception, it had Mahatma Gandhi on its editorial board and was run by the founder's son Amrit Rai till it was shut down in 1956. It has since been revived and continues to remain in print.	Munshi Premchand / Dhanpat Rai Srivastava
2	Meaning "newcomer" in Russian, and first developed in secret by the Soviet Union during the Cold War in the 1980s, what is the name of the nerve agent used in the attempted murder of Russian ex-spy Sergei Skripal and the opposition figure Alexei Navalny?	Novichok
3	A different cover of the same song, performed in turn by The Blind Boys of Alabama, Tom Waits (who also wrote the song), The Neville Brothers, Baltimore band DoMaJe and Steve Earle, was used as the theme for each season of which acclaimed TV show?	<i>The Wire</i>
4	In 1949, dockworkers gathered in the Brazilian port town of Salvador da Bahia to proclaim themselves "sons of _____". Faced with wage-tightening and unemployment, they decided to adopt this person's modes of protest to give legitimacy and assertiveness to their movement for rights. Name this person.	MK Gandhi / Mahatma Gandhi / Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
5	The first line of a Pavlo Chubynsky poem starts "_____ is not yet dead, neither her glory, nor her will." Which country adopted this poem as its national anthem? After recent happenings, its people proved that the line still stands true.	Ukraine
6	<i>Sr.</i> is a 2022 Netflix documentary on which indie director of the 1960s and 70s? The documentary has been made by the subject's more famous son, who made his screen debut aged five in his father's 1970 film <i>Pound</i> .	Robert Downey Sr / Robert Downey. Do not accept Robert Downey Jr.
7	Which groundbreaking scorecard database and number-crunching tool was created by Travis Basevi and Vishal Misra in 1998? Currently owned by ESPN Cricinfo, it is a go-to resource for those who want to analyse the game through numbers.	Statsguru
8	Islamic writers such as Abu Ishak al-Tha'alabi and al-Tabari have written in detail about whose possibly apocryphal twelve year stay at Abu Serghis in Egypt?	The Holy Family / Jesus Christ / Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9	An avid mountaineer, the founder of this company named it after the general location of one of his toughest climbs, with the logo depicting the multiple peaks of the mountain. He also recently converted the company to an NGO with all profits going to a trust fighting climate change. Which outdoor clothing retailer with a history of environmental activism?	Patagonia
10 ★	A construction technique pioneered by an Indonesian engineer enables the construction of long stretches of flyovers on existing roads with minimum disruption by lifting and rotating multiple horizontal supports. President Suharto named it after a warrior king from the <i>Ramayana</i> famous for his <i>many, many arms</i> . Name this technique / mythological character.	Sahasrabahu / Kartavirya Arjuna / Sosurubahu
11	What invention , without which the day wouldn't start for many, was for long attributed to Japanese American chemist Satori Kato? It is now credited to David Strang from New Zealand whose patent number 3518 using the "Dry Hot-Air" process dates to 1890.	Instant coffee. Do not accept only coffee
12	If teams are level on points at the group stage of the FIFA WC, then the team with the superior goal difference goes through. If still level, total goals scored is considered, followed by head-to-head points, goal difference and goals scored, followed by fair play record. If the fair play record is also the same, how is the qualifier decided?	Drawing of lots. Do not accept coin toss.
13	In 2008, Julie Caspar was the first woman and first non-French national to be editor in chief at which publication , originally aimed at getting more drivers on the road? Caspar's appointment was a surprise since French people seldom appreciated German contributions to this field.	Michelin Guide
14	In 1968, shortly after a tragic event, an educator wrote to Charles Schulz asking for help to reduce misunderstanding and to shape the unconscious attitudes of children. The illustrator's response was to introduce a character named Franklin. In addition to easing tensions between people, which underrepresented group of children did Franklin inspire to take up illustrating?	Black/colored children
15	The Liberal candidate for Central Finsbury in London won his seat during the 1892 elections by the slender margin of five votes. His detractors used to rhyme his name and call him "narrow-majority". Who?	Dadabhai Naoroji

16	When <i>Life</i> magazine published an article on Jackson Pollock, it wrote its sub-head "is he the greatest living painter in America?" as a question only because of the popularity of which other artist who took up painting because age-related arthritis prevented her from practising embroidery?	Grandma Moses / Anna Mary Robertson Moses
17	This high-speed carnival sideshow attraction involving G-forces, handstands, and juggling was often built in the countryside from massive old grain containers leading to its name. However, it is popularly referred to in more morbid terms in the west and in India. Give the name of this attraction or one of its grim equivalents.	Silo Drome / Wall of Death / Well of Death / Maut Ka Kuan
18	This digital platform is a riposte to the careerism and pseudo-motivational slogans of a major network. The theory behind it is to connect and provide employment opportunities to those deprived of any professional contact, often stigmatised and excluded from society in general, such as homeless people, with employment opportunities. Give this platform's name , a spin on the name of the major network.	LinkedOut . Do not accept LinkedIn.
19	In 2020, who became only the fourth woman ever to win a Nobel Prize for Physics, "for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy?" This is now widely recognised to be a Black Hole.	Andrea M Ghez
20 ★	What term names a model libertarian state also called minarchy where the state's role is minimal? The term derives from voluntary militia that European city-states adopted, which functioned as a city guard for internal policing and against external aggression. The term is used in test cricket but the use of this 'position' is going out of fashion.	Night Watchman State
21	Due to its stigma, the disease used to be often attributed to foreigners, with the English, German and Italians calling it 'the French disease', the Dutch calling it the 'Spanish pocks', the Turks referring to it as the 'Christian disease', while in India the Hindus and Muslims named it after each other. Which disease?	Syphilis
22	The International System of Units (SI) added four new prefixes, both for tiny numbers and for very large numbers. Which of these six-letter prefixes , used to indicate the number ten to the power of thirty, shares its name with a regional capital in Pakistan?	quetta
23	When Anagarika Dharmapala visited a place of worship in 1895, he was shocked by the transformation of the presiding yellow-robed deity to a Hindu idol covered in red. This led him to file a lawsuit for the possession of which present-day UNESCO WHS site? The legal battle for this site involved Gandhi, Tagore and Rajendra Prasad.	Bodh Gaya . (Anagarika Dharmapala was a Sri Lankan Buddhist monk who founded the Maha Bodhi Society)
24	What assessment , popular in corporate training circles, did the mother-daughter duo of Katharine and Isabel formulate? They were inspired by Carl Jung's theories, particularly the concept of introversion. It was formally added to the Educational Testing Service's collection of tests in 1962.	Myers-Briggs personality type test
25	The Dumbarton Oaks Conference saw delegations from the Republic of China, the USSR, the US, and the UK meet in 1944. Though the Soviets would not talk directly to the Chinese delegation, the quartet of nations all agreed to support what idea?	Setting up of the United Nations / UNO / UN
26	In November 2022, Jimmy Donaldson overtook and broke Felix Kjellberg, aka PewDiePie's record for the most subscribers for an individual on YouTube. How is Jimmy Donaldson better known , also the name of his channel?	Mr Beast
27	<i>Last Days</i> is an opera about which rock star? The actor portraying him is dressed in ragged clothes, has dyed dirty-blond hair, and puts on a pair of white-framed women's sunglasses while walking on stage. The play covers the period after the personality escaped from rehab.	Kurt Cobain
28	"Vultur" and "Gymnogyps" are both a monotypic genus, each of which have an extant species of which New World vultures with a Quechua derived name? The Californian _____ is the largest flying bird in North America while the Andean _____ the largest flying bird in the world.	Condor
29	Which polymath's final research paper (from the 1950s) on <i>The Chemical Basis of Morphogenesis</i> has been used to explain problems such as how zebrafish get their stripes? It is believed that he chose this problem as he wanted to refute 'Argument from Design' and to demonstrate the power of mathematics in explaining natural phenomena.	Alan Turing

30 ★ ★	The _____ Act is an English 18 th century statute passed to prevent corporate fraud. Though repealed later, the law was passed, ironically, to prevent other companies from competing with the South Sea Company for investors' capital. What is the missing word , one of whose meanings is "a fraudulent financial scheme or undertaking"?	Bubble
31	Physiologist EH Starling discovered secretin, which regulates secretions in the stomach. He also coined the term _____ to define chemical messengers like secretin, taking advice from a classics scholar at Cambridge. It comes from the Greek and means 'to set in motion'. What term?	Hormone
32	ESPN's Arthur Ashe Award for Courage recognises those "who find ways through sports to make a difference far beyond the field". Which long-serving mayor of Kyiv won the award at the 2022 ESPYs? Full name please.	Vitali Klitschko
33	Which British territory's name is a corruption of the Arabic phrase for "the mountain of Tariq", named after the Berber commander Tariq ibn Ziyad?	Gibraltar
34	What hyphenated term is used to refer to children born of gods and humans in a popular fantasy series? The same term forms part of the title of a book in a different fantasy series though it is used more derisively in the latter series.	Half-blood
35	The Human Genome Project ended in 2003, determining 92% of every base of the genome sequence. The first complete human genome was sequenced by the T2T Consortium in 2022. What do either of the two 'T's in T2T stand for?	Telomere
36	Using the method of exhaustion, he was proud of coming up with a way to find the surface area and volume of a sphere and cylinder. He was so proud to <i>have found it</i> , that according to Cicero, he asked for a model of a sphere contained in a cylinder to be perched on his sarcophagus. Who?	Archimedes
37	____ Inside Amy Schumer is a 2015 comedy sketch where a male-only jury has to decide whether Schumer is hot enough to have her own TV show. Only one juror thinks she is, but he succeeds in convincing the rest. Which 1957 film does it parody , which fills the blanks in the sketch title?	12 Angry Men
38	What two-word phrase , the first to be chosen as word of the year by the OED through public vote, refers to "a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations"?	Goblin mode
39	Fatehpur Sikri came to known by its present name, the "City of Victory", after Akbar's victorious Gujarat campaign and served as the Mughal capital till 1585. Akbar was partial to this place as the first of three sons was born to him after blessings from which local Sufi saint? Two-word answer.	Salim Chisti. Do not accept Moinuddin Chisti.
40 ★	Spielberg's films <i>A.I. Artificial Intelligence</i> , <i>Minority Report</i> , and <i>Catch Me If You Can</i> , all feature characters undertaking a literal journey, seeking something – proof of their innocence, or a return to a life they once knew. They are hence dubbed as what trilogy? This two-word name is shared by a Korean reality-variety show where the cast must complete missions at various places to win the race.	Running Man Trilogy
41	Described as the 'ugliest colour in the world', Pantone 448C is a green-brownish hue now used worldwide to discourage the sale of a particular item. In India the same purpose is instead served through the use of graphic imagery. For which still-common item is this colour generally prescribed?	Cigarette packets/ boxes/packaging
42	Which Indian company that went on to be acquired by Sun Pharma in 2014 was founded by Ranbir Singh and Gurbax Singh in 1937?	Ranbaxy
43	Anwar Ratol has been used as a diplomatic 'tool' between India and Pakistan, and plays a titular part in a 2008 book that offers a comic backstory to the plane crash that killed Zia ul-Haq, the former president of Pakistan. What exactly is Anwar Ratol?	A variety of mango
44	What word could mean any of these – "to grasp", "a kind of coupling used to engage or disengage a driving and a driven part in an engine", "a small strapless woman's handbag" or even "a nest of eggs"?	Clutch
45	Seven teenagers joined forces in 2010 and were about to name their band Big Kidz or Young Nation, but went with a different one instead. It has been <i>No More Dream</i> for them ever since. Which band?	BTS

46	During World War II, inmates at what facilities across the world were itemised and killed in order to prevent their harming the local populace in case they broke out as a result of air raids? Similar extermination operations were carried out in Madras, London, Warsaw, and even in faraway Australia.	Zoos. Accept other variants like Zoological parks, Menageries, Zoological gardens, Animal parks.
47	Black Tot Day in 1970 marks the date a certain staple was handed out for the last time in the Royal Navy. This was commemorated by some with black armbands and mock funerals. What naval mainstay?	Rum / Rum ration
48	The first act of which recent Broadway musical ends with a performance of Elton John's <i>Tiny Dancer</i> ? The musical is a recreation of a cult 2000 movie that features the cast singing the song during a long bus ride.	Almost Famous
49	Having played a central role in every single opening sequence for 25 years of <i>The Simpsons</i> , what item of furniture derives its name from the old French meaning 'to lay down'?	Couch (from couchier) Do not accept sofa / chaise-lounge or other variants.
50 ★	Which tiny publishing company is known as "the home of the Nobel", given that three recent winners feature on its catalogue? When the founder Jacques Testard was looking for a name for the company, he wanted one that suggested a crazy endeavour. He found the name in a 1980s arthouse classic.	Fitzcarraldo
51	A shoe insert device with vibrating motors dubbed "Sockfish" and a sex toy dubbed "SmartButt" are theories on the internet discussing how _____ carried out something that has been called "the biggest scandal since toiletgate". Who?	Hans Niemann
52	Which two-word term , used to refer to 200 counties in the American South from Virginia to Texas, has nothing to do with martial arts and everything to do with the majority population that lives there and the color of the soil?	Black Belt
53	As per the origin story of this clan of brahmins, one of their ilk, a Rahab Sidh Dutt, fought at the battle of Karbala in 680 CE. Since then, they follow Islamic traditions such as Muharram in addition to Vedic rites. Which historical personality's name do they add to brahmin to denote their sect?	Imam Hussain . Accept spelling variants of Hussain
54	The troika was formed as a single decision group of the European Commission, the ECB and the IMF to manage the bailouts of Cyprus, Greece, Ireland and Portugal, post the financial crisis of 2007–08. With the inclusion of the European Stability Mechanism, what is the group now called , a term which refers to a kind of chariot?	Quadriga
55	When he netted his 118th goal for Portugal in their opening game at Qatar 2022 against Ghana, Cristiano Ronaldo became the third player to score in five FIFA World Cups. Name either of the two players who have achieved this feat before him.	Marta / Christine Sinclair
56	In 1967, finance minister PK Kunju thought of the creation of which department as a stable revenue source? The new department began functioning under PK Seydu Mohammed as the founder-director. Soon other states such as those in the Northeast followed suit. Your answer must be in the format <state> <department>.	Kerala lottery. Answers have to have Kerala and lottery .
57	It took roughly 300,000 years to reach the 1000M mark, which happened in 1804. It reached 2000M in 1927, 5000M in 1987, 7000M in 2011, and 8000M on 15 November 2022. What is being talked about?	Population of the world / global population
58	In 1815, <i>HMS Malabar</i> was rebuilt and renamed to <i>HMS _____</i> , an opposite of sorts. In 1820, she stopped at a harbour in New Zealand. Since then, the harbor and the peninsula where it is located have retained her name. What name is shared by the ship, the harbor and the peninsula?	Coromandel
59	Titian's painting <i>Bacchus and Ariadne</i> , painted for the Duke of Ferrara, depicts Bacchus on a chariot driven by two _____. The creatures from a faraway land were probably modelled on those in the Duke's menagerie. Which creature , in news in India this year?	Cheetahs
60 ★★	Carnatic vocalist TM Krishna, in his attempt at changing the elitist and exclusionary world of Carnatic music, has been collaborating with performers from a marginalised community living in the border areas between Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana. Give the name of the community.	Jogappas. Accept transgender community.

61	When the ICC decided to organise a mini World Cup in 1998 and wanted non-Test-playing hosts, one of the choices of venue was an American city with no prior cricket-hosting experience, but lots of expertise in handling subcontinental crowds, thanks to a major tourist attraction located there. Name either the city or the tourist attraction.	Orlando / Disneyworld. Do not accept Disneyland, which is in California.
62	Which trading and manufacturing hub in the eastern part of undivided India, associated with a revolutionary incident from the freedom struggle, was called Porto Grande by the Portuguese and Islamabad by the Mughals?	Chittagong
63	Which grouping of nations that began as a marketing ploy by Goldman Sachs, is set to expand with countries like Saudi Arabia and Iran showing interest to join? Argentina is keen too, though it is not clear how they will be accommodated without rejigging of the nomenclature.	BRICS
64	What name completes <i>Mornings with _____</i> , a children's book that aims to introduce impressionable minds to the life and works of a painter renowned for his bright colors and tangled brushstrokes?	Monet
65	"An ungainly looking assemblage of germanium, plastic, and gold foil, all topped by a squiggly spring" is how the first recorded instance of this device in 1947 has been described. What invention that signalled the beginning of a new area of technology?	Transistor
66	What six-letter word completes the name of _____ Park, located 250 km west of Tokyo? The park surprisingly does not have any fun rides but aims to offer fans spirited experiences such as the Valley of Witches, the Hill of Youth and the Dondoko Forest.	Ghibli
67	British rapper Stormzy's September 2022 single features a legendary footballing personality performing a shushing gesture. The song's lyrics "I prefer not to speak like I'm..." precedes a sample taken from an iconic press conference given by this person after Chelsea's 1-0 loss to Aston Villa in 2014. Identify him.	Jose Mourinho
68	Panthalassa was the superocean that surrounded the supercontinent Pangaea. The continents Laurasia and Gondwana drifted apart, breaking Pangaea. The sea that was between the two continents is named after which Titanide , the mother of all Oceanids, rivers and lakes?	Tethys
69	<i>The Big Book</i> associated with which worldwide group mentions "the Hideous Four Horsemen – Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration, and Despair" as emotions commonly encountered by individuals undertaking a guided, multi-stage journey?	Alcoholics Anonymous / AA
70 ★	Alheda'a is the traditional art of oral polyphonic expression accompanied by gestures or musical instruments to perform what nomadic activity? It is transmitted across generations with detailed instructions for turning left or right, gathering in case of danger or storms and stopping at oases for drinking and feeding.	Camel herding
71	The single most visited tourist attraction of its country, what is the name of the world's largest Buddhist temple built in the 9 th century by the Sailendra Dynasty? The central temple dome contains 72 stupas, each holding a statue of the Buddha.	Borobudur
72	Which song , written and originally recorded by Otis Redding in 1965, went on to become a Grammy-winning R&B classic after it was significantly rearranged and covered two years later by another singer, who also made subtle changes to the lyrics to critique traditional gender roles?	Respect (by Aretha Franklin)
73	What phrase completes the title of the BBC show <i>How to crack the _____</i> ? It follows kids from underprivileged backgrounds trying to make it in professions such as banking and law, traditionally dominated by the elite. The phrase is a variant of similar ones used to describe barriers faced by women and other disadvantaged groups.	Class Ceiling
74	In the <i>Ramayana</i> , it was where Bharata stayed during Rama's absence and ruled the kingdom from, as Rama's representative. In modern India, it is the location of a failed attempt to set up an SEZ and a police firing that led to the death of fourteen people, and became the rallying point for a regime change. What's the common name?	Nandigram
75	Which emblem , a source of controversy at the 2022 FIFA World Cup, was born in 1978 out of San Francisco-based artist Gilbert Baker's life-changing meeting and subsequent association with a local camera shop owner who went on to become the subject of a much-acclaimed 2008 movie?	The Pride flag / Rainbow flag of the LGBTQ+ movement / LGBTQ+ flag (Baker designed it after a meeting with Harvey Milk)

76	The world's first nuclear submarine shares its name with a fictional submarine created by a French writer. The fictional sub was named after the first ever practical submersible built by Robert Fulton and funded by Napoleon. What is this name that means "sailor" in Greek?	Nautilus
77	Which political cliché was applied to the period between November 1978 and February 1979, during which there was widespread worker unrest leading to Mrs. Thatcher's victory in the following elections? The phrase is borrowed from the play <i>Richard III</i> , where it denotes a temporary period of misery.	Winter of Discontent
78	Known for her performances in movies like <i>Kati Patang</i> and <i>Kaalia</i> , which actress , a former chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification of India, is the latest recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?	Asha Parekh
79	Which disease is named after a gastroenterologist, who in 1932, together with two equal co-authors Ginzburg and Oppenheimer, described patients with inflammation of the terminal ileum of the small intestine? Due to his surname being higher up alphabetically, the disease has somewhat unfairly taken on his name.	Crohn's disease
80 ★	An earlier version of this character was non-human and possibly related to the protagonists. Even after changing him to a Man, his name of Trotter was kept as an alias till the final draft where it was finally replaced by a related but more familiar version used by the character to introduce himself. Who? You can give either the new alias or his actual name.	Strider / Aragorn
81	Having started his career with a thesis titled <i>Deformation of Soft Clay</i> , John Burland led a commission of 13 experts from 1990 onwards in a project which consisted variously of placing counterweights, pulling with steel cables, draining water and reinforcing foundations. What structure was reopened back to the public in 2001 as a result?	The Leaning Tower of Pisa
82	"Oh, little did the Wolf-Child care--/ When first he planned his home, / What City should arise and bear / The weight and state of ____." These lines are from a Rudyard Kipling poem whose title bears the names of two brothers. The name of which city fills the blank?	Rome
83	Which opera by Rossini is the central conceit in <i>The Wind-up Bird Chronicle</i> by Haruki Murakami? The opera, best known for its overture and use of snare drums, is based on <i>La Pie Voleuse</i> by d'Aubigny.	La Gazza Ladra / The Thieving Magpie
84	Investigation, recognition, initiation, acceleration, deceleration, and preparation are the six phases of what global phenomenon recognised by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention?	Pandemic (Accept: Covid-19, Covid, or variants)
85	What seven-letter word describes an artist's full-size paper drawing made as a preliminary design for a painting or other work? We use the word today primarily to mean drawings and image forms intended as satire, caricature, entertainment or humour.	Cartoon
86	The origins of these natural phenomena that pepper the vast Namib desert are not clear. They have been fancifully attributed to noxious bushes and plant-killing microbes. However, the scientific consensus is that they are either formed by termites or by plants competing for limited water. What are we talking about?	Fairy circles. Do not accept fairy rings.
87	The US Patent and Trademark Office denied which singer's application to trademark the title "Queen of Christmas"? The request was disputed by several other singers, including Elizabeth Chan, Darlene Love, and Brenda Lee who have been called "QoC" in the past.	Mariah Carey
88	Despite playing Ghalib, Manto, Sahir, Tagore, Bahadur Shah Zafar, Maulana Azad and Einstein, this thespian's unfulfilled dream was to play the poet Dagh Dehvi who was rather uncomely in appearance. He would say "I'm already ugly, you just have to make me dark". Identify this legendary Indian who was often asked (to his irritation) about his fluency in Urdu.	Tom Alter
89	Jim Scheinman, an investor, was reading a book to his children called ____ <i>City</i> and suggested that SasBee rename itself to what blanked word as it was "easy to say. easy to spell, and could be used as a verb"? True to its name, its stock price surged 169% during the Covid pandemic.	Zoom

90 ★ ★	What two alliterative rivers in different continents make up the title of a Kannada novel by Vasudhendra? This work of historical fiction set in the 15 th century tells the stories of Gabriel, who is spurned in love and sets out from Lisbon for India, and Keshava who is a sculptor in Tembakpura.	Tejo/Tagus and the Tungabhadra
91	Which three-time Grand Slam champion (Wimbledon, 2013, 2016 and US Open, 2012) did Leander Paes pair up with at the Montreal Open in 2015, only to lose in the second round to his partner's elder brother, Jamie, who was playing with Australian John Peers?	Andy Murray
92	Messages sent by Scott Fahlman to his colleagues at Carnegie Mellon were recovered and sold as NFTs in 2021 for \$237,500. His messages, written during the early days of digital chatting, feature the first instance of what? Fahlman asked his colleagues to "read it sideways".	The smiley emoticon / :-). Just emoticons will do. Do not accept emojis.
93	Actors Gary Cooper, James Cagney, and Fred Astaire lend their names to styles of folding which suiting accessory? It is believed that it got its traditional shape when Louis XVI declared that its length should be equal to its breadth.	Pocket square / pocket handkerchief
94	Agave are a type of succulent commonly confused with cacti by amateur gardeners. The main visual difference between agaves and cacti is the presence of what in agave? (Cacti do not have them, while agaves do)	Leaves
95	The last time this happened to a European monarch or head of state was to Charles XII of Sweden in 1718, while Scotland's James IV was the last British king to suffer this fate. What kind of death , rather unthinkable in the 21 st century, befell president Idriss Deby of Chad in April 2021?	Died leading troops in Battle / Died in battle / Killed in war (or other logical equivalents)
96	Which eight-letter word describes any of the following – a type of optical lens that is concave at one end and convex at the other; a crescent-shaped body; the curved upper surface of a column of liquid; a crescent-shaped fibrous cartilage within a joint especially of the knee?	Meniscus / Miniscus
97	Which of the navagrahas , the immortal head of the asura Svarbhanu, is an imaginary planet depicted in South-east asian art as a dragon with no body riding a chariot drawn by eight black horses?	Rahu
98	What is the name of the red lory that first appeared in a 1992 animated film? The makers clarified that the name was a tribute to the immortal bard and not to another avian character in a popular comics series?	Iago (from <i>Aladin</i> , a hat-tip to <i>Othello</i> and not to Bianca Castafiore's parrot in the <i>Tintin</i> comics)
99	Carved out of rosewood, the Dragon Throne has seven steps leading to it and a wooden screen with five panels behind, believed to be there to protect the emperor from evil influences from the north. It is housed at the Hall of Supreme Harmony. In which palace complex can you find it?	The Forbidden City / Forbidden Palace
100 ★	What portmanteau word , which might somewhat remind people of an Orwellian term, is used to describe the new vocabulary aimed at befuddling moderating systems that flag content? Examples include the use of "leg booty" for LGBTQ, "cornucopia" for homophobia and "seggs" for sex.	Algospeak
101	Name this Central Asian sultan and grandson of Timur who became a noted astronomer and built one of the largest observatories in the world in Samarkand. A crater on the Moon and a minor planet are named in his honour.	Ulugh Beg
102	<i>Vogue</i> magazine's first digital cover was unveiled on 1 st December 2018 and featured a couple who got married at the Taj Umaid Bhavan Palace in Jodhpur. Which couple was photographed for the cover by the iconic Annie Leibovitz? Full names please.	Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas
103	Eugene Vidocq, the real-life model for Edgar Allen Poe's fictional detective Auguste Dupin, was also the founder and first chief of which organisation?	The Sûreté nationale / Police National / National Police
104	Charles Dickens's <i>Dombey and Son</i> , Elizabeth Gaskell's <i>North and South</i> , Mrs. Humphry Ward's <i>Eleanor</i> and Thomas Mann's <i>The Magic Mountain</i> all have accurate depictions of what affliction? The operas <i>La Boheme</i> and <i>La Traviata</i> also exploited the theme of heroines dying of this affliction.	Tuberculosis (accept TB or Consumption)

105	This amoeba-like single-celled organism has shown surprising emergent behaviours such as navigating mazes and modeling railway networks. It is now the prime candidate to build a living computer through the use of bio-electrical circuits. Which gelatinous creature are we talking about?	Slime mould/mold
106	What essential element of Omani culture, and a term familiar to Indians as well, refers to a part of the traditional dress worn by men during special occasions? This element is attached around the waist and includes a belt, handle, blade, scabbard and cover, all made from a variety of materials including wood, leather, cloth, and silver.	Khanjar
107	The World War II-era Stuka aircraft infamously produced a psychologically-terrifying screaming sound while dive bombing ground targets. The sound came from mounted air sirens named after which city involved in an act of war in <i>The Bible</i> ?	Jericho / Jericho Trumpet / Jericho Horn / Walls of Jericho
108	With a wingspan measuring more than 11m and thus among the largest flying creatures ever known, this genus of pterosaurs is named after an Aztec feathered serpent deity. What animal from the Cretaceous era is this?	Quetzalcoatlus / Quetzalcoatl. Do not accept just Quetzal.
109	Rulers of which Indian dynasty that ruled for 600 years took two names on ascension to the throne? One was a name that ended in <i>-pha</i> meaning heaven in the Tai language and the other was a Sanskrit name that ended in Singha meaning lion. Occasionally they also took a third which was a description of the king's attributes – Burha Roja or the 'old king' for instance.	The Ahom dynasty
110 ★	She tried on a few names before settling on the one we know her by. The surname was inspired by a restaurant she liked, and the middle initial stood for "Pay it No Mind," which is how she responded when questioned about her gender. Who is this , who was one of the models in Andy Warhol's series <i>Ladies and Gentlemen</i> ? Full name please.	Marsha P Johnson
111	2022 marks 40 years of the release of the album <i>Synthesizing – Ten Ragas To A Disco Beat</i> by Charanjit Singh, the "godfather of acid house." Its first track is <i>Raga _____</i> , which appropriately begins with the phrase, "Om Namah Shivaya". The name of which seven-letter raga fills the blank?	Bhairav
112	Jinu Koshy's 2019 discovery of cave paintings in Andhra Pradesh has re-triggered debate regarding the presence in India of what mammalian grouping ('infra-class') typically associated with another continent? While some researchers are hopping with excitement, others are extremely sceptical.	Marsupials. Do not accept kangaroos, wombats etc.
113	What brand of footwear started life as outdoor shoes but were quickly adopted by blue-collar workers such as kitchen staff and nurses on account of their proprietary material Croslite, a cross between rubber and plastic that is comfortable enough to stand in for hours yet sturdy enough to protect wearers from accidents?	Crocs
114	A recent piece in <i>The Conversation</i> uses which classic 1973 album to illustrate the deep connection between stoicism and music? The album reflects a stoic approach to life – lyrics that illustrate the fleeting nature of time and the need to use it well, and "a slow, simulated heartbeat that sounds mechanical and profoundly human" to open and close the album.	The Dark Side of The Moon
115	The Great Trigonometrical Survey was initiated by the British in 1802 to make precise scientific measurements of the Indian subcontinent. A surveyor named Radhanath Sikdar measured what entity and named it after the person who headed the GTS at the time?	Mount Everest
116	Simeon Saksoburggotski, now retired from active politics, served as the prime minister of Bulgaria (2001 to 2005) after returning from exile in 1996. He played a certain political role from 1943-46, thus becoming the last person in history to hold what title ?	Tsar / Czar (as Tsar Simeon II from 1943 until 1946)
117	For a 2020 exhibition in the Ashmolean, celebrated chef Heston Blumenthal created a menu called <i>Last Supper in _____</i> based on carbonised remains of ingredients found at a particular site. Dishes included authentic bread and mussels from the nearby bay. Which archaeological site fills in the blank?	Pompeii
118	Marie Van Brittan Brown and her electrician husband had irregular work hours, which led to her often being alone at home at night in a crime-prone neighbourhood. This resulted in what invention , finetuned with her husband's help and granted a patent in 1969?	CCTV / Closed-circuit television (accept Home Security System)

119	The leaves of this plant are used in cuisines around the world but not so much in Indian cooking. But the seeds which expand and become gelatinous when soaked in water, are used in Indian desserts such as falooda. Name the plant that could also remind you of a British actor who played Sherlock Holmes.	Basil / Sabja. Do not accept Tulasi / Tulse
120 ★ ★	Which 1814 painting by a French neoclassicist does the Guerrilla Girls collective 'modify' in their protest art series titled <i>Do women have to be naked to get into the Met Museum?</i> In the Guerrilla Girls work, the turned head of the relaxing nude of the original painting is replaced with the head of a gorilla.	La Grande Odalisque/ The Grand Odalisque (by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres)
121	What alliterative two-word term is used by detractors to refer to Udhayanidhi Stalin's claims of revolutionary politics? The first word refers to his constituency, a famous sporting venue in Chennai, and the second refers to a famous 20 th century revolutionary.	Chepauk Che / Chepauk Che Guevara
122	This artistic personality's distinctive appearance has often been attributed to 'heterochromia iridum' when it was actually a case of 'anisocoria' caused by a childhood brawl over a girl. Who?	David Bowie / David Robert Jones. ('Heterochromia iridum' means one iris is a different colour to the other whereas 'anisocoria' means a permanently dilated pupil)
123	There are only two living species of the giant tortoise left: the Galapagos giant tortoise and the _____ giant tortoise, named after the the world's second-largest coral atoll in Seychelles. Jonathan the tortoise, the oldest land animal, belongs to this species. Fill in the blank.	Aldabra / Aldabran
124	Blue Zones designate areas of unusual human longevity, with five areas posited - Sardinia in Italy, Ikaria in Greece, Nicoya in Costa Rica, Loma Linda in California, and which island group in Japan?	Okinawa
125	<i>Nullius in Verba</i> is the motto of this establishment's determination to "verify all statements by an appeal to facts determined by experiment". The phrase is from Horace's <i>Epistle</i> and means 'take nobody's word for it'. Which 360+ year old establishment?	The Royal Society / Royal Society of Science (Do not accept other specific Royal Societies, eg, Royal Society of Arts)
126	The introduction of what to Hindustani music led to musicians selecting their tonic notes in terms of <i>saphed ek</i> (white one), <i>saphed do</i> (white two), <i>kaali ek</i> (black one), <i>kaali do</i> (black two) and so on?	Harmonium. Do not accept piano / keyboard
127	One of football's (doesn't matter which kind) greatest motivators, which "legendary" coach features in EA Sports FIFA '23 along with his coaching assistant and his team, AFC Richmond?	Ted Lasso
128	Lyssavirus (from the Greek 'lyssa' for rage or fury) is the aptly named genus of RNA viruses causing which fatal disease in humans and other animals?	Rabies / Hydrophobia
129	What connects – an avatar of Vishnu; an annual festival of Alwar that features arts and traditional sports; a Vedic kingdom with its capital at Viratanagari; a short-lived Indian state formed by the merger of Alwar, Bharatpur, Dholpur, and Karauli.	Matsya
130 ★	Named after a novel by Dashiell Hammett, what award is given by the Crime Writers of Scandinavia to a crime novel written by a Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish author? The plot of the Coen brothers' 1990 film <i>Miller's Crossing</i> draws heavily from this book.	Glass Key award
131	Certain restaurants are modifying the name of which popular subcontinental dish , available only at certain times of the year, by a single letter when spelt in English? This is being done not just to reflect one of its major ingredients but also to avoid impropriety associated with naming a food item after a word for God.	Haleem / Daleem. Some Mughlai restaurants are calling it Daleem (made from Dal) to avoid religious controversies caused by calling it Haleem, allegedly a name for Allah.

132	What does the UN refer to as a "Shadow Pandemic" on account of victims' inability to seek help due to the lockdowns imposed by various governments to limit the spread of Covid-19?	Domestic violence/abuse
133	The Indian Navy's new ensign has done away with the St George's Cross. The new design has a blue octagon with the naval crest in it. The octagonal shape and its borders are inspired by which ruler's royal seal? The Navy's training school in Lonavala is named for this ruler.	Chhatrapati Shivaji
134	Which Central Asian country's name is derived from the Turkic word for "we are forty", believed to refer to the forty regional clans united by the legendary hero Manas? The flag of this country thus depicts 40 sun rays.	Kyrgyzstan
135	The forces of plate tectonics push rocks and buckle them into mountain ranges. As they are pushed up, the rocks are squeezed, hardened, and recrystallised. What eightw word in geography means "an upward warping of a part of the earth's crust, forcing certain areas into a relatively higher position than before"? You may however know this as "a violent or sudden change to something".	Upheaval
136	The Nyishi community in Northeast India calls this creature as the paga. An annual festival is held in the Pakke wildlife sanctuary to celebrate the community's efforts to save the creature. The tribesmen today wear headgears not made of paga parts, but of cane, wood, or other materials. Which creature?	Hornbill / Great Indian hornbill / accept all hornbills
137	Officially the Antitank Rocket Launcher, it was the most famous of the antitank weapons developed by the US during World War II. Named for its resemblance to musician Bob Burns' "gaspipe horn," which weapon was produced in several models of varying sizes and weights?	Bazooka
138	Stories of which philosopher are a common heritage in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan? The anecdotes are mainly transmitted orally and are also distributed in printed form and through TV shows for children.	Nasreddin Hodja / Molla Nesreddin / Molla Ependi / Apendi / Afendi Kozhanasyr. Accept different spelling variants of Nasiruddin
139	What word meaning "something dug up" was used to describe things found in the ground, such as ancient pottery and minerals? The current definition could mean anything from 'petrified remains' to 'a person with antiquated views'.	Fossil
140 ★	It was a first when Mrs. Hammond gave birth to a daughter in 1924 on the way to the hospital. Agreeing to public demand, Lord Ashfield, the chairman of the organisation linked to the birth, became her godfather. Thelma Ursula Beatrice Eleanor was one of the suggested names for the newborn. Where was the baby born?	The London underground / Tube / London metro
141	<i>The Diary of Merer</i> , written over 4,500 years ago, is the earliest known example of what specific writing material? The most well-preserved sections (Jarf A and B) document the transportation of white limestone blocks from the Tura quarries to a local landmark by boat.	Papyrus
142	What is the election symbol of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, the political party founded by Imran Khan in 1996?	A cricket bat
143	Revered by the Inca, these animals provided an extremely soft, warm and light wool whose use was restricted to royalty. With a current price that is 10 times the cost of angora wool, which wild camelid has a claim to be the producer of the world's most expensive wool?	Vicuña
144	____ ____ refers to a type of decisive conflict between ancient Mayan cities, so-called due to the specific glyph with an astronomical motif used to represent it in Mayan script. Its similarity to the name of a series of iconic Hollywood movies is entirely coincidental. Fill in the blanks.	Star war(s)
145 ★★	Which two men struck a deal that their eponymous corporations would stay out of each other's keyboard and violin manufacturing businesses? The luthier's son founded a famous music teaching method whereas the piano maker's business is now the world's largest musical equipment manufacturer. Their last names might make you think of the automotive industry as well. Give both names.	Masakichi Suzuki and Torakusu Yamaha

146	Lupita Nyong'o was born in Mexico to Kenyan parents. In an interview, she said that she always wanted to work in Spanish, and never imagined that the opportunity would come in this movie. Which 2022 release saw her speak Spanish?	<i>Black Panther: Wakanda Forever / Black Panther</i> 2. Do not accept just <i>Black Panther</i> .
147	The 60 th Parachute Field Ambulance unit (or the 'angels in maroon berets'), independent India's first overseas mission, was dispatched to which conflict zone in November 1950?	The Korean war / Korea
148	Which legendary sporting venue has eased its strict dress code policy for women athletes, allowing them to wear coloured undershorts? This act follows in the footsteps of a series of women's teams like Manchester City who have made similar changes to their kits.	Wimbledon
149	How do we better know the swallowtail butterfly <i>Teinopalpus imperialis</i> found in Northeast India, Nepal all the way to Vietnam? You probably also know its double-hyphenated name from a famous award <i>wapsi</i> (return) in 1920.	Kaiser-i-Hind
150	An 1898 book by the British urban planner Ebenezer Howard offered a vision of towns free of slums and enjoying the benefits of both town and country. Two English towns, Letchworth and Welwyn, were built as part of this movement. What is the movement called? This term has been loosely applied to Port Harcourt, Bengaluru, Putrajaya and Singapore among other cities.	Garden City