



MAHAQUIZZER

2025 ANSWERS

Rules for the proctor

- Do not open till the end of the 90 minutes
- **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 first story is <i>Stone Slabs for Shaista Mahal</i> , and the twelfth is <i>Be a Woman Once, Oh Lord</i> . What is the title of this collection of selected stories?	Heart Lamp: Selected Stories by Banu Mushtaq
2	Which New York City mayor famously refused to disembark from a TWA flight that landed in New Jersey, insisting instead that it continue to Floyd Bennett Field in his home city?	Fiorello La Guardia
3	<i>Banzuke</i> is a ranked list of participants, written in stylized calligraphy and released on the Monday 13 days before a tournament begins. Who are the participants?	Sumo wrestlers (rikishi)
4	In the 2025 documentary <i>Age of Audio</i> , British journalist Ben Hammersley jokingly 'confesses' to creating a word in February 2004, in order to fill space in a <i>Guardian</i> article he was writing about the emerging trend of downloadable audio content. He is thus credited as the inventor of what word ?	Podcast
5	There are three athletes who have won the 5000m, 10000m and Marathon in the modern Olympic Games. If Hannes Kolehmainen and Emil Zatopek are two of them, who is the third?	Sifan Hassan
6	An Odissi dance recital usually follows the following sequence - <i>Mangalacharana, Pushpanjali, Bhumi Pranam, Nritya, Natya</i> and _____. Fill in the blank with the final item that tries to convey a sense of spiritual release and liberation.	Moksha / Mokshya / Mokhya
7	This word refers to a small farm, especially in Scotland, comprising a plot of arable land attached to a house and with a right of pasturage held in common with other farms. We may be more familiar with the word due to the surname of a video game character also known for her wealth. What word?	Croft
8	What surname is shared by the family who were the first to produce three generations of Test cricketers? Grandfather and father were batsmen who represented the West Indies, while grandson was a fast bowler who played for England.	Headley
9	Coastalwood is a common nickname for the film industry of which Indian language ? The first film in this language was 1971's <i>Enna Thangadi</i> , and the all-time highest grosser is 2019's <i>Girgit</i> .	Tulu
10*	A 1974 referendum saw Anjouan, Grande Comore and Moheli vote overwhelmingly to become independent. Which island in the same archipelago voted against independence and has remained an overseas department of France since then?	Mayotte
11	Giacomo Puccini's 1910 opera <i>La fanciulla del West</i> (<i>The Damsel of the West</i>) has retrospectively been dubbed the first example of what artistic genre ? This genre is known by a two-word name and typically associated with films produced in the 1960s and 70s.	Spaghetti Western
12	Linderhof Castle, King's House in Schachen and Herrenchiemsee Palace are complexes associated with King Ludwig II. The properties have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2025, along with which popular location ?	Neuschwanstein Castle
13	What English novel , published anonymously in 1811 under the pseudonym "A Lady," inspired both the 1995 Ang Lee film and the 2000 Tamil film <i>Kandukondain Kandukondain</i> ?	Sense and Sensibility
14	Fill in the blanks in this 1937 Scientific American article with a two word term then in vogue - "A _____ for Mice". The author, C C Little, argued that through science, mice had been positively transformed and had become man's helpers in the fight against cancer.	New Deal
15	Pixelbin, VMake.ai, PicWish, Kaze.ai and AiEase are some of the online tools that have cropped up in the last few months which are used extensively by criminals to perform what almost exclusively malicious procedure ? Your answer should contain a 9-letter word.	Remove AI watermarks
16	Then Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signed a waiver removing this Nobel Peace Prize winner from the U.S. terrorist watchlist, calling the designation "embarrassing." Who ?	Nelson Mandela
17	Wim Wenders' meditative zen film <i>Perfect Days</i> sparked a big rise in visitors to Tokyo's architectural marvels of Shibuya. What is the daily job of the protagonist Hirayama, who performed it with ritual care?	Toilet Cleaner (accept janitor)
18	Who holds the record of the most nominations for the Academy Award for Best Actress without a win? Her six nods include <i>From Here to Eternity</i> and <i>The King and I</i> . Although her original surname is Trimmer, she took her stage name from one of her father's middle names.	Deborah Kerr
19	Courtesy a 2024 election defeat – the first of his career – who fell 67 days short of surpassing Pawan Kumar Chamling as the longest-serving Chief Minister of any Indian state?	Naveen Patnaik

20*	It was founded in 2014 in the Tocarón prison in central Venezuela and may have taken its name from a union of railroad workers building a train connection from Caracas. Which gang is this, active in multiple countries and designated a foreign terrorist organisation by the US?	Tren de Aragua
21	What place with a two-word name in Cambridge, Massachusetts, named in reference to a nearby university, lends its name to Joan Baez's debut album? Tracy Chapman is one of several artists to have busked in this location early in their careers.	Harvard Square
22	The WHO recommended control strategy for which disease consists of a standardized treatment regimen directly observed by a healthcare worker or community health worker for at least the first two months?	Tuberculosis (The strategy is DOTS - directly observed therapy, short course)
23	With a three-word title referencing a classic work of history from the eighteenth century, and featuring a protagonist named Paul Pennyfeather, what 1928 book was Evelyn Waugh's debut novel?	Decline and Fall
24	This 4-letter word has entered the English language twice, once in the 1300s from the Old English word for a device of any kind (later used for a specific cloth-making device), and once in the mid-1500s, from Germanic words for 'slow movement'. What word?	Loom
25	Some medieval recipes, especially those used in the kitchens of royalty, call for the use of a colouring agent named 'red saunders'. It is a brick-red powder made by pulverising the heartwood of the red _____ tree, a species otherwise not related to the <i>Santalaceae</i> family. Fill in the blank.	Sandalwood
26	The <i>Quadrata</i> with four equal arms, the <i>Immissa</i> with the base longer than the other three, the <i>Commissa</i> in the form of the Greek letter tau and the <i>Decussata</i> from the representation of numeral 10 - are all types of iconographic representations of what symbol?	The Cross
27	A June 2025 study by France's food safety agency revealed that, counterintuitively, items sold in glass bottles were shown to contain the highest levels of what global cause for concern? This was said to be due to the method by which the glass bottles are sealed.	Microplastics
28	Just as tree rings are used to determine a tree's age, which body part is used to estimate the age of marine animals like sperm whales and beluga whales? Either of two answers accepted.	Teeth (Also accept Earwax)
29	Swimmers James Magnussen (from Australia) and Ben Proud (from Great Britain), alongside American runner Fred Kerley, are to date the only Olympic medalists who have agreed to take part in what highly controversial multisport event , scheduled to take place in Winchester, Nevada in 2026?	The Enhanced Games
30**	Sharing its name with a communist Marathi-language publication, which feminist film collective was formed in 1980 by Deepa Dhanraj, Abha Bhaiya, Navroze Contractor and Meera Rao? It produced four acclaimed documentaries, including <i>Molkarin</i> (Maid Servant) and <i>Sudesha</i> (As Women See It).	Yugantar
31	Earlier this month, the LA Clippers made headlines by firing a player who was on a farewell tour, and set to retire in 2026 after an illustrious 21-year NBA career. Name the player , who previously played for the Clippers from 2011-17 and is nicknamed Point God for his elite point guard skills.	Chris Paul
32	The shades 'Blending Blue' and 'Go Away Green' are used by the Walt Disney Corporation for what specific purpose in their theme parks?	Camouflage (accept equivalents)
33	Who became the first Pakistani artist to win a Grammy award, winning the Best Global Music Performance in 2022, for <i>Mohabbat</i> from her album <i>Vulture Prince</i> ? She followed this up with a 2024 album titled <i>Night Rain</i> with singles like <i>Raat ki Rani</i> and <i>Whiskey</i> .	Arooj Aftab
34	In the vein of German firm Böcker's cheeky "You need to have fast" line, what well-known Indian brand released a tongue-in-cheek ad riffing on the recent Paris Louvre heist, suggesting its product could have prevented the theft?	Fevicol (jewels stuck firmly together with Fevicol)
35	What Nobel Prize in Literature and Booker Prize winner was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay (2023) for adapting the 1952 Akira Kurosawa film <i>Ikiru</i> into the film <i>Living</i> ?	Kazuo Ishiguro
36	The Janka test, created by researcher Gabriel Janka, measures the force required to embed an 11.28mm diameter steel ball halfway into a sample of, and thus determines the hardness of what type of material? To date, the hardest specimen found has been that of the <i>Allocasuarina luehmannii</i> .	Wood

37	Anti-_____ penetration bombs, or Dibber bombs, are a type of munition consisting of a large elongated primary bomb and smaller attached bomblets. Used to great effect by Israel against Egypt during the Six Day War in 1967, what specific infrastructure are they primarily used to destroy?	Runways
38	Which company's original logo , designed by one of its co-founders, depicted a person sitting under a tree, accompanied by a quote from William Wordsworth: "...a mind forever voyaging through strange seas of thought"?	Apple
39	Now that the Grand Egyptian Museum has opened, Zahi Hawass is demanding the return of the Rosetta Stone, the Dendera Zodiac and which item currently housed in Neues Museum, Berlin?	Nefertiti's bust (accept statue or other equivalents)
40*	Harry Houdini, Henry Ford and JP Morgan appear as characters in which 1975 novel ? Named for a genre of music, it was adapted for film in 1981 and as a Broadway musical in 1998.	Ragtime
41	This name, given to a Shaivite monastic order found predominantly in India and Nepal, refers to the split through the hollow of the practitioners' ears. The practitioners are also known as the Darsanis, Gorakhnathi or Natha Yogis. What name ?	Kanphata yogis
42	Representing the monk who founded Zen Buddhism, these dolls come in two types- the 'winning' version is used to set a specific goal, while the 'fortune-telling' version contains a tiny scroll of written advice. Popular souvenirs, what are these dolls called?	Daruma
43	Earlier this month, a New Zealand man attempted to steal a Faberge Egg worth close to \$20,000 and measuring 8.4cm in length. Police, however, were able to recover the item in what they called a 'natural' manner. In what unusual way had the man purloined the egg?	By swallowing it (accept equivalents)
44	What has Javier Milei used to represent his policy of slashing state spending by cutting the budget for, among others, education, pensions and health? He has brandished this device during his campaign rallies and has also gifted one to Elon Musk.	Chainsaw
45	In June 2017, India and Pakistan joined which international organisation , taking its membership to eight countries? It is based in Beijing and Tashkent, rather than in the city from which it takes its name.	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (accept SCO)
46	_____: <i>The Bizarrely True Story of Andy Serkis</i> is the punny title of an autobiography set for release in late 2026, which details the actor's life and the many forces and stresses exerted upon him in the course of his 40-year career. Fill in the blanks (2, 9) .	My Pressures
47	What is the short word for the Finnish concept that means strength and perseverance in a task that may seem crazy to undertake, almost hopeless. This mentality is credited with helping Finland preserve its independence after the Soviet attack of 1939.	Sisu
48	On listening to a 1920 performance of <i>Gurrelieder</i> , Puccini was disappointed on finding it not radical. He found more satisfaction when he heard <i>Pierrot Lunaire</i> by the same composer in 1924. Which modernist and music theorist composed both works?	Arnold Schoenberg
49	The brand's logo has a picture of a goat and a tiger drinking from the same cup, and it has been in the tea business since 1892. What brand is this? One of its owners, Parag Desai, met an unfortunate end after he was attacked by stray dogs in 2023.	Wagh Bakri
50*	Since his peak in the early 2010s, this musician has slowly receded from the spotlight, sharing details of his mental health struggles in 2023. On April 1 of this year, however, he released his 4th album, <i>F*** U _____ You Think Ur Andy Warhol but Ur Not!!</i> <3 Name him , born Sonny Moore in 1988.	Skrillex
51	Meredith Whittaker was an organiser of the Google Walkout, co-founded the AI Now Institute, and has advised the White House, the FCC, the City of New York and the European Parliament on privacy, security, and AI. What foundation , known for its namesake app, is she now the President of?	Signal
52	A documentation by Diego de Landa, a 16th century Spanish bishop of Yucatan, and the later 20th century work of Yuri Knorozov and other epigraphists resulted in the decipherment of what script ?	Mayan Script
53	In Fantasy Premier League, what chip allows managers to select an entirely new set of players for one gameweek? The term may be more familiar in a cricketing context, where it is used to refer to a rule change introduced in 2007.	Free Hit
54	Satyajit Ray's <i>A Killer in Kailash</i> sees Feluda investigate an antique smuggling ring in Ellora, supported by an Assistant Sub-Inspector. Although this policeman is not from the CID, he	Inspector Ghote

	plays his part in solving A Perfect Murder. What is his last name , familiar to readers of detective fiction?	
55	Novak Djokovic won his 100th ATP title at the Geneva Open in May 2025. Roger Federer has won 103, but which man is first with 109 titles in the Open era, having won his last title in 1989?	Jimmy Connors
56	This dish supposedly gets its name as it was eaten during the Lunar new year. Its earlier iterations consisted of seasonal herbs and vegetables, loosely wrapped in thin pancakes. Which appetiser is this, now associated with many Asian cuisines?	Spring Rolls
57	Of the two words in this fruit's binomial name, the species name <i>comosus</i> is Latin for 'tufted', referring to the stem of the plant. The genus name, however, is the same as the common name of the plant in dozens of non-English languages around the world. What fruit?	Pineapple, or <i>Ananas comosus</i>
58	A document of the US Air Force titled ' <i>Weather as a Force Multiplier: Owning the Weather in 2025</i> ' is used by believers to buttress their claim that governments are spraying the planet with chemical agents from aircraft. What one word is this conspiracy theory known by?	Chemtrail(s) (DO NOT accept Contrails)
59	This work, composed in the 16th century by Melpathur _____ Bhattathiri, is a condensation of the Srimad Bhagavatam into 100 dashakas and is still regularly recited at Guruvayur. Which work is this? (The blank is close to the title of the work.)	Narayaneeyam
60**	What French dystopian novel by Jean Raspail depicts Western civilization's destruction via Third World mass immigration? Popular in far-right circles, its title derives from a Book of Revelation apocalypse passage.	The Camp of the Saints (Accept Le Camp des Saints).
61	What first and last names are shared by: a) a Yale professor who was one of the 20th century's most influential historians of architecture, and b) a baseball commentator who spent sixty-seven seasons as the play-by-play announcer for the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers?	Vincent Scully (accept Vin Scully)
62	Established in 1948, it was created to boost income in Japan after the Second World War, and is one of the few sports in Japan in which betting is allowed. Harrie Lavreysen won gold in Paris 2024. Which cycling event?	Keirin
63	A generational ban on smoking proposed in the UK is going through the legislative process, while New Zealand repealed it in November 2023, less than a year after introduction. Which tourism dependent island nation is surprisingly the first to implement such a ban?	The Maldives
64	Google's quantum chips are named after nature (e.g., Foxtail, Bristlecone, Sycamore). What Salix-genus tree-named chip, released this year, ran an algorithm 13,000 times faster than the top classical supercomputer?	Willow
65	The 1980 aviation drama <i>Cloud Dancer</i> , starring David Carradine and Jennifer O'Neill, is back in the news this year thanks to a somewhat controversial choice made by a company whose selections in previous years include 'Sand Dollar', 'Serenity' and 'Mimosa'. Name the company.	Pantone (these are all names of their various Colors of the Year)
66	Although the Eldorado Mine located in present day Northwest Territories, Canada did not yield any gold deposits, it supplied critical components for what wartime effort in the 1940s? (a two-word answer is sufficient)	Manhattan Project (accept atomic bomb or equivalents)
67	Earlier this year, Heinz UK posted a Tiktok of a fictional yellow sauce, asking 'should we make this?'. This was both a play on an existing Heinz sauce, and an appeal to gen alpha kids, who had been spamming Heinz with the words 'mangos' (sic) and 'mustard'. What was the name of this sauce?	Heinz 67 , instead of Heinz 57
68	On Tolkien's gravestone, he is named "Beren" - a hero of Middle-earth. What name is inscribed on Edith's, completing his line: "For she was (and knew she was) my _____"?	Lúthien
69	The National Film Award for Best Direction has been shared only once - by B V Karanth and Girish Karnad in 1971 for the Kannada film <i>Vamsha Vruksha</i> . The movie was based on a novel by which Kannada author?	S L Bhyrappa
70*	The specialised garden tool that uses a whirling monofilament line instead of a blade, which protrudes from a rotating spindle at the end of a long shaft powered by a motor, is known as what portmanteau word? Weed Whacker is the most popular brand of these.	Strimmer from 'string trimmer'
71	What 6-letter word is used for the developmental stage in most birds between hatching and flight? The stage ends when the _____ feathers are fully developed on the newly matured bird. Alternatively, you can name the 9- or 10-letter word used for specimens that are in the _____ stage.	Fledge OR Fledgling OR Fledgeling
72	Known as <i>Sher e Panjshir</i> , he was a leader of the Afghan mujahideen against Soviet	Ahmed Shah

	occupation, then fought the Taliban as part of the Northern Alliance until he was assassinated on September 9, 2001. Who?	Masood
73	What nation's English name comes from a Germanic root meaning “foreigner,” while its native name derives from a Brythonic word meaning “fellow countrymen”?	Wales (accept Cymru)
74	Delving into a cross-cultural dialogue between its product line Serpenti and the symbolism of the snake or nāga in India, which luxury fashion house was behind the Serpenti Infinito Exhibition held in October 2025 at Mumbai?	Bvlgari (Accept Bulgari)
75	The name of this animal native to Southern Africa, is posited to be derived from the Dutch meaning 'sea feline' or a Sanskrit word for an ape. Which animal is this , neither a feline nor an ape?	Meerkat
76	It is a red berry that is dried and ground. Commonly used in Middle Eastern cooking, it is used in the dressing for fattoush and is an ingredient in zaatar. Originating from the Arabic word for dark red, what is its name?	Sumac
77	Created by Dr. David Jenkins, what is the name for a diet that puts together patterns like nuts and seeds, plant protein and viscous fibre that have been shown to lower cholesterol? Investing in any one pattern or a combination has shown results comparable to taking medications like statins.	Portfolio
78	' <i>The Faithful Bull</i> ' is a 1951 children's story by Ernest Hemingway which revolves around a bull who loved to fight. It is seen as a response to which other work for children published earlier? The latter work was adapted into an animated film, starring John Cena, in 2017.	The Story of Ferdinand (accept Ferdinand the Bull)
79	Franz Liszt is credited with introducing a certain feature of piano recitals, one that continues to this day. Ostensibly this was to let the audience experience the best possible sound emanating from the grand piano, but the change also contributed to the Lisztomania phenomenon. What feature?	sitting SIDEWAYS to the audience (accept equivalents)
80*	Chimpanzees and Bonobos are considered to have a common ancestor that evolved into these two distinct species. Which geographical feature in Central Africa aided this evolution by acting as a barrier?	Congo River
81	Winston cigarettes (1971-2003), Sprint/Nextel telecom services (2004-2016) and Monster Energy drinks (2017-2019) were all title sponsors of what sports series , which from 2019 onwards dropped the title sponsor and instead partnered with Busch Beer, Coca-Cola, Xfinity, and (aptly) Freeway Insurance?	NASCAR Cup Series
82	What Anglican name for the Christian holy day of Pentecost is famously referenced in the title poem of a collection by Philip Larkin, first published in 1964?	Whitsun (accept Whit Sunday)
83	Recently re-elected, Paul Biya, 92, is Africa's oldest head of state. Coming to power in 1982, what country is he the President of?	Cameroon
84	Which Union Territory is referenced in the name of the Indian Railways train 16031/2 that connects Katra and MGR Chennai Central? Its western counterpart's name appears in a train that connects Hazrat Nizamuddin (Delhi) to Ernakulam.	Andaman Express (Accept Andaman and Nicobar, but not Nicobar)
85	The British philosopher Philippa Foot, best known for the "trolley problem", was the granddaughter of which US president? This Democrat was long known as the sole member of a club, until Donald Trump's 2024 election victory.	Cleveland
86	According to ex-Mormon author Alyssa Grenfell, Mormon boys adopted a certain acrobatic move to look cool and impress girls, since they are forbidden from consuming tobacco, alcohol or coffee. Hence singer Benson Boone, who was raised Mormon, has become famous for doing what 8-letter stunt onstage?	Backflip
87	<i>Culiseta annulata</i> were spotted in Iceland for the first time in October 2025, ending the country's _____ free status. Likely introduced via freight or aircraft, their arrival coincides with record-breaking heat, which may support their survival and trigger ecological shifts. FITB.	Mosquito
88	When Amol Rajan, host of University Challenge, asked a question about the dance music emanating from the sound system culture of the 90s, a team answered “drum and bass,” to which Rajan replied, “I can't accept drum'n'bass, _____, _____.” Fill in the blanks with what resulted in a viral music sample.	We need jungle, I'm afraid. (Accept jungle)
89	While living reclusively in Iceland in the 2000s, Bobby Fischer was expected to meet Viswanathan Anand. What Indian pain-relief product (first sold in 1893) did Fischer ask Anand to bring, something he had first discovered in New Jersey stores in 1970s?	Amrutanjan

90**	Taking its name from a biblical patriarch, this is the name for an association of companies that are at least 200 years old, and at least 50% of shares are held by descendants of the founder. Its oldest member is the Japanese hotel Hōshi ryokan, founded in 717. Which association?	Henokiens
91	KEO, standing for _____ Εταιρία Οίνων (or _____ Wine Company) is the most popular brand of beer in what island nation?	Cyprus
92	Calling themselves urban explorers or urbex photographers, people like Bryan Sansivero, Matt Emmett, Angus Mackay and Shane Thoms document buildings with what negative characteristic? There are multiple accounts on Instagram and YouTube devoted to such buildings.	Abandoned buildings
93	Piyush Pandey created a successful campaign for the Pulse Polio Programme. Appropriately, what key word from its slogan was later echoed in advertising campaigns by both Bisleri and Kinley?	Boond (Do Boond Zindagi Ke, Har Boond Mein Zindagi, Boond Boond Mein Sacchai)
94	Showing that some superstitions are alive and well, a few weeks ago, the Spanish town of Terrassa in north-eastern Catalonia banned the adoption of what specific type of pet in the run-up to Halloween, for fear that they would be used in sinister rituals?	Black cats
95	What word , best-known as a form of single-file marching, is used to describe law firms in which compensation is based on seniority? It is often contrasted with "eat what you kill" compensation.	Lockstep
96	What year of the 20th century is the only one ever to see the birth of three future US presidents, all of whom are alive at the time of writing? Adding 100 to this year gives the title of a Wong-Kar Wai film.	1946
97	Highland Papua is one of four provinces established in 2022 after the Indonesian province of Papua was divided. It is the only province in Indonesia without what geographical feature?	Only province without a coastline (accept similar answers)
98	Although not as well-known, John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester (executed by royal order in 1535) was canonised by the Catholic Church on 19 May 1935 (as 'representatives of the many Catholic martyrs of England') alongside which much more famous person?	Thomas More
99	Locally called "Atash Behram," it was established in 470 AD in present-day Iran and is considered the oldest man-made one of its kind, today. The caretaker is known as a Hirbod. What is Atash Behram?	Fire (victory or sacred fire at Yazd, Zoroastrian temple)
100*	He now lives in Bangkok, which he wrote about in <i>Bangkok Days</i> . <i>The Forgiven</i> became a film with Ralph Fiennes and Jessica Chastain in 2022, and <i>The Ballad of a Small Player</i> came out in 2025 starring Tilda Swinton and Colin Farrell. Who is this writer?	Lawrence Osborne
101	Often confused with papaya, it is part of the custard apple or soursop family, though indigenous to the US. It has a custard like flavour, and is eaten raw, but studies indicate that annonacin in the fruit may be linked to atypical parkinsonism. Which fruit is this?	Pawpaw
102	Traditional medicine touted betel nuts as an effective taeniafuge, although nowadays drugs such as praziquantel or albendazole are used. What specifically are taeniafuges used to treat, the occurrence of which in humans is down worldwide thanks to better hygiene and food storage practices?	Tapeworms
103	What chess tournament format, created by Grandmaster Maurice Ashley, consists of matches of 12 games with escalating point values for later wins? The name, borrowed from baseball jargon, refers to a player who excels in decisive, high-pressure moments.	Clutch Chess
104	Which ship held the record for the fastest passage between Sydney and London during the 1880s, although it was originally built to sail a different route?	Cutty Sark (built as a Tea Clipper between China and UK)
105	One of the rarest of the rare earth elements, with natural deposits estimated at less than 1 kg, it is mainly obtained artificially from the fission products of nuclear power plants. Which element named after a figure from Greek myth, as a warning about the nuclear arms race?	Promethium
106	Injury to cranial nerves (resulting in partial facial paralysis, numbness, loss of taste, etc) and damage to the parotid duct (resulting in an excess buildup of saliva) are some of the risks involved in what trendy procedure , which became popular in the 2020s thanks partly to	Buccal fat removal

	model Chrissy Teigen?	
107	This Persian word simply means 'because of' or 'for', and is the title of a song by Shervin Hajipour that won the first Grammy for Best Song for Social Change in 2023. What word?	Baraye
108	In 1961, they were called Sharon and Susan and were played by Hayley Mills. In 1998, they were called Hallie and Annie and were played by whom ?	Lindsay Lohan
109	In 1991, Grateful Dead members Bob Weir and Mickey Hart released 'Rainforest Crisp' in order to raise awareness of the disappearing rainforest. Their reasoning was, 'In most households, the <PACKAGING ITEM> is the only package that gets read'. What kind of edible product was Rainforest Crisp?	Breakfast cereal
110*	<i>Milindapanha</i> is a dialogue on Buddhist doctrine from the 2nd Century with questions and dilemmas posed by the Indo - Greek King Milinda and answered by Nagasena, a senior monk. What is another name for Milinda?	Menander I (Accept Menander)
111	From which region of India, do we get Bhand Pather (meaning 'jester' and 'drama', respectively), a satirical folk theatre style that blends dance, music, and social commentary?	Kashmir
112	What object follows "Aztec" and precedes "Obscura" in the name of Scottish indie-rock bands? The same object names a 1984 song by R.E.M. and a 2025 song by Ed Sheeran.	Camera
113	The native word for hill is Kasozi. This hilly hunting reserve, once teeming with antelopes, especially impalas—was later developed by the British into a fort and city. Which present-day capital city emerged from it?	Kampala
114	A Google search for what two-word term brings up results for annual celebrations in at least ten American agricultural towns (the largest of which occurs in Dothan, Alabama, and was started in 1938), as well as one much closer to home established roughly 500 years ago?	Peanut fair or Peanut festival (accept kadlekai parishe / groundnut fair)
115	In the most recent census (2011), which was the only Indian state to record a decline in population? Its most populous city is Dimapur.	Nagaland
116	What now obsolete technology is referred to in the names of news agencies of Albania (ATA), Norway (NTB), Sweden (TT) and Russia (TASS)?	Telegraph (accept Telegram)
117	The reason behind the behaviour of gazelles in which they spring into the air, lifting all four feet simultaneously off the ground with the legs held stiff, is unclear. Rapid escape, a warning to other gazelles, or to detect ambushes are some of the reasons posited. What is this behaviour called?	Stotting OR Pronking OR Pronging
118	' <i>La isla al revés</i> ' (The Island Upside Down) by Joaquin Balaguer is a 1983 book that explores the fraught and often violent relationship between these two countries that share an island. Name the island.	Hispaniola
119	As seen in the names of an airport in Lahore and a university in Islamabad, the poet Muhammad Iqbal is commonly known by what honorific , given to Islamic scholars as a mark of erudition?	Allama (accept Allamah)
120**	The type of wall cladding that consists of overlapping planks of rough wood often painted white and hammered into walls is given what 7-letter name , thanks to its similarity in appearance to the sides of sailing vessels?	Shiplap
121	Which festival , though similar to Deepawali, includes the celebration and worship of four animals associated with the Hindu god of death, Yama - namely the crow, dog, cow, and oxen - as part of a five-day observance known as Yama Panchaka?	(Deepawali/Diwali) Tihar
122	Studies have reported that 15–25% of Dalmatians are affected by this condition. The British Dalmatian Club recommends purchasing only puppies that have been BAER-tested. What does this test determine?	Deafness (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response)
123	What creature links the following: a prisoner played on screen by Steve McQueen, a pasta shape, and a war fought between the government of California and Native Americans in the 1850s?	Butterfly
124	Shola ____ (also referred to as Indian cork) is a dried milky-white spongy plant matter from the <i>Aeschynomene</i> genus of the legume family of plants. Cured and hardened, it is the source of the ____ used in what two-word item of apparel , long seen as a symbol of colonialism?	Pith helmet
125	The part of a Tennis service motion when the ball has been tossed into the air, the server's arm that tossed the ball is still straight, and the arm with the racket is bent behind the body is	Trophy

	known as _____ Position, due to its depiction in various artefacts. Fill in the blank.	
126	This abstract expressionist started creating works on a large canvas in the 1960s. One of the reasons attributed is that she could use the studio of her then deceased husband, instead of the small bedroom which she painted in. Which artist , often overshadowed by her husband?	Lee Krasner
127	According to Hindu mythology, Gayatri, Brihati, Ushnih, Jagati, Trishtubha, Anushtubha, and Pankti are the names of what group of animals associated with one deity?	Seven horses of Surya
128	While the UK tried sending asylum seekers to Rwanda, and the US is deporting people across the world, with which country has Australia signed a billion dollar deal to accept some of its foreign detainees? This country was earlier supposed to run Australia's offshore immigration processing regime.	Nauru
129	In 2016, a jury awarded one Terry Bollea \$140 million in his case against Gawker Media, which resulted in Gawker filing for bankruptcy. Peter Thiel had secretly given Bollea \$10 million for the lawsuit, but how do we better know Terry Bollea?	Hulk Hogan
130*	___1___ ___2___ is a podcast in which host John Mills interviews the kids of celebrities, be they nepo babies or entirely unconnected to their parents' work. The podcast's name is a pun on the select company that these people keep, and the fact that they are all ___2___s of famous people. FITB (8, 4).	Rarified Heir
131	"The great number of dye-works makes the city unpleasant to live in, yet it makes the city rich through the superior skill of its inhabitants." These words by the Greek geographer Strabo refer to which Middle Eastern city ?	Tyre
132	What high-vitamin-C, fuzzy-skinned fruit is grown abundantly in Arunachal Pradesh's Ziro Valley and fermented into India's very first commercially produced wine of its kind at Naara-Aaba Winery?	Kiwi (accept Chinese gooseberry)
133	In India, what name is given to a process that sees the preparation of fresh electoral rolls through house-to-house visits, recording eligible voters as of a set date?	Special Intensive Revision (accept SIR or Intensive Revision)
134	The first privately-funded soup kitchen in America was founded in Chicago in 1930, at the height of the Great Depression. According to contemporary accounts, it ladled out a hearty beef and tomato soup, served over pasta. Who founded this soup kitchen, in an effort to rehabilitate his image?	Al Capone
135**	What American artist , known for rejecting both painting and traditional sculpture, pioneered the use of industrial materials and geometric repetition to create "specific objects", a term he coined in a 1964 essay that helped define the Minimalist movement?	Donald Judd
136	He is a neuroscientist and tenured professor in the Departments of Neurobiology and Ophthalmology at Stanford University School of Medicine. He has one of the top health and science podcasts in the world, and is the author of the upcoming "Protocols: An Operating Manual for the Human Body," Who ?	Andrew Huberman
137	Sharing her surname with a legendary coach from another sport, which Italian was the second woman to drive in Formula One, and the first to score, earning half a point at the 1975 Spanish Grand Prix?	Lella Lombardi
138	The country's 1974 constitution defined an office of President of the Presidency, effective after the then President relinquished power. This resulted in each of the constituent republics serving as the leader on an annual basis starting 1980 till the dissolution of the post. Which country ?	Yugoslavia
139	According to the company, these instruments in its logo symbolise the three essential musical elements - melody, harmony, and rhythm. Invented by John Shore in 1711, what precision instrument is this?	Tuning Fork (The logo is of Yamaha)
140*	Also known as Osariya in Sinhalese, this saree differs from the traditional Indian saree in two key ways - the <i>nariya</i> (a short cloth wrapped around the midriff) and the <i>pota</i> (pallu). Named after a city, what are these sarees commonly known as?	Kandyan saree
141	<i>Higgledy - piggedly / _____ / Liked to use dashes / Instead of full stops. / Nowadays, faced with such / Idiosyncrasy / Critics and editors / Send for the cops.</i> Whose name fills the blanks in this poem by Wendy Cope?	Emily Dickinson
142	Actors Caleb McLaughlin, Dallas Dupree Young, Alex R. Hibbert and Justice Smith are	Miles Morales (DO

	reportedly the top contenders to play the live-action version of what alliteratively-named character? The current voice actor, Shameik Moore, is eager to play the live-action role but is reportedly out of contention.	NOT accept just Spider-man)
143	In the middle of the 18th century, Pehr Osbeck travelled to China, Pehr Kalm to North America and Pehr Löfling to Spain and Venezuela. These expeditions had the approval and recommendation of which personality who had an interest in their specimen collections?	Carl Linnaeus
144	The 2025 American film <i>Good Boy</i> , which involves a dog named Indy attempting to save his owner from the supernatural spirits that threaten to engulf their isolated house, has drawn comparisons to what animated comedy-horror series that ran on Cartoon Network from 1999-2002?	Courage the Cowardly Dog
145	Daphne Caruana Galizia was a reporter who had been a target of multiple attacks before she was killed by a car bomb in 2017. The year she died, she had published allegations linking Joseph Muscat, the then-prime minister, to the Panama Papers. Which European island country did she work in?	Malta
146	The latest installment of the <i>Doom</i> game series, <i>Doom: The Dark Ages</i> , takes place in a medieval setting. Thus, the game is the first in the series to not feature the iconic BFG weapon (standing for Big F***ing Gun). Instead, the game features the BFC. What does the 'C' stand for?	Crossbow
147	A 2002 exhibition titled ' <i>Chain Reaction</i> ' saw paintings, video, sculpture, and site-specific installations that celebrated rudimentary processes and illogical organization. Appropriately, these were exhibited alongside drawings of which 20th century cartoonist?	Rube Goldberg
148	What military rank features in the titles of works by Mahmoud Dowlatabadi, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Honoré de Balzac? The spelling of this rank varies across languages; we are looking for the English version.	Colonel
149	Which city in South Africa's Gauteng province, previously called Verwoerdburg, was renamed by its residents in 1995 after the local cricket ground? The ground itself is now called SuperSport Park.	Centurion
150	A. Ananda Rao's <i>Ramavarma Leelavati Charitre</i> , published in 1889, is a Kannada adaptation of a tragedy. Contrary to the original, the play has a happy ending with Lord Vishnu bringing the title characters back to life. What work served as the source material for this effort?	Romeo and Juliet