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2024 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	The seated statue of which figure is located at the entrance of the University of Mysore? Another university about 230 km away (with its campus known as Jnana Sahyadri) is named after him.	KUVEMPU/ Kuppalli Venkatappa PUTTAPPA/ KV PUTTAPPA
2	Although most widely associated with the <i>Bombyx mori</i> , which natural product is also produced by insects of the Hymenoptera order and some arachnids?	SILK
3	Sudeepa, Vijay Sethupathi, Riteish Deshmukh, Nagarjuna, and Mohanlal are some of the names currently associated with what TV franchise as hosts?	BIGG BOSS (Do not accept <i>Big Brother</i>)
4	This English word, in the news, derives from the French for 'set price' which is itself a descendant of the Italian for 'mandated price; schedule of taxes and customs', ultimately derived from Arabic. What seven-letter (in plural) word?	TARIFFS
5	Which Pulitzer Prize (Fiction, 1983) winner declined publication of their best-known work in Israel in 2012, as part of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement? The novel has been the target of censors numerous times.	Alice WALKER (<i>The Color Purple</i>)
6	Santa Clara is one of the three named islands in a certain archipelago that lies off South American mainland. Name either of the other two islands - one named after a 18th century personality, and the other after the fictional character he probably inspired.	ALEXANDER SELKIRK Island/ ROBINSON CRUSOE Island (Accept ALEJANDRO SELKIRK)
7	The English translation of Thomas Bartholin's <i>Anatomia</i> (1662) gives us the first reference to the origin story of what anatomical feature that does not find a mention in any of the Judeo-Christian or Islamic religious texts?	ADAM'S APPLE
8	Who , though not a member of the armed forces, operated under the codename Major General Prithviraj in 1997-98 for a top-secret project he was leading (and which became a major flexing point for his country in the years to come)?	APJ Abdul KALAM
9	This world championship, held annually in Northamptonshire, uses what natural products as playing pieces, threaded through a string and struck in turn by two players till one of them is able to shatter all the pieces belonging to the opponent?	CONKERS/ HORSE CHESTNUTS (Do not accept just chestnuts)
10 ★	Following an incident when Bing Crosby was denied entry into the Hotel Vancouver for being dressed entirely in denim, designers from Levi's created a full-denim suit for the performer. What two-word name did Levi's coin for the denim-on-denim look, as a cheeky barb at the country where the fracas took place and the fact that denim clothes were not considered formal wear?	CANADIAN TUXEDO/ TORONTO TUXEDO
11	What short word was used for a backless bench in schools and law courts in Victorian England, and is familiar to readers of two similarly-themed series of books by Enid Blyton?	FORM
12	Which world capital by the Sheger river was founded in 1887, and named after local words meaning "new flower" by Empress Taitu? She persuaded her husband, Emperor Menelik II, to build a house near the hot springs and grant land in the area to members of the nobility.	ADDIS ABABA
13	What evocative name is given to the wrinkles (also known as laugh lines) that appear with age for most people, running from the corners of the mouth to the chin and giving the face a puppet-like appearance?	MARIONETTE lines (Accept melomental folds)
14	This burrowing rodent, native to the grasslands of North America, gets its name from its habitat and a distinctive warning call that resembles another animal's voice. As noted by the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804, what is this animal whose name combines a term for open grasslands and a domesticated animal?	PRAIRIE DOG
15	Alex Trebek, the host of <i>Jeopardy!</i> , used to mark the clue cards that had been read, in order to avoid re-reading those clues. What did he use to ensure the sound of the marking was not picked up by his microphone?	CRAYONS

16	What term , referring to its resemblance to the coil of a snake, was coined by Captain Henry Piddington in the Journal of the Asiatic Society in Calcutta in 1848 after his observations of a natural phenomenon?	CYCLONE
17	After the success of Diljit Dosanjh, which artist is slated to become the second Indian to perform at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival, scheduled for April 2025?	HANUMANKIND/ Sooraj CHERUKAT
18	'The Round City' (Madinat-as-Salam), built by Al-Mansur in the 8th century, is usually considered the core of which modern-day city ? It had four gates in its walled circumference pointing towards Kufa, Basra, Damascus and Khorasan.	BAGHDAD
19	What , each representing one in a set of four, replaces the railroads in the Harry Potter edition of Hasbro's Monopoly?	COMMON ROOMS (of the four Hogwarts houses - Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, and Slytherin)
20 ★	During World War I, this American writer served as an ambulance driver. In August 1917, he was arrested by French authorities as a result of anti-war sentiments he had expressed in letters. He spent four months in prison, and later compiled his experiences into the autobiographical novel <i>The Enormous Room</i> . Name the writer , better known as a poet.	CUMMINGS
21	What filmmaker , along with Yuri Aldokhin, co-directed the 1984 three-part Films Division documentary on the life of Jawaharlal Nehru? He went on to direct another series which had an association with Nehru.	Shyam BENEGAL
22	The Grand Lisboa Palace Resort in Macau is the first hotel designed by what acclaimed fashion designer ? It was renamed for him when it opened in 2023, around the same time that the Met Gala theme paid tribute to him	Karl LAGERFELD
23	On 8th September 2022, the day that Queen Elizabeth II died, the stage manager of a certain West End musical had to warn the audience beforehand that the play would be performed unchanged. This was necessary, because the very first line of the play is " <i>Good news! She's dead!</i> " What musical , recently in the news?	WICKED
24	<i>Palácio do Idalcao</i> is Panaji's oldest surviving building, and was the official residence of the Portuguese Viceroy until 1918. After the liberation of Goa, it housed the administrative offices of the state government. Idalcao refers to which ruler , who was responsible for its construction around 1500 CE?	Sultan Yusuf ADIL SHAH
25	Which entrepreneur , who popularised Ayurveda and based their eponymous brand on the science of Ayurveda, has a biography titled <i>Flame</i> ? This trailblazer has been a subject of a case study at Harvard Business School.	Shahnaz HUSSAIN
26	The Polish word for the fine, intricate style of metalwork (most common in jewellery and statuary) known as _____ elsewhere in the world also refers to people with a slim or petite body. Fill in the blank with a word ultimately derived from the Latin for 'thread' and 'grain'.	FILIGREE
27	The star Spica, from the Virgo constellation, represents the state of Pará on the Brazilian flag. This lone star is the only one positioned above the white band with the inscription "Ordem e Progresso" on the flag. Why?	Pará is the only Brazilian state in the NORTHERN HEMISPHERE/ ABOVE THE EQUATOR
28	Which traditional holiday treat , marked with a religious symbol, was once believed to have medicinal properties and protect sailors from shipwrecks? Historically, this item (which finds mention in a nursery rhyme) was only allowed to be sold on specific days such as Good Friday and Christmas, or for funerals.	HOT CROSS BUNS
29	The Amsterdam bankruptcy court, now part of the city's town hall, has above its doorway the sculpted figure of what over-reaching character from Greek mythology, used back in the day to warn defaulters of the dangers of vaulting ambition?	ICARUS

30 ★ ★	The official history painter under King George III, which artist claimed that he first learnt to paint when Native Americans showed him how to make paint by mixing clay and natural pigments with bear fat? His well-known works include the depictions of Franklin's kite experiment and the signing of the Treaty of Allahabad.	Benjamin WEST
31	The town of Oudtshoorn in South Africa is home to a particular creature that outnumbers the human population by almost 7 to 1. As part of the Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, the Oudtshoorn Derby is a race featuring this creature, ridden by jockeys. Name it.	OSTRICH
32	According to Dali, the inspiration to use wax came from Marcel Proust. In what specific way did Dali adopt Proust's use of wax?	To STYLE his MOUSTACHE (accept equivalent words for 'STYLE')
33	The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra was founded in 1999 by Daniel Barenboim and Edward Said to promote coexistence and intercultural dialogue between Arab and Israeli musicians. Its name is taken from Goethe's <i>West-östlicher Divan</i> , a work itself influenced by which Persian poet?	HAFIZ (Accept Khajeh Shams-ud-Din Mohammad Hafez-e Shirazi)
34	What term , now commonly used to describe a meeting of experts or a published collection of articles, originally referred to a drinking party that followed a banquet and included music and singing? This word comes from an ancient Greek word meaning 'to drink together'.	SYMPOSIUM
35	Posters of two movies, a 1994 comedy starring Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones (for which Lange won a Best Actress Oscar) and, less commonly, a 1946 musical starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, have been used by various celebrities recently to accompany announcements of a certain online move. This move started as a trickle in early 2023, but has exploded in popularity following the 2024 American presidential election. What move?	Moving from TWITTER/X to BLUESKY , both parts required (the movies are <i>Blue Sky</i> from 1994 and <i>Blue Skies</i> from 1946)
36	The bacterium <i>Yersinia pestis</i> causes three main types of plague. While the bubonic plague targets the lymphatic system and the pneumonic plague affects the lungs, which type of plague primarily impacts the bloodstream?	SEPTICEMIC plague
37	A hostage crisis over 126 days in 1996-97 at the Japanese embassy in which South American capital has been studied by psychologists and proposed as an inversion of the Stockholm syndrome?	LIMA
38	First mentioned in Twain's <i>Life on the Mississippi</i> , and later referred to as "the assassin's natal autograph" in his novel <i>Pudd'nhead Wilson</i> , what played a significant role in the dramatic courtroom finale of the latter work?	THUMBPRINT / FINGERPRINT (accept variations like finger/digit/thumb impression etc)
39	Roughly 140 phone numbers entered incorrectly by British Intelligence in 2010 alone; 16000+ COVID-19 cases going unreported in the UK; a USD 1 billion accounting error by Fannie Mae. All of these have been attributed to what commonplace utility , nearing its 40th year of existence?	Microsoft EXCEL (Do not accept Sheets, spreadsheets, etc.)
40 ★	Who won the gold medal in the Women's 100m sprint in the Paris 2024 Olympics, becoming the first olympic medallist for Saint Lucia?	Julien ALFRED
41	The shortest commercial flight in the world is operated by Logan Air, and covers a distance of 1.7 miles. Which archipelago does it serve , whose inhabitants have Orcadian as their demonym?	ORKNEY Islands
42	What name , meaning 'deviance' in Sanskrit, is given to the set of languages prevalent during the 6th to 12th century CE that are now considered to be the precursor of modern Indo-Aryan languages?	APABHRAMSA
43	In 1853, the Compagnie générale des eaux (CGE) was started by decree of Napoleon III to supply water to the public in Lyon, Paris, and Nantes. In 1976, the company began to rapidly diversify, expanding into telecommunications and mass media. In 1997, the company changed its name to _____, from the Latin for 'to live'. Name the company , current owners of Canal+, Gameloft, and Dailymotion.	VIVENDI

44	The Argentine writer Rodolfo Fogwill's 1982 novel <i>Help a él</i> is a parodic homage to which other work of literature by a compatriot?	EL ALEPH or THE ALEPH by Jorge Luis Borges
45	Which artist , originally trained in the family trade in his goldsmith father's studio, later became a painter and used the material to great effect in his works? The first known use of it in his paintings was <i>Pallas Athene</i> .	Gustav KLIMT
46	What in Hindu mythology is described in the Bhagavata Purana to be " <i>all-gold, thirty-two thousand yojanas in extent at the top, and sixteen thousand yojanas at its foot</i> ", and supported by Suparshva, Kumud, Mandara and Mermandara on its four sides?	Mount MERU/SUMERU / Meru Parvata
47	The upcoming biopic <i>Better Man</i> depicts the singer-songwriter lead as a CGI monkey, reflecting his belief that he is, in essence, a performing monkey when he takes the stage. Take that as a clue and tell us whose biopic it is .	Robbie WILLIAMS
48	A street in Belfast's Titanic Quarter is named after a famous theorem. The scientist who proposed it had a well-known disagreement with Einstein, and has since been proven right. This may be the only instance of a place/street named after a theorem. Which theorem?	BELL'S THEOREM (Bell's Theorem Crescent)
49	Lalli, a retired police detective based in Mumbai, is the protagonist of a series of detective novels by which author , one half of a noted writing duo?	Kalpna SWAMINATHAN
50 ★	Which 28-year-old Professor of Astronomy at Gresham College, one of the twelve men present at a meeting held at the college in late November 1660, delivered a lecture that led to the founding of the Royal Society?	Sir Christopher WREN
51	What act of violence connects the Visigoths in 410 CE, Vandals in 455 CE, and Ostrogoths in 546 CE? This was, somewhat surprisingly, also done by the mercenary troops of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in 1527. Looking for a three-word term .	SACK OF ROME
52	The writer Breyten Breytenbach (1939-2024) was for decades an activist against what policy? His activism led him to be labeled the only nice person from his country of origin by satirical British TV show <i>Spitting Image</i> in 1986.	APARTHEID
53	This 2006 documentary, about smuggler Jon Roberts and the Medellin Cartel's influence on the drug trade in America, was originally titled <i>City Made of Snow</i> . The film was eventually released under what two-word alliterative name (7, 7) , after the drug that was smuggled and the violent, devil-may-care attitude of the smugglers?	COCAINE COWBOYS
54	This three-layered pistachio and cashew dessert, invented in the 1940s in Benaras, features saffron, white, and green layers symbolising the Swaraj flag. Freely distributed during the independence movement, the sweet was awarded a GI tag in 2024. What is its two-word name?	TIRANGI BARFI/TIRANGA BARFI/RASHTRIYA BARFI
55	In 1966, Italian tennis player _____ founded the apparel brand Sandys, which he renamed after himself a few years later. For the next 3 decades, the company (along with Fila) was the premier brand in tennis sponsorship, with Jimmy Connors, Vitas Gerulaitis, Ilie Năstase, Mats Wilander, John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova, Pat Cash, Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis on their roster. Name the brand , whose last big partnership (with Novak Djokovic) ended in 2012.	SERGIO TACCHINI
56	A literal translation of this novel's title, <i>Sonyeon-i Onda</i> , would be 'The Boy is Coming'. 'Gwangju Elegy', 'Restitution' and 'Reparation' were also considered by its translator, Deborah Smith, before the eventual title was decided upon. What book is this?	HUMAN ACTS by Han Kang
57	Breudher, also known as Brueder or Bloeder, is a rich yeast cake made of flour, eggs, butter, sugar, nutmeg and raisins, baked in a fluted mould. It is derived from a Dutch bread, and is a traditional part of Christmas and New Year's Day celebrations in what Asian country?	SRI LANKA
58	An eight-ender is a perfect score within a single end of _____, with one team scoring the maximum possible value of eight points - one for each piece put into play during a single end of _____. Eight-enders are very rare: the closest in Olympic competition has been a 'seven-ender' scored by Great Britain's Eve Muirhead in 2014. What sport fills in the blank?	CURLING

59	Michelle Yeoh was nominated for the Best Actress Oscar in 2023. Many news outlets described her as 'the first self-identified Asian actress' to be nominated for a Best Actress Oscar. This is because of someone who hid her part-Asian heritage and passed as 'white', who was nominated for her role in 1935's <i>The Dark Angel</i> . Who?	Merle OBERON
60 ★★	Anthony _____ founded the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice in 1873. In 1905, after _____ objected to the content of the play <i>Mrs. Warren's Profession</i> , its author George Bernard Shaw coined a word meaning 'excessive censorship due to perceived obscenity or immorality'. _____, in turn, called Shaw an 'Irish smut peddler'. What eleven-letter word did Shaw coin?	COMSTOCKERY
61	Egypt and Sudan have a border dispute about the Wadi Halfa Salient - a small bulge covering some villages dotted along the Nile River. This dispute lost its intensity in the 1970s, after the completion of what piece of infrastructure?	ASWAN DAM
62	This administrative division of Jharkhand with its HQ in Dumka has a two-word name referencing the majority ethnic group of the region and a unit of administration from medieval times. What is this division's name?	SANTHAL PARGANA
63	The Battle of Sekigahara of 1600 and The Boshin War of 1868-1869 bookended the rule of which entity?	TOKUGAWA Shogunate / EDO Shogunate
64	Named after a French abbey, this 19th century liqueur's secret recipe combines 27 ingredients, including flowers, berries, roots and spices. At any given time, the recipe is known only to three individuals. What herbal liqueur is this?	BENEDICTINE
65	What is the shared surname of Annibale, Ludovico, and Agostino, early 16th century artists based in Bologna, whose efforts formalised the Baroque style?	CARACCI
66	In September 2023, venerable website CollegeHumor, one of the internet's oldest comedy sites, announced that it was changing its name following a sudden change in ownership. The new name, _____, reflects the abrupt, often (but not always) unfortunate change that roughly a quarter of American students undergo every year. What is its new name?	DROPOUT
67	There are two "permanent non-member observer states" in the UN, which are welcomed in the General Assembly and have access to most United Nations benefits, but cannot cast votes. One is Palestine, name the other.	VATICAN CITY/ HOLY SEE
68	There is a Shaktipeeth across the Line of Control in Kashmir, which had a renowned temple university from the 6th to 12th century CE. A script from the Brahmi family, used extensively in its library, is named after this Shaktipeeth and is still used by Kashmiri Pandits for religious purposes. What is its name?	SARADA/ SHARADA (Shaktipeeth /Script)
69	The 2024 American drama <i>Lola</i> , written and directed by its star Nicola Peltz Beckham, is the final credited work of a man whose career composing music for film started in 1961 with the Swedish crime drama <i>Pojken i trädet</i> (<i>The Boy in the Tree</i>). Name him.	Quincy JONES
70 ★	Named <i>Ophiophagus hannah</i> in 1836, the king cobra was thought to be a single species. Recent studies have found that there are four distinct species: <i>O hannah</i> , <i>O bungarus</i> , <i>O salvatana</i> , and another species found in the Western Ghats, named after the local word for king cobra. Which is the other species?	KAALINGA
71	On what everyday object would you find patterns including Balmoral, Oxford, Blucher, and Derby?	SHOES (lacing patterns)
72	What is the name of the London street where Shakespeare once lived, a corruption of "Monk's well," which was named after a well in a churchyard nearby? It coincidentally shares its name with a term popularised by Roald Dahl, among others.	MUGGLE Street
73	Ragini Devi (born Esther Luella Sherman) moved to India in 1930. Here she learnt Bharatanatyam and Kathakali, becoming a proponent of both. Her daughter followed in her footsteps, learning Odissi and then becoming the first winner of a contest in 1952. Name the daughter.	Indrani REHMAN
74	Hans Holbein's 1533 painting, <i>The Ambassadors</i> , when viewed from a side-on angle reveals a skull in the foreground, thus illustrating what artistic technique of distortion which derives its name from the Latin words for "back" and "shape"?	ANAMORPHOSIS

75	In a 2024 documentary about the making of the game <i>Half-Life 2</i> , a game designer admitted that the 're-breather' helmets worn by The Combine, the game's enemies, were based on an apparatus from a 1965 sci-fi novel. What ten-letter (in plural) apparatus , recently seen on the big screen?	STILLSUITS from <i>Dune</i>
76	What is the common name for tall buildings at acute intersections of roads or tracks? The most famous of its kind, in New York City, has featured in the first <i>Spider-Man</i> trilogy, <i>Friends</i> , and <i>Godzilla</i> .	FLATIRON buildings
77	Aviator Pauline Gower's 1938 novel <i>The ATA: Women with Wings</i> , mentions scissor-wielding creatures which cut the wires of biplanes. What creatures , later popularised widely across the entertainment and literary spectrum, was this one of the earliest references to?	GREMLINS
78	What very visible fashion accessory of medieval times was denounced by many Protestant groups, with the larger varieties being described as 'millstones' or 'cartwheels'?	RUFF(S) (Do not accept piccadill)
79	Which future Nobel laureate in Literature did Alberto Fujimori defeat in a run-off to win the Peruvian presidential election of 1990?	Mario Vargas LLOSA
80 ★	A drawing by Twitter user @PhillipBankss of a light brown dog with a human body wearing a grey sweater, blue jeans and red shoes, smirking at the viewer with his hands in his pockets, has recently become a meme with what four-word name ?	JUST A CHILL GUY (Accept MY NEW CHARACTER)
81	The record for highest-ever bid in the IPL was broken twice at the most recent auction. Punjab Kings spent Rs. 26.75 crore to buy which IPL-winning captain before Lucknow Super Giants bid Rs 27 crore to bag Rishabh Pant?	Shreyas IYER
82	Which father of Greek drama is the subject of the first operatic collaboration between dramatist William Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan? According to legend, he is said to have leapt on to a wooden cart and recited poetry as if he were the characters whose lines he was reading.	THESPIS
83	In 1969, the Congress split over supporting presidential candidates. While then-party president S. Nijalingappa issued a whip asking all party MPs and MLAs to vote for N Sanjeeva Reddy, supporters of Indira Gandhi voted for which candidate , who went on to become the fourth president of India?	VV GIRI
84	Founded by Joseph Bamford in Rocester, England, 1945, which manufacturing company and patron of the arts was accused of hypocrisy by more than 100 Indian authors in an open letter on 21 November 2024 for its role in devastating lives in India and Palestine?	JCB
85	In transportation, the word refers to a cargo list used mainly by customs officials. What word , used in an entirely different connotation in recent times by celebrities from Dua Lipa to footballer Ollie Watkins, and voted Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2024?	MANIFEST
86	What alliterative nickname (6, 5) has been given to the result of bargain dental work, favoured by Britons and Americans looking to save money, done in a country where dentistry is much cheaper than in the patients' home countries? Although the nation in question is by no means the only place where this occurs, its airlines and hotels offer extensive 'dental tourism' packages, leading to it being ranked the 5th most visited country in the world.	TURKEY TEETH
87	In May 2024, Oleksandr Usyk defeated Tyson Fury to become the undisputed World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Which British boxer was the last to achieve the same feat in 1999?	Lennox LEWIS
88	Lily Snowden-Fine (age 6 at the time) was the first, in 2004. Cecily Bloom (also age 6 at the time) was the second, from 2006 to 2007. Harley Bird (again age 6 when she took over) had the longest tenure, from 2007 to 2020. Amelie Bea Smith (age 9 at the time) took over after Bird retired, and remains in place to this day. What role in the world of entertainment do all of these people have in common?	PEPPA PIG (voice)
89	Although a well-publicised 1937 incident is often blamed for the decline of these entities, several previous incidents also contributed: the Imperial German Navy <i>L2</i> in 1913 (28 casualties), the British <i>R101</i> in 1930 (48 casualties), and the <i>USS Akron</i> in 1933 (73 casualties, the deadliest to date), What eight-letter (in plural) word describes all of these entities?	AIRSHIPS (the 1937 incident being the <i>Hindenburg</i> explosion)

90 ★ ★	Derived by combining two French words meaning 'later' and 'born', this adjective is now mostly used when referring to a judge of a court inferior in rank to the chief justice(s). What six-letter word is this?	PUISNE
91	Which "rock star" of science communication holds the Guinness World Record for the most tickets sold for a science tour? His tour <i>Universal: Adventures in Space and Time</i> sold 230,873 tickets. He is the recipient of the 2024 Richard Dawkins Award.	Brian COX
92	Although the major producing nations are in the Horn of Africa, it is Wadi Dawkah, the caravan oasis of Shisr/Wubar and the ports of Khor Rori and Al-Baleed in Oman that have been inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list as the 'Land of what aromatic resin?	FRANKINCENSE
93	The Sanskrit name for this work management platform was chosen as the founders wanted to build a product that brings ease, focus and flow to work. What platform , founded by Dustin Moskovitz and Justin Rosenstein in 2008?	ASANA
94	Filmed without a narrator and in Dari and Pashto, <i>Bread & Roses</i> is a 2023 documentary in which Afghan women film their own tragic lives under Taliban rule. It is produced by Jennifer Lawrence and (appropriately) which other famous person?	Malala YOUSAFZAI (accept just MALALA)
95	Who recently released his second cookbook, titled <i>Chhauk</i> and subtitled <i>On Food, [BLANK] and Society</i> ? The redacted word is the subject for which the author is known globally.	Abhijit BANERJEE
96	This city, once the capital of a country, now forms a twin city with the current capital. Its name means "village on the lake", and it has witnessed the assassinations of two heads of state (one while in power). Name this Asian city.	RAWALPINDI
97	Which physicist , who critiqued Newtonian ideas and inspired Einstein to formulate his theory of relativity, paradoxically dismissed relativity itself and called the existence of atoms a "dogma"? A dimensionless quantity, often used in the world of aeronautics, is named after him.	Ernst MACH
98	Nino Salukvadze has won medals on three occasions while competing on three different Olympic teams. What record does she hold , tied with Canadian athlete Ian Millar?	MOST APPEARANCES
99	Susana Monso's 2024 book explores how animals perceive and respond to death, featuring stories of creatures feigning lifelessness, chimpanzees cleaning their dead, elephants obsessed with collecting ivory, and whales carrying their deceased for weeks. What is its two-word idiomatic, alliterative title?	PLAYING POSSUM
100 ★	The inclusion or omission of pistachios is hotly debated when discussing the authenticity of what cured pork product , which takes its name either from the Latin word for the kitchen implement used to pound the meat into a fine paste, or from the myrtle berries used as a flavouring?	MORTADELLA
101	What two-word term was first used by BJP during the 2014 Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly elections to appeal to voters, suggesting that choosing the same party at both the state and central levels would ensure better development?	DOUBLE-ENGINE government/ double-engine sarkaar
102	Which leader , who openly acknowledged his relationship with her, dedicated his 1945 book <i>"To F"</i> with a passage from the Bible? It is said to refer to Frances Fitzgerald, a typist at the House of Commons, whose boarding house he stayed at in 1920 while continuing his studies in London.	Dr. BR AMBEDKAR (<i>in the work What Congress and Gandhi Have Done to the Untouchables</i>)
103	What term was coined by New York environmentalist Jay Westerveld in a 1986 essay about the hotel industry's practice of placing notices in bedrooms promoting the reuse of towels to "save the environment"?	GREENWASHING
104	What name , derived from the Persian word for 'scattered' or 'mixed,' was given to the early form of Urdu (popular in the 18th and 19th centuries) mentioned in a famous Ghalib poem? It shares its name with an Indian web portal/foundation dedicated to the Urdu language.	REKHTA

105	Like Mysore, which is named after an Asura, a city in Bihar is also named after an Asura, who was killed by Vishnu near the Phalgu River. The temple here houses the Dharmasheel, a rock believed to bear Vishnu's footprint. Name the city.	GAYA (named after Asura, Gayasur)
106	Whose association with Google started in 1998, when she rented her garage space to Larry Page and Sergey Brin? She later joined Google as their marketing manager, before moving on to more visible roles.	Susan WOJCICKI
107	A 1989 children's book, an independent record label, a 1966 musical, a 2012 musical film starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, a choir for adults with disabilities founded in 2000, and albums by Gossip, The Derek Trucks Band, Jo Dee Messina & The Drinkard Singers all share a name taken from Psalm 100, Verse 1 of the King James Bible: 'Make a _____ unto The Lord'. Fill in the blanks.	JOYFUL NOISE
108	The Yucatan Peninsula has numerous natural wells that are formed when a limestone surface collapses, exposing water underneath. What word derived from the Mayan language is given to these wells?	CENOTE(S)
109	Spider Tack, a sticky substance invented to help the grip of weightlifters and strongmen, is making headlines in another sport. It has replaced traditional substances such as pine tar, rosin and sunscreen as a non-legal method by which players can grip and impart extra spin on the ball, sometimes as much as 500 RPM more than by traditional means. In what sport is Spider Tack causing controversy?	BASEBALL
110 ★	Which three-letter word , recently added to the Cambridge Dictionary and popularised by the reality show <i>Love Island</i> , describes a sudden feeling of aversion or loss of attraction to someone due to a specific behaviour or trait?	ICK
111	AMC, the network that airs the TV show <i>Interview with the Vampire</i> , operates an Instagram channel whose name inserts a letter into that of a well-known internet content subscription service, with the resulting pun referencing a feature associated with vampires. What nine-letter name?	ONLYFANGS
112	Which Carnatic raga , the 71st in the Melakarta system, shares its name with a Mahajanapada? M Balamuralikrishna's <i>O Manasa Mukti Nigamu</i> , composed in the raga, features the name as a mudra, referring to Lord Rama as the ruler of this kingdom.	KOSALA/ KOSALAM
113	In rally driving, a common problem is clutches slipping due to oil leakage. To remedy this, rally mechanics have been known, in a pinch, to use what mildly acidic product (officially available in all countries except Cuba, North Korea and Russia) to clear away the oil and temporarily fix the problem?	COCA-COLA/ COKE
114	Cleopatra's exiled half-sister, Arsinoe, was assassinated on the steps of which ancient structure , one of the Seven Wonders of the World? Cleopatra and Antony had her killed, seeing her as a threat to the throne.	TEMPLE of ARTEMIS/ ARTEMISION/ TEMPLE of DIANA/ AREMIS TEMPLE at Ephesus
115	<i>Famous Women Dinner Service</i> is an 1932 ceramic work featuring 50 female personalities on dinner plates. This was a collaboration between Duncan Grant and his partner, both associated with the Bloomsbury group. Which artist , often overshadowed by her sister?	Vanessa BELL
116	What Olympic tradition , a feature of the ancient Olympic games and a part of the modern Olympics since 1896, was discontinued after a mishap involving the Olympic flame at the Seoul Olympics in 1988?	Releasing of DOVES
117	During his visit to Florence, John Milton met which blind figure who appears as "the Tuscan artist" in <i>Paradise Lost</i> ? He is the only contemporary of Milton mentioned by name in the epic and is referenced thus: "...by night the glass Of _____, less assured, observes Imagined lands and regions in the moon."	GALILEO Galilei
118	What bird , named after a high rank in a religious sect due to its color resembling their uniform, is quite appropriately linked to the superstition, "when (these birds) appear, angels are near"?	CARDINAL(S)

119	What niche service does Tokyo-based agency Momuri (meaning "enough already" in Japanese) offer to its clients from across the corporate landscape? The service has been in high demand over the last few years.	Proxy RESIGNATION (accept just resignation or equivalents)
120 ★★	Whom did Martin Luther King Jr. nominate for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1967? This nominee was a monk and peace activist who founded the largest monastery in southern France.	THICH Nhat Hanh (Engaged Buddhism and mindfulness)
121	The GI tag for what garment from West Bengal mentions the Bishnupur district as the sole area of production, while the product itself gets its name from a village located by the 'sandy banks' of the river in Murshidabad district?	BALUCHARI SARI(S)
122	What building complex , meaning "fortress within a city" in the country's native language, is used metonymically in international politics to refer to the government of a global superpower?	KREMLIN
123	This actor was initially set to make his Tamil debut with the movie <i>Uyarntha Manithan</i> , but it got shelved. He eventually made it in the movie <i>Vettaiyan</i> , which means 'Hunter'. Who?	Amitabh BACHCHAN
124	The Sanskrit word for 'great cemetery' has been in the news thanks to an album released on 22nd November of this year, by an artist born Joshua Michael Tillman. The album is the sixth by this singer-songwriter, who adopted his religious-sounding stage name in 2012. Name him OR the album.	FATHER JOHN MISTY or MAHASMASHANA
125	What type of stupa is constructed as an offering after a wish or vow is fulfilled? These stupas are often built to commemorate visits and are typically found at prominent stupa sites, where they appear in series. The shape of the stupa represents the Buddha in a meditative state.	VOTIVE Stupa
126	Yoav Gallant, Mohammed Deif, _____, _____. Fill in the blank with the third name on the arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court on 21st November 2024.	Benjamin NETANYAHU
127	Reshma Pathan, who performed stunt roles for actresses like Waheeda Rehman, Rekha, Hema Malini, and Sridevi, earned a nickname because of stunts done with a tonga. What nickname did she earn, which also became the title of a movie made about her life?	(The) SHOLAY GIRL
128	Though native to South Asia, this creature has become an invasive species in the Florida Everglades due to the pet trade, wiping out 90% of the populations of raccoons, opossums etc. What creature with a two-word name?	BURMESE PYTHON (<i>Python bivittatus</i>)
129	What is the modern name of Oubangui Chari, a former colonial territory that was part of French Equatorial Africa from 1910 to 1958?	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
130 ★	Ridley Scott recently revealed in an interview that he sold the set of which movie to the Moroccan government for \$10, as dismantling it was expensive? He had to rent back the same set "for a million dollars" to shoot the opening scene of <i>Gladiator II</i> , which he jokingly said "pissed him off".	KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
131	This Indian cartoonist changed his pen name on the advice of <i>The Observer's</i> editor, David Astor. Astor felt the cartoonist's last name, that was being used as a pen-name till then, might cast aspersions on his worldview. Who is this?	Abu ABRAHAM (born Attupurathu Mathew Abraham)
132	Since the early 1990s, the Philippine Basketball Association has imposed a certain rule on its players. This restriction, intended to curb the influence of foreign players, is set to come to a partial end next year. What restriction , common in Asian leagues, that seems ludicrous for basketball players?	HEIGHT LIMIT/ HEIGHT RESTRICTION/ MAXIMUM HEIGHT
133	In 2008, nineties boy band New Kids on the Block went on a reunion tour of America and Canada. One of their opening acts was a solo singer, who performed the single 'Just Dance' from her debut album released in April of that year. Thus, the NKOTB reunion tour was the first sight most people had of what Grammy- and Oscar-winning performer?	LADY GAGA (Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta)
134	Which dish , served most commonly with a starchy side, traces its name back to the days of meat shortage during World War I, when sausages were prepared with very high water content and would often burst while being cooked on high heat?	BANGERS (and mash)
135 ★★	A manuscript discovered near Peshawar in 1881 is commonly considered to be the earliest example of the zero symbol, predating a 9th century inscription in Gwalior. By what name is this manuscript known , after the village in which it was discovered?	BAKSHALI Manuscript

136	This author contested the 1989 Lok Sabha elections as an independent on a pro-environment platform, opposing projects like the Kaiga Power Plant. Identify this multi-faceted personality , who finished fourth in the contest.	Dr. Shivaram KARANTH
137	This artist's early works include <i>Working Is a Bad Job</i> (1993), <i>Another Fucking Readymade</i> (1996), <i>Turisti</i> (1997), <i>La Nona Ora</i> (1999) and <i>La rivoluzione siamo noi</i> (2000). In 2024, entrepreneur Justin Sun bid \$6.2 million to buy a recent work by the artist, most of which Sun ate upon reception. Name the artist.	Maurizio CATTELAN
138	In October 1984, assassination attempts were made on two prime ministers. Name this first female prime minister of her country who survived the attempt.	Margaret THATCHER (Brighton hotel bombing)
139	Joumou is a soup made from squash, beef, and a mix of vegetables and spices. This is traditionally consumed on the 1st of January to celebrate the day, 220 years ago that a certain country gained independence. What country , now facing severe political instability?	HAITI
140 ★	What endangered breed of cow , named after a town in the Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, is known for its drought adaptability, and is being reared at the Prime Minister's residence? The breed is also known for being short in stature.	PUNGANUR cow
141	A road between the villages of Chisumle and Demchock in Ladakh traverses what mountain pass at an altitude of 19,024 feet (5,799 m), making it the highest motorable pass in the world?	UMLING LA
142	According to Catholic dogma, what religious figure was conceived through the Immaculate Conception?	MARY/ Mother Mary/ Virgin Mary/ Mary, mother of Jesus/ Blessed Virgin Mary/ Saint Mary
143	Robert _____, a rancher, founded a California town in the 1840s. In 1952, Edward Teller and Ernest Lawrence started what was then known as the University of California Radiation Laboratory, _____ Branch. In 2012, an element with the atomic number 116 was named after it. What town?	LIVERMORE
144	What reclusive author agreed to give a "mute" interview to Swedish television after he won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1969? The world press was left waiting as he took his agent's advice and went into hiding as soon as the news was made public.	Samuel BECKETT
145	Jonathan Moffett, the drummer preferred by Madonna, Elton John and Michael Jackson for their live concerts, was given a nickname thanks to his 'sweet' bass drum work, which requires a lot of precision and stamina (particularly in one part of the body). What nine-letter nickname?	SUGARFOOT
146	<i>Ek Hota Vidushak (Once there was a Clown)</i> is a Marathi language film by Jabbar Patel that explores the world of what folk art of India?	TAMASHA
147	What bookstore , originally opened as <i>Le Mistral</i> by American George Whitman in the 1950s, changed its name in 1964 to honour a bookstore and lending library that had closed during World War II and was known as a gathering place for expatriate writers like Ernest Hemingway and James Joyce?	SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY
148	In a 1959 article called _____ <i>Psychology</i> , psychoanalyst Dr. William Neutra wrote that the most common grip indicated distraction, a thumb-index-middle finger grip showed boredom, a thumb tip-index tip grip indicated tension and a grip involving all fingers except the little finger showed weakness. Fill in the blank.	CIGARETTE
149	Starting in the 1980s, the 'checks vs. stripes' rivalry has been a hot topic in the world of hip-hop. Stripes held the upper hand initially, but checks gained steam towards the 90s thanks to a high-profile endorsement. The debate continues to this day, with references to the rivalry featuring in songs by Travis Scott and Childish Gambino. What two entities are at the centre of this rivalry?	NIKE and ADIDAS (both required)
150	By what geographically misleading name is a polished, 563-carat, gray-blue sapphire from Sri Lanka containing an asterism known by? Currently part of the collection of the American Museum of Natural History, this gemstone was part of a famed heist in 1964.	STAR OF INDIA