

MindSweep 2024 ANSWERS

Part I - Arts, Movies & TV, F&B, Literature

Rules for the proctor

- Do not open till the end of the 60min
- 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	What encouraging five-letter word is also the surname by marriage of Lola Alvarez, the famed Mexican photographer and associate of Frida Kahlo?	Bravo
2	Which work returned to its country of origin in October 1981, its creator's centenary year, in keeping with his stipulation that the event must occur after his country reverted to democracy?	Guernica, by Picasso
3	"Well, there are worse things than sweating / By a river on a Sunday" is one complaint in the number It's Hot Up Here. Name either the 1980s musical or the primary inspiration.	Sunday in the Park with George/Seurat's La Grande Jatte by Seurat
4	The Castle Bravo operation of 1 March 1954 had unfortunate consequences for the crew of Lucky Dragon Five, and the furore that resulted had ripple effects on something that came out in October that year. What is this pioneering 1954 effort , also seen as the start of suitmation?	Godzilla
5	Les Distractions de Dagobert ' is a Surrealist painting depicting the excesses of a 7th century Merovingian king, having traces of Hieronymus Bosch, recently put up for auction by Sotheby's. This painting is considered among the finest works of a woman Surrealist painter who was a partner of Max Ernst for a brief period before spending a large part of her life in Mexico City where she painted her signature creations. Name her.	Leonora Carrington
6	Lawson is a convenience store franchise chain that gained attention after a popular Instagram photo in which it seemed as if is perched on top of one of Lawson's stores. The residents are now putting up a mesh to block the view of to keep off the surge of tourists who want to be photographed at the location. Fill in the blank with the name of a geographical entity.	Mt. Fuji
7	Black Pottery from this place in Uttar Pradesh has a GI tag and is made of clay adorned with intricate silver engravings said to be inspired by Bidriware. Name the place.	Nizamabad
8	This artist installed his work, 6 Times , in 2010 in Edinburgh consisting of six life-size iron statues modeled after himself. The first figure is buried in the sidewalk of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art up to its shoulders and is followed by four similar figures standing in the Waters of Leith, each looking contemplatively in a different direction. The final figure can be found at the end of a pier standing naked and silent while gazing out at the ocean. Name the artist.	Antony Gormley
9	Rubberband is a lost and found Miles Davis album which was finally released in 2019 though recorded in 1986. Who drew the album cover in an expressionistic style?	Miles Davis himself
10	He shares his first name with an ancient rhetorician, pamphleteer, and satirist who hailed from Samosata. Identify the famous British artist who specialised in portraiture, who was the grandson of a pioneer psychologist? (First name and surname required)	Lucian Freud
11	One of the characters in the musical comedy SIX, sings the lines, "You, you said that I tricked ya/ 'Cause I, I didn't look like my profile picture". Either name the character or the artist who painted the picture in question.	Anne of Cleves/ Hans Holbein the Younger
12	Unlike the paintings by Francisco Goya and Peter Paul Rubens where the father is violently biting into one of the children, the myths usually portray the children being swallowed whole, with their father later vomiting them up alive after swallowing a stone that he is tricked into thinking is another one of his children. Who is the father?	Saturn/ Cronus

13	What connects The Concert by Johannes Vermeer, The Storm on the Sea of Galilee by Rembrandt, A Lady and Gentleman in Black by Rembrandt, A Self Portrait by Rembrandt, Landscape with Obelisk by Govert Flinck, Chez Tortoni by Édouard Manet, La Sortie de Pesage by Edgar Degas, Cortege aux Environs de Florence by Edgar Degas, Program for an Artistic Soirée 1 by Edgar Degas, Program for an Artistic Soirée 2 by Edgar Degas, Three Mounted Jockeys by Edgar Degas, an ancient Chinese gu, and A French Imperial Eagle finial?	Artwork stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
14	, formerly known as Gilles, Jean-Antoine Watteau; Italian Actors near a Fountain, Nicolas Lancret; and Harlequin, Paul Cézanne; and Columbine, Pablo Picasso. Fill in the blank with the name that is common in all these works of art.	Pierrot
15	Ravi Varma's painting "There comes papa" features Varma's daughter holding her son looking towards the right at an unseen 'papa'. Regarded as a clear influence of Victorian images of domesticity, 'who' else is in the picture awaiting papa?	A dog (Don't accept any other answer like creature, animal, bird)
16	In May 2024 Rachita Taneja won the 'Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning' Award. Name her webcomic with a distinct feminist angle, that has stick figure characters accompanied with key political commentary.	Sanitary Panels
17	The dress code for the 2024 Met Gala "The Garden of Time" was chosen to complement the Costume Institute's exhibition ": Reawakening Fashion". Fill in the blanks appropriately with the plural of a fairy tale title.	Sleeping Beauties (Accept Sleeping beauty grudgingly)
18	Which 93-year old comic strip , not related to Debbie Harry's band, will soon feature an Indian girl as an assistant in the titular character's catering business, in a nod to its Indian reader base?	Blondie
19	One of the children's books written and illustrated by K. G. Subramanyan is a humorous retelling of the Ramayana, titled "Howbecame". Not related to the 2024 Telugu movie directed by Prasanth Varma, what is the book's title , where the second blank is the first blank plus three letters?	How Hanu became Hanuman
20	Which bird , that Anjolie Ela Menon has often portrayed, is also a titular figure in works by Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso and Rudi Hurzlmeier?	Crow
21	In early 1890, Anna Boch, the Belgian Symbolist painter and member of the Les Vingt (Les XX), is believed to have purchased which painting for 400 franks at the independent show of the XX group in Brussels?	The Red Vineyard (Accept La Vigne Rouge) by Vincent van Gogh
22	The original watercolour cover art that Thomas Taylor painted in 1996 for the first hardback edition of a book is set to be auctioned through Sotheby's in June 2024. Taylor had sold it to a private collector in the US in 2001, when the movie adaptation of the book had come out. Which book? Give full title.	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Do not accept Sorcerer's Stone)
23	The New York Times published a full-page advertisement in November 2001, featuring a digitally altered version of which 1943 artwork? In the ad, the father holds a 12 September 2001 issue of <i>The New York Times</i> instead of a newspaper with World War II headline as seen in the original.	Freedom from Fear by Norman Rockwell
24	The 1968 song <i>Pictures of Matchstick Men</i> by the rock band Status Quo and the 1977 song <i>Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs</i> by the music duo Brian and Michael pay tribute to which British artist who "painted Salford's smokey	LS Lowry (Laurence Stephen Lowry)
	tops on cardboard boxes from the shops"?	

MindSweep 2024 Movies & TV

1	Rock aficionados know this composition for piano as the basis for Spanish Caravan by The Doors. Onscreen, this piece is played first by the son alone, and then by mother and son. Name the film, or the piece.	Anatomy of a Fall or Asturias/Leyenda by Albeniz
2	The Academy of Italian Cinema set up awards to honour their country's best films in 1955. These awards are named after a significant artwork from the Renaissance and are thus a three-part alliteration. If we abbreviate the awards to DdD, what artwork are we talking about?	David di Donatello
3	The international premiere of Hitchcock's Vertigo, and the European launch of Star Wars took place at a festival where the best film wins an award known as The Golden Shell. Which festival, now in its 73rd year?	San Sebastian
4	Based on a short story by Nirmal Verma, this pioneering 1972 film juxtaposes a landlord's household with labour union activity in the streets of a small town. Satyajit Ray was not impressed by the director's fondness for Robert Bresson, and remarked that he showed suffering as a 'slow, rigid ambulation up and down verandahs every five minutes'. Name either the film or the director.	Maya Darpan OR Kumar Shahani
5	In 1976, the American Museum of Natural History decided to honour their best-known researcher with a film festival that celebrated her interest in other cultures and in documentaries. Who did they name the festival after?	Margaret Mead
6	Starring Ewan McGregor in the titular role of a Count under house-arrest, which 2024 mini-series is based on Amor Towles famous book of the same name?	A Gentleman in Moscow
7	This 1974 neo-noir film was the director's first Palme d'Or winner, starring Gene Hackman as a surveillance expert specializing in wire-tapping services. Name the film.	The Conversation (dir: Francis Ford Coppola)
8	The official poster of the 2024 Cannes film festival features a scene from a Japanese classic from Akira Kurosawa , which premiered out of competition in Cannes in 1991. Fill in the blanks .	Rhapsody in August
9	In a recent show, he credited a Maharashtra bandh for his entry into films as he could not attend a rehearsal for a play which caused him to be evicted from the final cast. Soon after a few FTII students offered him a part in a diploma film, which led to a role in a cult classic and later to a blockbuster in the 1980s. Identify the actor.	Aamir Khan
10	Natir Puja (The worship of the Dancing Girl) was an all-women film version of a long poem shot within 4 days. The film director also played a role and assembled his acting cast from non-professionals. Nitin Bose was the cinematographer and Subodh Mitra edited it. Sadly, Natir Puja was a commercial failure. Who was the well-known director?	Rabindranath Tagore
11	This 2024 television series was a sort of reboot of the 2005 film of the same name, except here the protagonists, played by Donald Glover and Maya Erskine, are not really married to each other, don't even know each other, and have different real names. What series/film?	Mr. & Mrs. Smith
12	Which series is inspired by the efforts of station master Ghulam Dastagir and his team on the night of a 1984 tragedy?	The Railway Men
13	The six-episode prequel spin-off of which Netflix series is loosely based on the rise of Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz to prominence and power in the late 18th century?	Bridegerton

14	The director, determined not to film in an estate familiar to viewers, zeroed in on Drayton House in Northamptonshire. She said, "It was important to me that we were all in there together, that the making of the film in some way had that feeling of a summer where everyone loses their mind together." Which 2023 movie was she making?	Saltburn
15	Name the Monty Python member who connects the documentaries Lost in La Mancha and He Dreams of Giants, and the film The Man Who Killed Don Quixote.	Terry Gilliam
16	William Adams who arrived in Japan in 1600, and lived there till his death in 1620, was the original 'anjin', the inspiration for John Blackthorne of 'Shogun'. With which corporation did Adams sign a contract of employment, when they set up operations in Hirado, Japan in 1613?	The East India Company
17	During World War II this <i>European capital</i> was a marketplace for spies working for the Allies and the Third Reich, on account of the country being neutral. To which port city do Lazlo and Ilsa board a flight in the closing scenes of 'Casablanca'?	Lisbon
18	In 'Asteroid City' (2023) the brainiac students play a game which involves remembering a growing list of names of famous people- each player in turn has to recite the list upto that point and add a name in the end. This was Wes Anderson's tribute to which Satyajit Ray film of 1970 ?	Aranyer Din Ratri
19	In "Laapataa Ladies", the bride who is stranded in a railway station due to a mix- up, is taken under the wing of a tea shop owner played by Chhaya Kadam. Kadam plays a similar role in a 2016 Marathi film, where as the owner of a dosa stall, she offers refuge to the hero and heroine. Which 2016 film ?	Sairat
20	For a documentary he directed in 2015, Richie Mehta put out a notice for amateur footage shot on a particular date. One of the reels he received was about a raid in Delhi from an NGO, Wildlife Trust of India. Which 2024 true crime drama series did Mehta create inspired by the footage from the NGO?	Poacher (On Amazon Prime)
21	In a 2024 movie, what rank does the titular character earn when she becomes Immortan Joe's top warrior, a title that is the same as the honor given to a victorious general by their troops in ancient Rome?	Imperator (Imperator Furiosa being the character)
22	Whose advice to Pierce Brosnan when Brosnan finished his first Bond film, <i>Goldeneye</i> , was: "Do two."?	George Lazenby
23	What is the headline of the <i>Top Gear</i> magazine article discussing the new electric Urus SE? You can arrive at the answer by altering the last letter of the last word of an Oscar Big Five winner.	The Silence of the Lambo
24	The first name and surname of which Disney Pixar character , who has a Bob Ross-esque motto, are anagrams of each other? Give full name.	Auguste Gusteau
25	Billy did the same thing in the four movies he has acted in. He was credited as Lonnie in his first, which came out in 1972. The film led to a successful lawsuit by Arthur "Guitar Boogie" Smith, as a song of his was used without permission. Billy was shown doing what in all the four movies?	Playing the banjo (The '72 movie is <i>Deliverance</i>)

1	What hyphenated term derived from a brand name is used in medical literature occasionally to describe the onset of a calorie-dense but nutrient-poor diet due to the arrival of modern lifestyles? An ideal answer would be about 15 letters long.	Coca-colonisation
2	The Ipomaea genus was first cultivated in the Yucatan peninsula and as a result, bears a species name derived from the Taino word for the root. This word has travelled all over the world owing to Spanish colonisers. Give us either the species name for the only cultivated version of the Ipomaea genus, or the common name.	batatas or Sweet Potato
3	It was called herrison in medieval French cuisine, and was usually cooked with a covering of grass or clay around the skin to prevent burning. What small animal often ended up as roast with such protection owing to meat shortages?	Hedgehog
4	The word comes from a Russian word meaning to become sour and was originally made by allowing bits of rye bread to ferment. What five-letter word is this, found in Russian fairy tales, and in the present day as a million-dollar industry?	Kvass
5	The Latin word for 'salted' eventually became a word meaning sausage in the major languages of the Iberian Peninsula. What 7-8 letter word is this?	Chorizo/Chourico
6	"NOPI celebrates global flavours. It's where pandan leaves meet pomegranate seeds, star anise meets sumac, and miso meets molasses. From the Middle East to the Far East, NOPI's dishes are constantly changing, guided by the seasons". Located at Warwick Street, London, which famous chef's first full-service restaurant is this?	Yottam Ottolenghi
7	Canadian superfan Karen Pierce set out to uncover the late author's hidden recipes in Recipes for 66 Dishes That Celebrate the Mysteries of Name the author.	66 recipes based on the books of Agatha Christie .
8	The 23-hectare Tsukiji market opened in 1935, and became the space for over a thousand vendors, dubbed the world's the biggest market. The market traded in sales amounting to millions of dollars per day till it was moved to its new location in Toyusu in 2018. Fill in the blank.	Fish
9	This is a beer produced by Sharp's Brewery, founded in 1994 in Rock, Cornwall. Considered to be UK's best-selling cask and bottled ale, it is also a favourite of private investigator Cormoran Strike in Robert Galbraith novels. Name the beer.	Doom Bar
10	Injera, an Ethiopian item, is a sour fermented pancake-like flatbread with a slightly spongy texture, traditionally made of which flour?	Teff
11	soup is a part of both Lao and Thai cuisine. The main ingredient is harvested from the undersides of mango tree and coconut palm branches. Fill in the blanks.	Ant egg
12	Castoreum has been traditionally used in Sweden for flavouring a variety of schnapps commonly referred to as Bäverhojt. From which animal is it derived?	Beaver
13	"Nikkei" means "far from Japan" and is used to describe Japanese people and their descendents who live abroad. Due to a journalistic error, it also became the name of the fusion food that combines elements of Japanese cuisine with that of which other country? Notably, it was the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with Japan.	Peru

14	After the American Civil War, Charles Goodnight, a Texas rancher known as the "father of the Texas Panhandle", modified a Studebaker-manufactured covered vehicle, in order to feed cattlemen and wranglers who had to herd cattle for months together in parts of the country that did not have railroads. What were these modified vehicles called?	Chuckwagon
15	In 'The merry wives of Windsor', the famous four words about this food item are followed by 'Which I with sword will open'. In formal table settings, the fork to eat this food item is the only fork that can be placed on the right side of the plate, as per Emily Post. Which food item ?	Oysters
16	Duxelles is a French cuisine term for a basic preparation used in stuffings and sauces. Used either fresh or dehydrated, and minced along with onions and herbs and sautéed in butter, what is the principal element of duxelles?	Mushrooms
17	Several spice mixes from India are being banned/ recalled in many countries because they contain the sterilizer ETO, which is considered carcinogenic. Expand ETO.	Ethylene Oxide
18	Launched by Malayalis in Canada in the 2020s, Mandakini and Taika are brands of which unaged alcoholic spirit, that is banned in Kerala since 1996?	Arrack (Accept 'Charayam' and homophones)
19	In the early 1970s, she worked for the New York city Planning Department by day and ran an Indian cooking class by night. Name the author of "Classic Indian Cooking" (1980), who in 1983 became the first Indian woman to be a chef in a New York restaurant.	Julie Sahni (Accept Deepalakshmi Ranganathan Iyer)
20	Which south Indian food restaurant in New York, whose <i>five-letter name is Tamil slang for 'awesome'</i> , won a single Michelin star both in 2022 and 2023?	Semma
21	Apicius is a Roman cookbook that was compiled in the fifth century CE and features around 470 recipes. Which dried fruit of the flowering vine native to south west India is a common ingredient in around 350 of the recipes?	Black pepper
22	This millet beer is a traditional beverage consumed by the Limbu people of Nepal and northern India. The name refers to the wooden pot it's served in, and is made from millet seeds and marcha, a traditional fermentation starter, mixed with hot water. What drink?	Tongba
23	"The little rum we had was a great service but our nights were particularly distressing. I generally served a teaspoon or two to each person and it was joyful tidings when they heard my intentions." Whose words were these after being set adrift with 18 sailors and not sighting land for over six weeks?	Captain William Bligh
24	One school supports the theory that the sukaramaddava contained meat, whereas another says it contained toadstools. Whatever was in it, it could have likely caused clostridial necrotising enteritis to the person who consumed the sukaramaddava. What are we talking about?	Buddha's last supper/meal
25	Teressa Bellissimo, with her husband Frank, opened a bar by the shores of Lake Erie in 1935. Her invention is said to have upended an entire multi-billion-dollar sector of American agriculture. An incredible 27 billion are consumed every year, according to an estimate by the NCC. What is her creation?	Buffalo wings / Hot wings / Chicken wings

1	The kireji or cutting word is a crucial part of this art and can take the form of a pause, or a break in thought or form a perfect ending. In which art form?	Haiku
2	The Stratemeyer Syndicate published the Ted Scott stories from 1927-1943 under the collective pen-name Franklin W. Dixon inspired by a certain daring deed. Who was Ted Scott modelled on if the first adventure had him end up in Paris?	Charles Lindbergh
3	In 2017, this Brazilian author released a novella tilted The Spy which irritated many people for its sketchiness. Name either the writer or the real-life subject.	Paulo Coelho OR Mata Hari
4	The main character has figured in all 20 titles in a series that began in 1958 and ended in 2018. If the last one had him at St. Paul's, what series are we talking about?	Paddington Bear
5	Bernard Shaw took the title of his play Arms and the Man from the first line of John Dryden's translation of which famous European epic?	The Aeneid /Virgil's Aeneid
6	Raphael Hythloday is an old, sunburned, long-bearded man from Portugal who meets the author in Antwerp. Hythloday had traveled the world alongside the historical explorer Amerigo Vespucci, and knows a great deal about many foreign peoples and countries. In which famous book will you meet this guy, the book being named after the place where he stayed for 5 years?	Thomas More's Utopia
7	Which term was coined by Nassim Nicholas Taleb to refer to the books in one's collection that are unread, embellishing the story with reference to Umberto Eco's huge personal library of 30,000 books?	Antilibrary
8	Which car-loving author, famed for his Rolls Royce, wrote The Muse among the Motors which is a series of verses on motoring and motorists, in the form of parodies in the styles of earlier writers?	Rudyard Kipling
9	In Upmanyu Chatterjee 's new novel ' Searches for the Meaning of Life ', what is the name of the main character (same as the blank), a name also associated with Jessica in the Shakespearean play The Merchant of Venice?	Lorenzo
10	In the famous French poem 'Le Pelican' by Robert Desnos, a pelican caught by an 18-year old lays an egg from which emerges another pelican. The second pelican produces another. According to the poet 'This can last a very long time Unless we make an'. Fill in the blank.	Omelette
11	In 2022, this author published a new short story collection under the title <i>Racconti Romani</i> , with the title being a nod to a book by Alberto Moravia of the same name. The English translation, <i>Roman Stories</i> , was published in October 2023, and was translated by the author in collaboration with a professional translator. Name the author.	Jhumpa Lahiri
12	Knife is a deeply personal account of a certain author's experience of what happened one morning at the Chautauqua Institution, and his life after. Name the author.	Salman Rushdie
13	Best known as the author of <i>Red Cavalry</i> and <i>Odessa Stories</i> , name this author who was arrested by the NKVD on 15 May 1939 on fabricated charges of terrorism and espionage, and executed on 27 January 1940.	Isaac Babel
14	Which American poet said that she once found herself walking in the woods with no pen and later hid pencils in the trees so she would never be stuck in that place again?	Mary Oliver

Literature

15	These two literary brothers were separated when they were twelve and five years old when their parents split. The elder brother lived with the father and wrote about it in his acclaimed memoir The Duke of Deception, while the younger brother lived with the mother and wrote about it in This Boy's Life which was made into a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Name either brother. Full name needed.	Geoffrey Wolff or Tobias Wolff
16	In a 1952 piece, he wrote about his 'gig' as a part-time brakeman for the Southern Pacific railroad in San Jose. Which writer is credited with the earliest usage of the term 'gig' for a temporary job?	Jack Kerouac
17	The titular princess is named after <i>a spice</i> , that was Ray Bradbury's favourite word and was found frequently in his writings. Which Neil Gaiman short story with a one-word name is being made into an animation film by Graphic India?	Cinnamon
18	This historical figure was the protagonist of two Booker Prize winning books. Name the sponsor of Matthew Shardlake in the first two novels of the mystery series by C.J.Sansom.	Thomas Cromwell
19	In Margaret Atwood's new story Cut & Thirst, three women friends meet once a week to sample cheeses and plot the murders of nine male poets, who sabotaged the reputation of a female novelist decades ago. What day of the week do they meet, in a nod to a successful series in the geriatric crime genre?	Thursday
20	A review of Viet Thanh Nguyen's The Sympathizer hails the book for "giving voice to the previously voiceless." Nguyen responds to this in his memoir, quoting which Indian writer 's observation that there's no such thing as "the voiceless," only the "deliberately silenced" or "preferably unheard."?	Arundhati Roy
21	What do the members of the Sanders-Hardiman bring to Europe in a work originally published in the 1940s? Led by Prof. Sanders-Hardiman, the "cursed" expedition to the Andes included Dr. Midge, the press photographer Peter Clarkson, the archeologist Mark Falconer, and professors Cantonneau, Reedbuck, and Tarragon.	The mummy of Rascar Capac
22	What is the title of the 1863 novel by philosopher and literary critic Nikolay Chernyshevsky, written as a response to Turgenev's <i>Fathers and Sons</i> ? Vladimir Lenin published his 1902 pamphlet under the same title, influenced by Chernyshevsky's work.	What Is to Be Done?
23	The 2023 work <i>Queen Hereafter</i> by Isabelle Schuler reimagines the origin story of which iconic character from literature?	Lady Macbeth
24	Who wrote the essay Silly Novels by Lady Novelists, which was first published anonymously in the Westminster Review in 1856, delivering a harsh critique of nineteenth-century novels targeted towards and authored by women, denouncing their frivolity, romantic clichés, and detachment from reality?	George Eliot (Accept Mary Ann Evans)
25	The name given to a literary and artistic movement first appeared in the alternate title of the 1776 play <i>Der Wirrwarr</i> by Friedrich Maximilian von Klinger. What phrase?	Sturm und Drang