

MegaWhats 2025

Prelims

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How it works

60 questions, 60 points

If there are two parts, each answer is worth 0.5 points

Last names are enough, wrong first names with right last names won't get you points

Spelling variations are fine, as long as they “sound” like the correct answer

What's in bold in the answer slide is good enough for points

No trickery, no starred qns, no LCQs even, nothing – just guess

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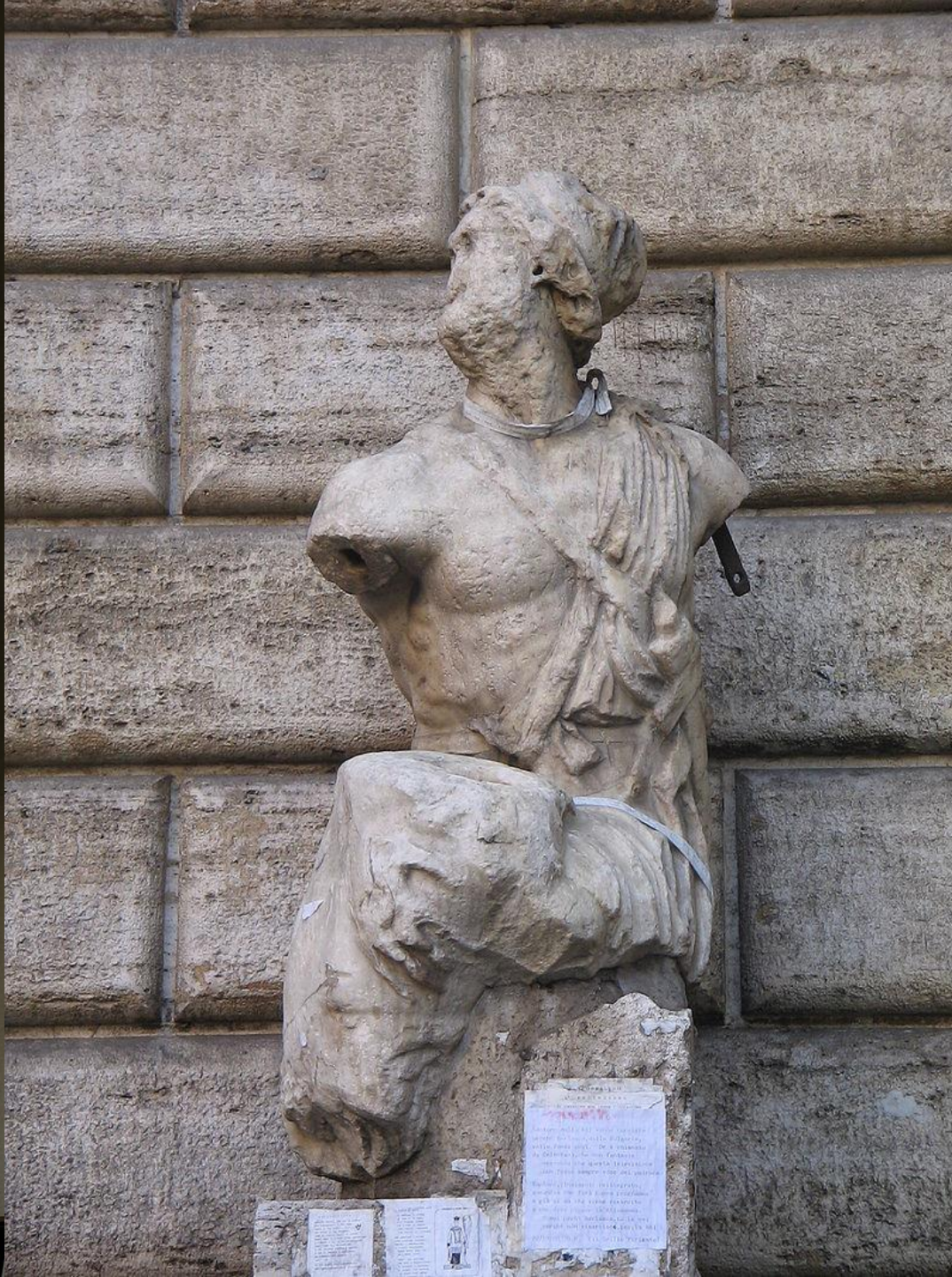
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44. Venkatamakhin aka Venkateshwara Dikshita was a minister in the court of Vijayaraghava Nayak, the ruler of Thanjavur. He is most known for his 1635 treatise Chaturdandiprakashika (“The Illuminator of Four Pillars” – the four pillars being aalaapa, taaya, geeta, and prabandha)

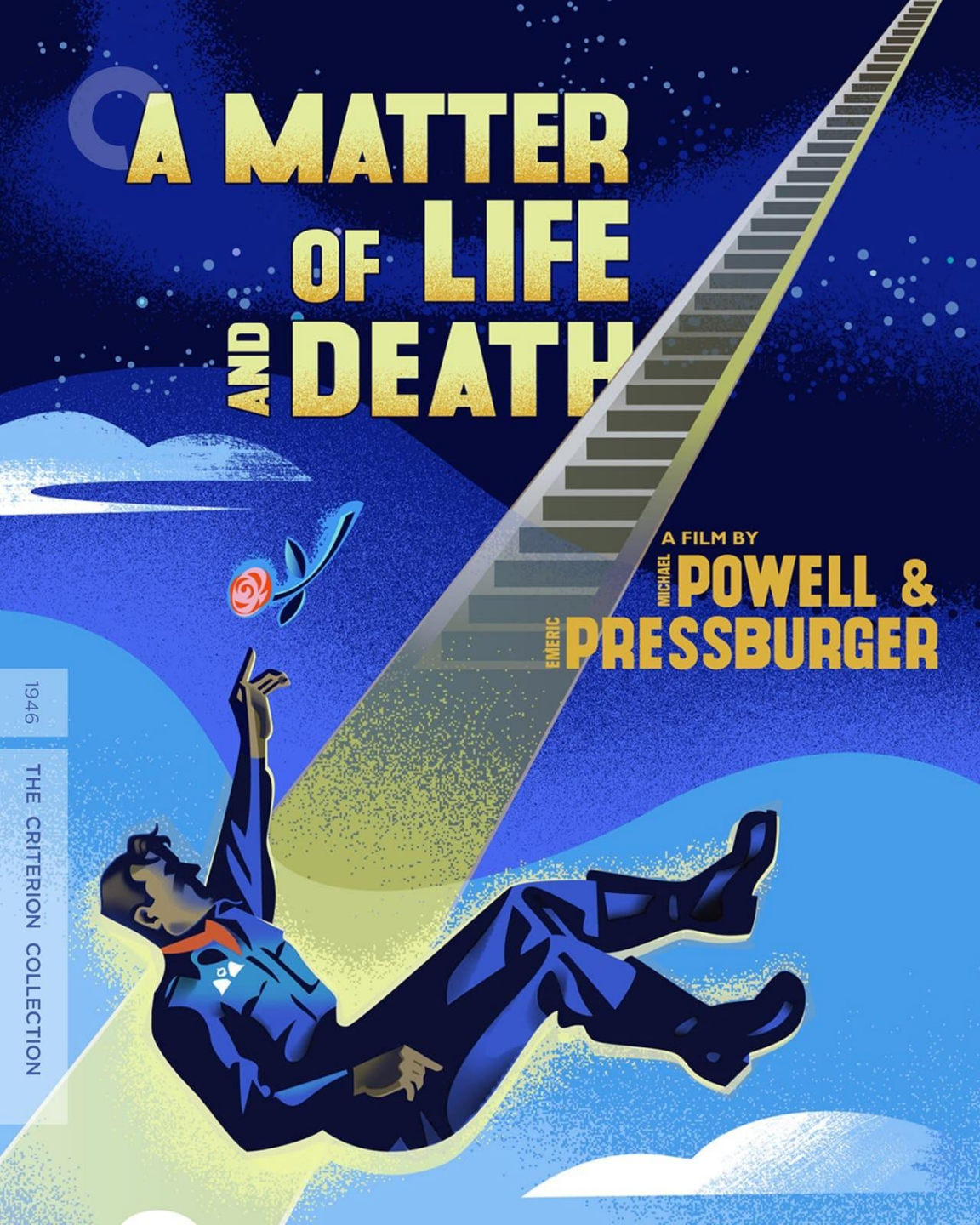
What concept did this treatise first introduce?



45. High Note for Hemen is a cocktail at AMPM in Kolkata that pays tribute to Hemen and Co., a quaint little music shop tucked in one corner of Rash Behari Avenue. What is the shape of the glass that this cocktail is served in a tribute to?



46. Which work of literature is the inspiration for this ride in Disneyland, one of the few rides that have been active since the amusement park's inception?



47. Under what title was this movie released in the US?

48. In Dante's *Inferno*, at the bottom of Hell is the three-faced Lucifer. In each of his mouths, he is chewing up history's greatest traitors. If Brutus and Cassius are in two of his mouths, who is being chewed in the third mouth?

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50. While we associate this three-word phrase with Native Americans, none of the indigenous tribes there have this concept. It was instead something that James Fenimore Cooper came up with in his 1823 novel 'The Pioneers'. What is this phrase, whose usage has even seeped into sports – used for example for Mahela Jayawardene with respect to SSC in Colombo?

51. Names of some of the restaurants in comedy series The Good Place are clever references to both food items and band names. Fill in the blanks in the names of these restaurants with appropriate food items.

_____ and the Jets

_____ and the Banshees

52. While most of the work that we associate with this style are from earlier decades, the term was first used in print only in 1966 by Hillary Gelson in an article in The Times, and widely popularised a couple of years later by historian Bevis Hillier through his groundbreaking publication '_____ of the 20s and 30s'.

What style?



53. When penguins want to move fast on land, they slide on their bellies as shown in the picture. What is this called, named for a mode of transport?

This is our new song
Just like the last one
A total waste of time

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54. Fill in the blanks, with the name of this Radiohead song.
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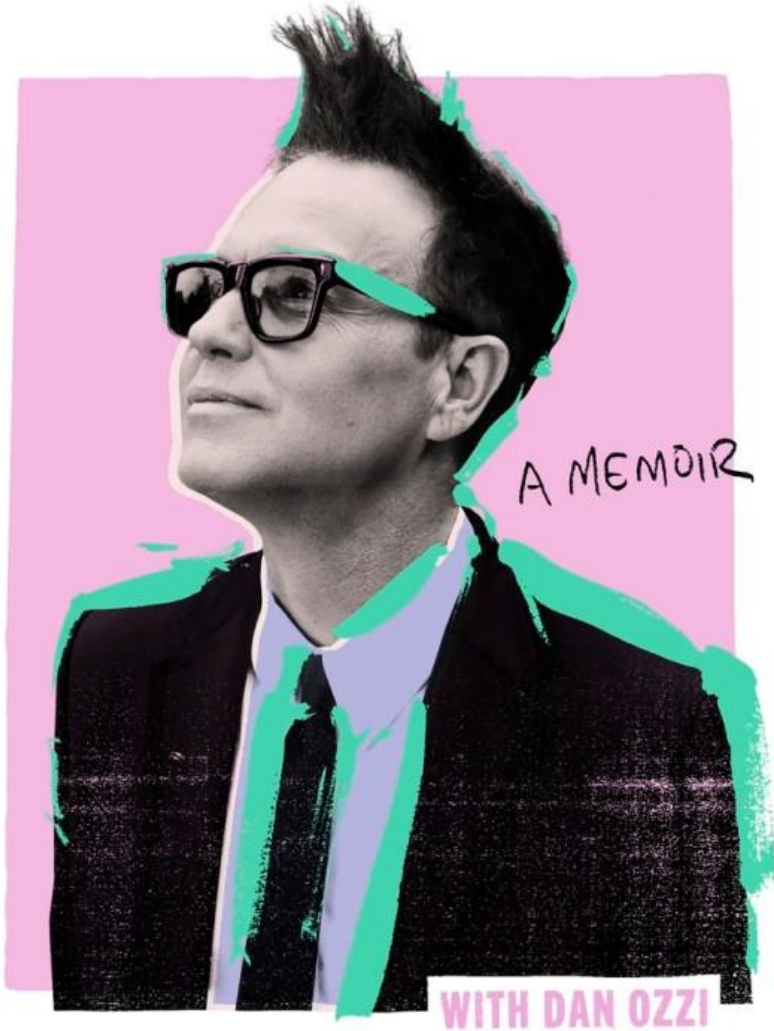
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56. This Hublot watch has been made in collaboration with which artist?

MARK HOPPUS



57. What is the name of Mark Hoppus's memoir? It references both the name of the band he is famous as the frontman of, as well as a 1953 novel. Both the band and the novel have 3 digit numbers as part of their names.

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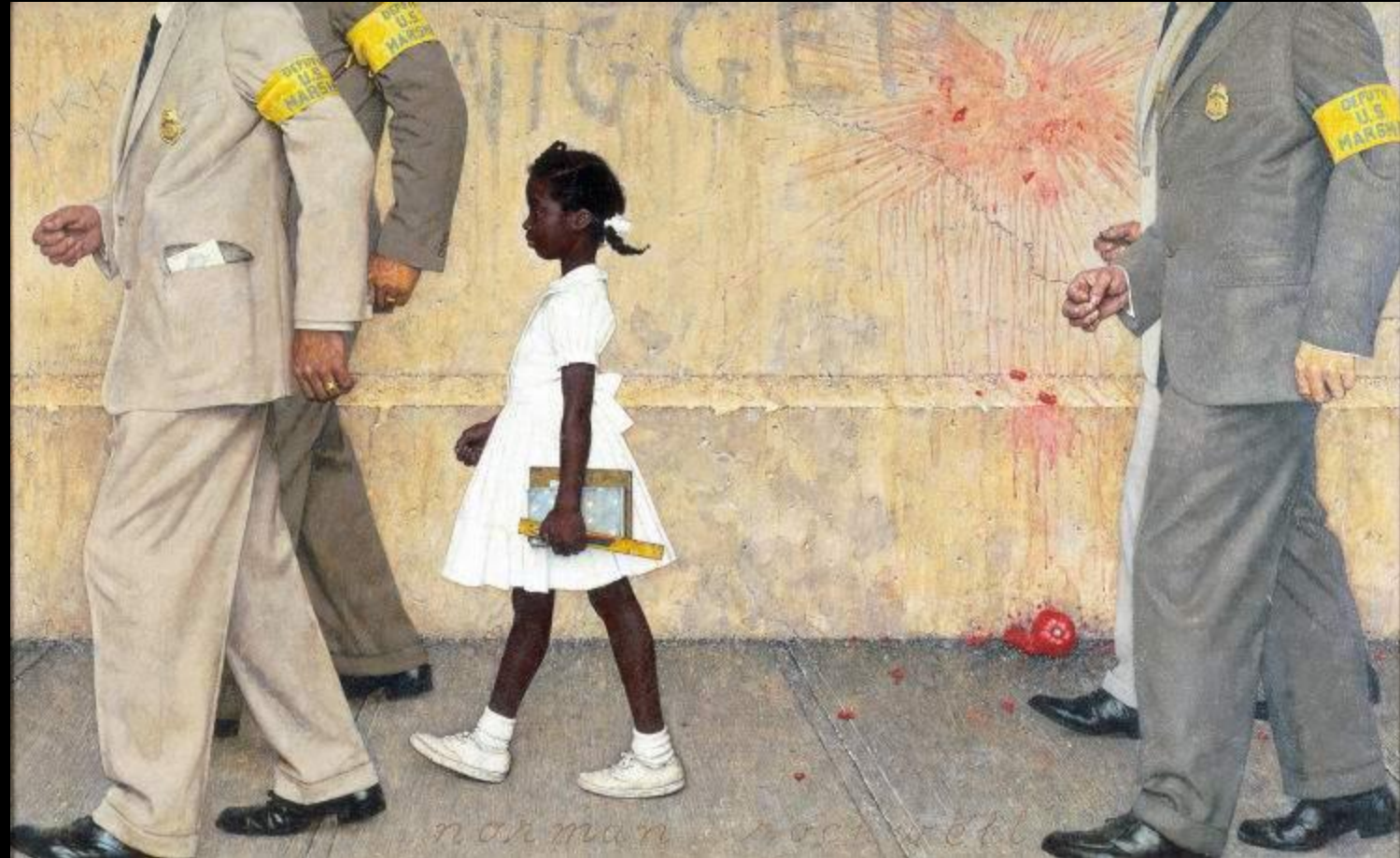
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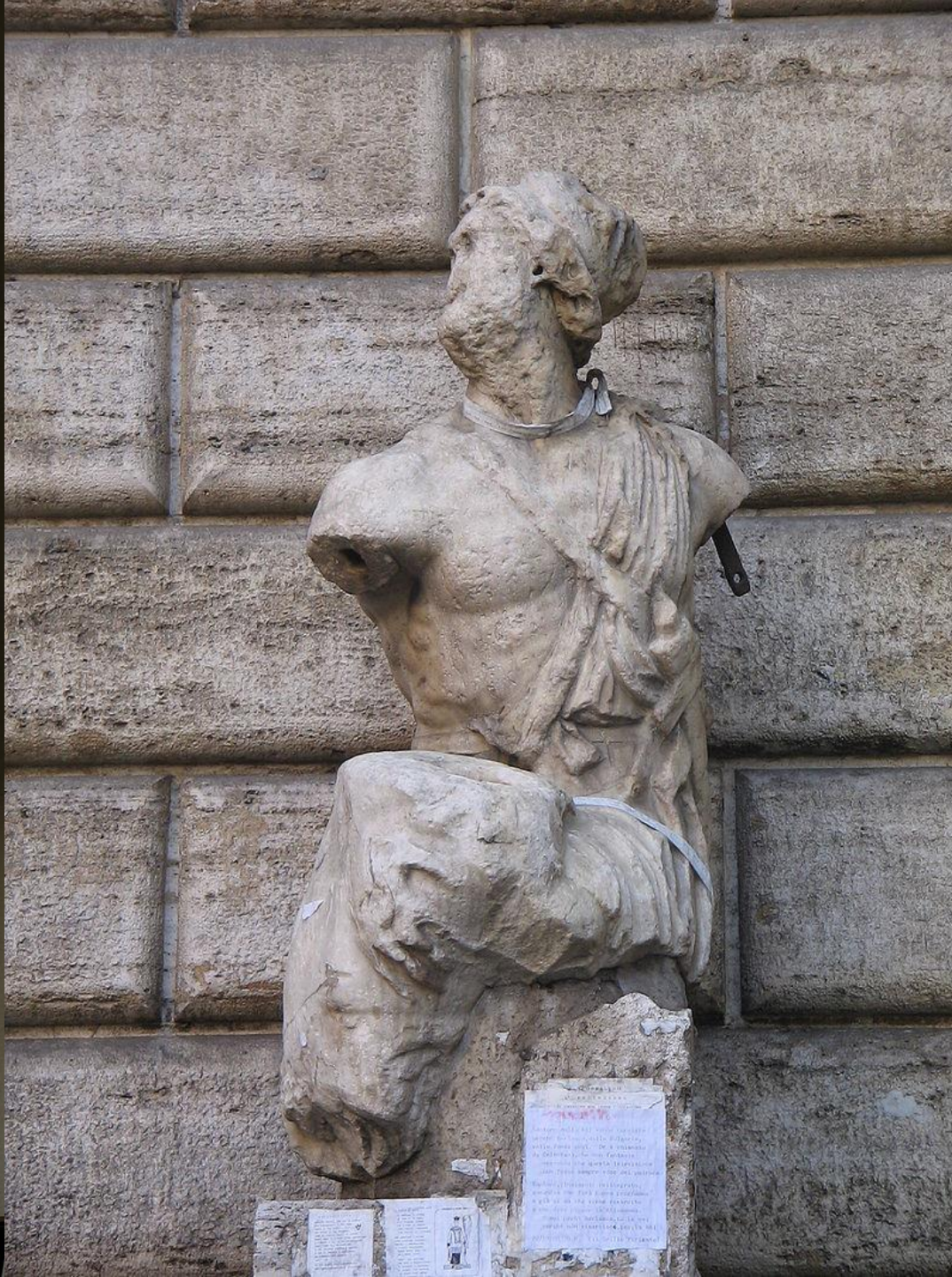
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Answer

(Sangam) Nose

44. Venkatamakhin aka Venkateshwara Dikshita was a minister in the court of Vijayaraghava Nayak, the ruler of Thanjavur. He is most known for his 1635 treatise Chaturdandiprakashika (“The Illuminator of Four Pillars” – the four pillars being aalaapa, taaya, geeta, and prabandha)

What concept did this treatise first introduce?

Answer

The **Melakarta** system to classify raagas



45. High Note for Hemen is a cocktail at AMPM in Kolkata that pays tribute to Hemen and Co., a quaint little music shop tucked in one corner of Rash Behari Avenue. What is the shape of the glass that this cocktail is served in a tribute to?

Answer

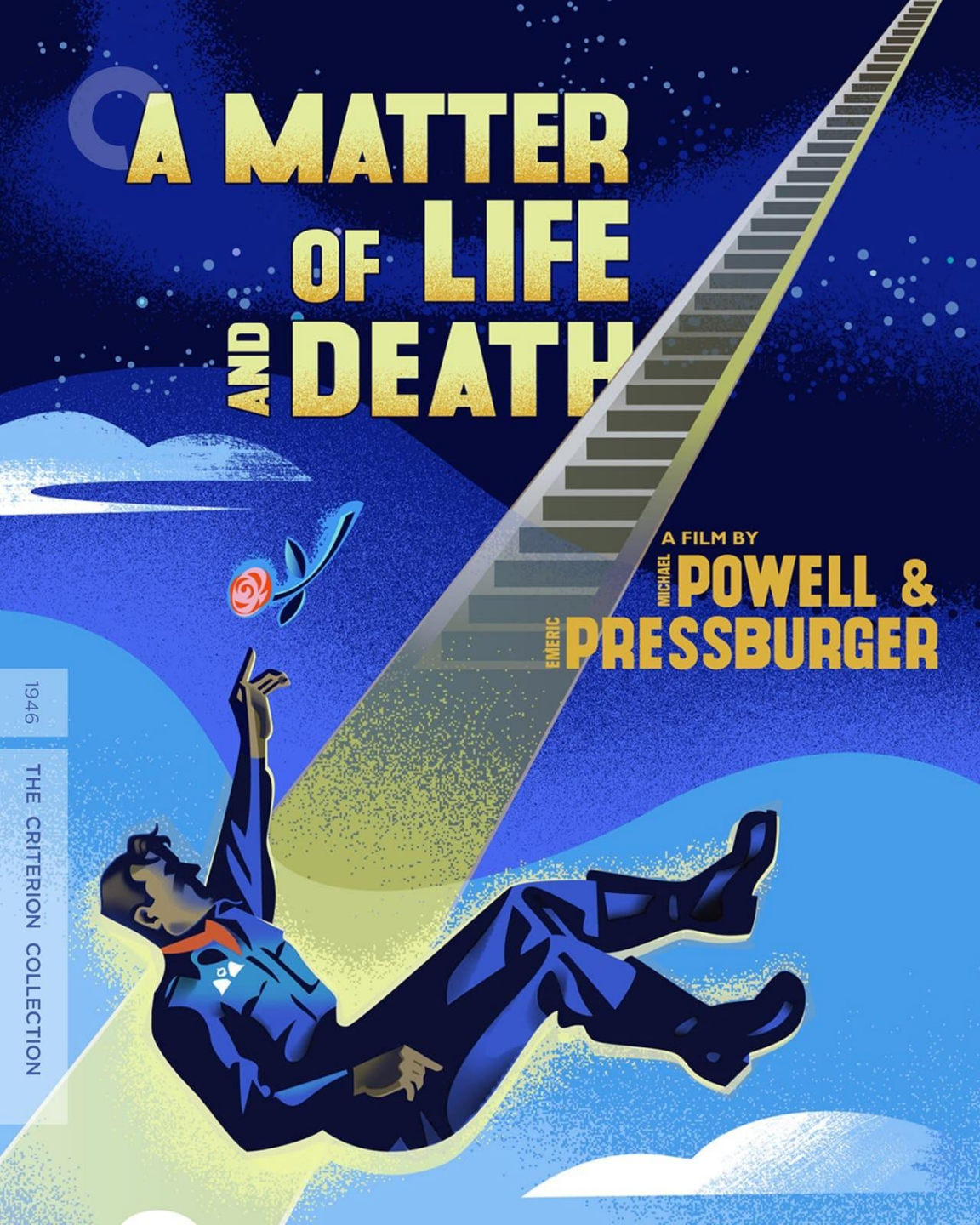
The (tumba) **gourd** used in **Sitars**



46. Which work of literature is the inspiration for this ride in Disneyland, one of the few rides that have been active since the amusement park's inception?

Answer

Wind in the Willows



47. Under what title was this movie released in the US?

Answer

Stairway to Heaven

48. In Dante's *Inferno*, at the bottom of Hell is the three-faced Lucifer. In each of his mouths, he is chewing up history's greatest traitors. If Brutus and Cassius are in two of his mouths, who is being chewed in the third mouth?

Answer

Judas

49. Vodou is Haiti's national religion that worships Bondye. Bondye and all other ancestral spirits live in the land of Ginen, a lush green land of sunshine, peace, and ease. What are the etymologies of Bondye and Ginen respectively?

Answer

Bondye from “bon dieu” – “**Good God**” in French

Ginen from **Guinea**, their ancestral land in West Africa

50. While we associate this three-word phrase with Native Americans, none of the indigenous tribes there have this concept. It was instead something that James Fenimore Cooper came up with in his 1823 novel 'The Pioneers'. What is this phrase, whose usage has even seeped into sports – used for example for Mahela Jayawardene with respect to SSC in Colombo?

Answer

Happy Hunting Ground

51. Names of some of the restaurants in comedy series The Good Place are clever references to both food items and band names. Fill in the blanks in the names of these restaurants with appropriate food items.

_____ and the Jets

_____ and the Banshees

Answer

Beignet

Sushi

52. While most of the work that we associate with this style are from earlier decades, the term was first used in print only in 1966 by Hillary Gelson in an article in The Times, and widely popularised a couple of years later by historian Bevis Hillier through his groundbreaking publication '_____ of the 20s and 30s'.

What style?

Answer

Art Deco



53. When penguins want to move fast on land, they slide on their bellies as shown in the picture. What is this called, named for a mode of transport?

Answer

Tobogganing

This is our new song
Just like the last one
A total waste of time

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54. Fill in the blanks, with the name of this Radiohead song.
Also, what previous song of theirs is it making a reference to?

Answer

My Iron Lung

Creep

55. Fill in the blanks in the names of these courses offered in US colleges (all sets of blanks are the same)

“_____: Musical Aesthetics and Politics” at Yale University

“_____: Race, Gender, and Empire in Reggaeton” at Wellesley College

“_____ and Resistance in Puerto Rico” at Loyola Marymount University

Answer

Bad Bunny

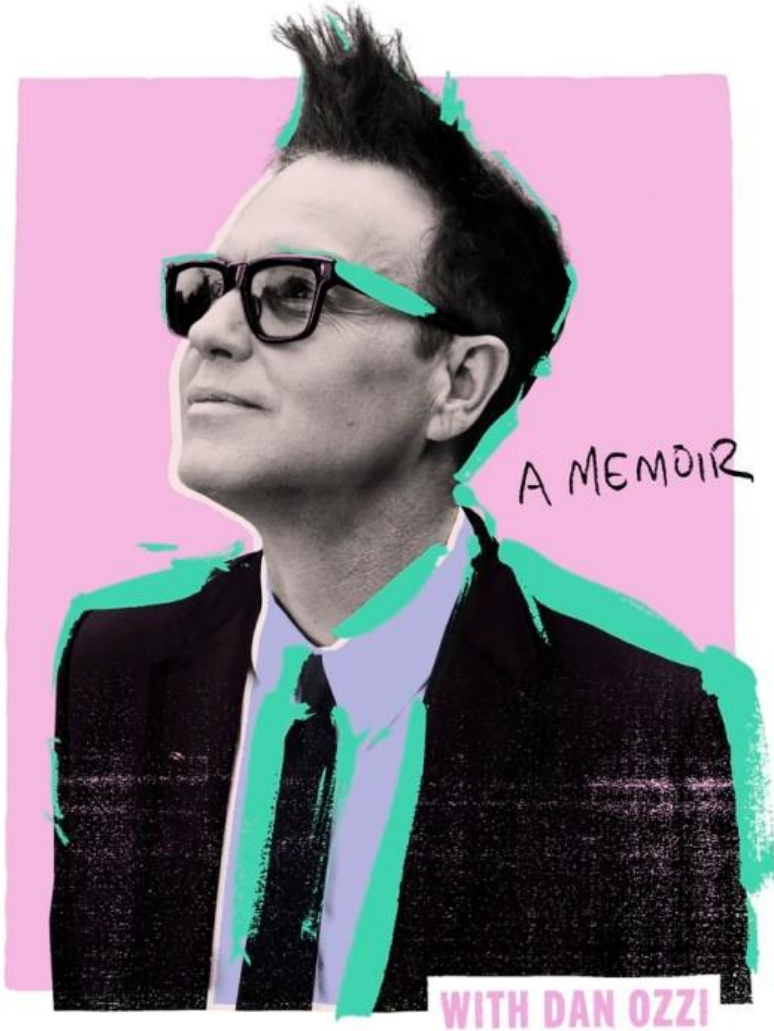


56. This Hublot watch has been made in collaboration with which artist?

Answer

Takashi Murakami

MARK HOPPUS



57. What is the name of Mark Hoppus's memoir? It references both the name of the band he is famous as the frontman of, as well as a 1953 novel. Both the band and the novel have 3 digit numbers as part of their names.

Answer

Fahrenheit 182

58. Whom did disability rights activist Tom Shakespeare describe as “the man who mistook his patients for a literary career”?

Answer

Oliver Sacks

59. The person who came up with it called it “homo bene figuratus”. What do we better know it as?

Answer

The Vitruvian Man



60. Thamesmead was a London neighbourhood built to rehouse families from inner-city Victorian tenements. Its brutalist architecture struck a movie director as the perfect location for a dystopian movie he was making. Which 1971 movie was shot in Thamesmead?

Answer

A Clockwork Orange