



MindSweep 2026

Part II – Music, Sciences, Social Sciences, Sports and Games

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This BOOKLET contains 80 questions, divided into 4 topics. It comprises Part II of the contest. Your cumulative score across the eight topics will determine your ranking.

Rules:

- You have 60 minutes to answer as many of these questions as possible.
- Papers will be swapped with another player for marking at the end of 60 minutes.
- Unless stated in the question, last names will suffice. However, if you give the wrong first name, your answer will be incorrect!
- Phonetically correct answers will be accepted.
- After the four topics have been marked, you will get your paper back and you have 5 minutes to check you agree with the marking. Disputes must be referred to the coordinator in this time. Please indicate which answer(s) you are querying with a large “?” question mark.
- At the end of marking, your checker should copy your scores into the table on this sheet. If you agree with their marking, sign next to the score(s) to confirm this. Your complete script should then be handed in (it will be returned to you later). Once this has been done, no further discussions will be entered into about your score. The score signed for will be considered to be correct.
- The overall highest scoring player from all participating venues will be the KQA MindSweep Champion 2026.
- In the event of a tie, your lowest scores will be compared and the person with a higher score there will win.
- In the event of any unprecedented occurrence or unforeseen circumstances arising in the course of the quiz, your proctor’s decision shall be final and binding. KQA will adjudicate if the proctor refers the matter to us.
- Your commencing to answer the questions indicates your acceptance of these rules.
- Thank you.

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#	Topic	Marks
1	Music	
2	Sciences	
3	Social Sciences	
4	Sports and Games	
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1	They are usually identified by a number and letter combination. The number usually refers to the diameter, with lower numbers being thicker. The letters denote further variations. What familiar object with a 10-letter name?		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	The composer Gabriela Lena Frank won this 2026 award for a piece titled Picaflora. The first ever awardee was Duke Ellington in 1965, but he was denied the prize by the advisory board which didn't agree with the jury. Which award?		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Francesco and Omobono followed in their illustrious father's footsteps. after his death in 1743. What surname , meaning toll-collector or road-keeper in Italian?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	He released his 21st studio album in 2025, titled Look Up In collaboration with T-Bone Burnett. He is listed as drumming, whistling, and doing lead vocals on the tracks. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The Alhamra Arts Council, where this performance took place in February 1986, was then a 450-seater. The recording we have listened to is actually an encore, performed on audience request, and then recorded. What 1986 performance , originally titled <i>The Face of Your Lord</i> ?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Guitarist Slash said that the album X he'd want played at his funeral is a group of three piano pieces, extremely popular and iconic, by a French composer Y. Identify X OR Y.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	They were widely known as Pakistan's first and most successful pop band to follow Nazia and Zoheb and started to gain attention during the time of President Zia Ul Haq. Later one of the band members, Salman Ahmad, left to form the band Junoon. Name this famous band which released two eponymous albums?		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	The name of this 2019 album by a female American artiste refers to a painter known for idealised portraits of American life, with a swear-word thrown in between his name and surname. Name the painter.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	This Indian musical instrument is renowned for its ability to mimic the nuances and expressive range of the human voice and consists of three hollow chambers named stomach, chest and brain. Which instrument?		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	The inspiration for 'The Happy Dictator' came from Gorillaz creator Damon Albarn's visit to a particular country where he learned about X who wanted everyone to, "only think happy thoughts and sleep unaffected by the doom of the world, and just keep everything upbeat" as a result of which, "he kind of banned all bad news." Name X who ruled from 1985 until his death in 2006.		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Which 1990s band's name was inspired by a passage from C. S. Lewis's book Mere Christianity that compares a life devoted to God with a small child going to its father and asking him for _____ to buy him a birthday present?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	A viral Canadian rock duo known for complex, microtonal compositions in the style of math rock and experimental rock, and an absurdist public image, featuring oversized papier-mâché masks and black-and-white polka-dotted costumes have taken their name from the medical French term for chest pain. What do they call themselves?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Either derived from the Middle French sacquer (to pull) and bouter (to push) or from the Spanish sacar (to draw or pull) and bucha (a tube or pipe), a sackbut is an early form of which instrument , the name of which predates the term sackbut?		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	On the Carol Burnett show in 1976, they introduced themselves as thus: The Oldest _____, the Swingingest _____, the Dancingest _____, the Skinniest _____, and the Cutest _____. What group?		<input type="checkbox"/>

15	Sahara: EDM & Hip-Hop/ Yuma: House & Techno/ Sonora: Punk & Latin Alt/ Mojave: Indie & Alt-Rock/ Gobi: Global & Eclectic. Where would you find these venue names?		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	This musician is returning to this responsibility in 2026 with a number titled ____ meaning "Come on!" or "Let's go!" featuring Burna Boy. The last time she did this was in 2010, and the result was a massive hit. Who? OR what is she doing again in 2026?		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Michael Jackson's "Liberian Girl" features an African singer saying a few words in an African language. Name the language , that is a major language of the coast opposite where Liberia is located.		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Ted Turner's father's line of business is the blanked-out word in this Ogden Nash poem "I think that I shall never see/ A _____ lovely as a tree", What word, that also stands for a music record chart in the US?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	In February 2026 music director Anirudh Ravichander announced the launch of his own music label. What is the music label , that is also the surname of the Portuguese Viceroy of Goa (1509-1515), who gave his Christian name to a mango varietal?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	His crop of curly red hair, inherited from his father, earned this composer the nickname il Prete Rosso, the Red Priest. He wrote more than 500 concertos, including ~230 for violin, and for his most famous work, he is believed to have written poetry across its fragments, which include instructions such as "The barking dog," "Languor caused by the heat," and "the drunkards have fallen asleep." Which composer?		<input type="checkbox"/>

1	Helena Teede is an endocrinologist whose work has resulted in a recent rechristening which reflects the fact that the key impacts are on insulin resistance and on the androgens. What was rechristened thus? Alternatively, give the new name.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	In 1999, the UN General Assembly voted to celebrate World Space Week annually from 4 October to 10 October. These two dates were chosen to acknowledge two separate events that occurred within ten years of each other. If the second event goes back to 1967, give us any one event.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	This disease is named after its most visible effects. Sufferers have skin which seems to peel or form bumps--and so the Greek word for scale is now in use. What disease?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Literally 'daughter of the wind' in Greek, this 7-letter word is applied to a common flowering plant because it begins to appear in the windy season in the West. A sea creature is named on account of its similarity to this genus. What name is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	He was one of the members of a team commissioned by royal order to investigate Mesmer and his claims. That declared him a fraud. Other members included Lavoisier and Benjamin Franklin. This early enthusiast for Edward Jenner's vaccinations was also an opponent of prolonged suffering, but this eventually led him to oppose capital punishment. Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	One of the biggest winners in the AI boom is a tiny island called Anguilla that made \$132 million last year without building a single model. How?		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Laws that endangered his Jewish wife Laura Capon and his children led to his plan of not returning to his home country following his trip to Stockholm to collect his Nobel prize in 1938. Which famous scientist?		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Gabriel's Horn is a geometric figure that has a finite volume but an infinite surface. It is often referred to by an alternative alliterative name "____'s Trumpet" referring to a famous scientist who proposed this shape. FITB with a name who is also associated with other physical discoveries.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Which word comes from the Latin 'to milk out' with the fat (butter) in milk being the classic example of it?		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	One of a category of lifting devices used by stonemasons to lift large stones into place with a crane, chain block, or winch, the name _____ may come from the Latin word for "to levitate" or "lift". Other sources, however, speculate that the term may derive from a personal name. What is it?		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Used to treat mild itching and minor skin conditions, what medication made from a combination of powdered zinc oxide and 0.5% ferric oxide gets its name from the historic name for an ore of zinc?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	When about 3000 UN troops died from hemorrhagic fever during the Korean war, a team of scientists were sent to study what caused it. They isolated the agent in 1978 when they came across the vector, a striped field mouse, near the _____ river and thus named it after the river. What river? Or how else are we familiar with the name right now?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	When Germans began using poison gas in WWI, Allied scientists experimented with materials that could trap poison gases. They discovered that the remnant of a common ingredient, when burnt, created a dense porous structure, which trapped the gas molecules before they reached the lungs. What food item? The resulting product is a popular ingredient in the cosmetic industry.		<input type="checkbox"/>

14	Drag is the key force at the centre of this activity. The turn, which usually takes about 15-35 milliseconds, is caused by the massive amounts of aerodynamic resistance on one side. The moment the turn occurs the object slows down thanks to the same drag, which also serves to keep the object within a certain boundary. What are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	In May 2026 the Andhra Pradesh government launched a conservation survey of the shimmering Peacock tarantula, also known as the Gooty sapphire tarantula. In 1899 this tarantula was identified as a new species and given the name Poecilotheria _____. Fill in the blank with the name of an American band founded in 1981- the band name starts with its music genre.		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	In the second half of 2026, Pittsburgh-based Astrobotics plans to land a suite of cargo from both NASA and the European Space Agency at the lunar south pole's Nobile Crater. Which legendary creature- that is both "king of the beasts" and "king of the birds"- is this lunar lander named after?		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Shekar Dattatri's 12-minute film of 2001 'Mindless Mining...', about a rapacious iron ore mining project in the middle of a rainforest national park in south India, helped convince decision makers to order operations to be stopped. Which national park?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	In an essay for the magazine <i>UnHerd</i> , Richard Dawkins wrote about being impressed by conversations with Anthropic's chatbot, wondering whether such an apparently thoughtful machine could truly be unconscious. In response, the media and readers online jokingly coined what punny phrase?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	The first evidence of this exists in the form of an advertisement in <i>The Times</i> , published in 1825. The ad introduced the first ever series hosted by John Millington on Natural Philosophy. Other hosts to have hosted this include William and Lawrence Bragg, Sir David Attenborough, Carl Sagan and Dame Nancy Rothwell. What is being talked about?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	<i>Valonia ventricosa</i> is also known as bubble algae, and sea grape, and it looks like how it sounds -- a large tennis ball sized green bubble-shaped organism. What record in the living world does this creature hold?		<input type="checkbox"/>

1	These buildings often reflect local realities: in Santiago, Chile, it resembles a set of sails, while the one in Colombia looks like a cocoa seed. The one in India has a similar local connection. Whatever these variations might be, they all return to number nine as a structuring principle in various forms--entrances, ponds and such. Which specific group of buildings?		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	The Tamizh word for a Christian priest and the Japanese term for a Christian missionary-- <i>bateren</i> --owe their origins to a similar interaction with a foreign language. Give us either the word OR the foreign language.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	This 5-letter word comes from the Greek word for 'pasture'. French philosopher Gilles Deleuze borrows this term to depict a form of intellectual freedom built on borrowing eclectically from different sources. What term did Deleuze use thus?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	This historian's 2017 biography of a key Indian historical figure, subtitled The Man and the Myth, makes the argument that casting him as bigot serves key political purposes in the present. Identify the historian, OR name the subject , also the protagonist of a tragedy by his contemporary, John Dryden.		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Banarisdas was a Shrimal Jain merchant who wrote an account in 1641 of the values, practices and experiences of a medieval mercantile community during Mughal rule. He was 55 years old at that time and his account was titled " Ardhakathanaka " translated as Half a Tale. Which Jain belief led to the name of the book?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Eleanor Crosses are a series of twelve 13th-century memorial monuments erected by King Edward I to honor his beloved wife, Eleanor of Castile, who died in 1290. They marked the nightly resting places of her body during its funeral procession from Harby to Westminster Abbey. Which was the last resting place before Westminster Abbey, named after the Old English word for " bend in the river "?		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	When two of King Dilipa's widows have union, one gets pregnant and gives birth to X. However, the baby is deformed until he encounters the sage Ashtavakra, who transforms him into a beautiful, strong child. Who is X , well known for a famous penance/labour?		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	_____ Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community by Robert D. Putnam argues that American civic and social life has declined since the 1960s, evidenced by less participation in organizations, fewer friends, and weaker community ties, all symbolized by people _____ in leagues less often. Fill in the blank with a once-common American pastime.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	With his title "The Ape and the _____ Master: Cultural Reflections by a Primatologist", author Frans de Waal presents an analogy between how behaviors are learned and passed down in primate societies and the cultural process of how _____-making skills are passed down from master to apprentice. Fill in the blank.		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	A cave in the Bashelaksky Range of the Altai Mountains in Siberia, Russia, named after an Old Believer hermit, Dyonisiy who inhabited it in the 18th century, also gave its name to something in the world of paleoanthropology. What?		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	What five letter acronym is used to refer to the opposition by residents to proposed real estate development and infrastructure developments in their local area, with the connotation that such residents are only opposing the development because it is close to them and that they would tolerate or even support it if it were built farther away?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	This rhyming phrase originates from the 1970 Japanese phrase 'Bukimi no tani'. It was coined by Masahiro Mori to describe the sudden dip in human comfort when robots look almost human. What phrase? (7, 6) The first word describes an unsettling feeling especially popular in the 19th century.		<input type="checkbox"/>

13	This common activity is forbidden amongst the women of the Himba tribe in Namibia. Instead, they primarily use otjize, a mixture of butterfat, red ochre, and herbs, to keep themselves protected, this also gives their skin and hair a distinctive red shade throughout their lives. What activity? That they only perform once, usually on their wedding day.		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Originally, Kip, a centipede was in the running to be the logo of this organisation. It was somewhat lauded for portraying the collaborative spirit of the organisation but was finally rejected because it would give people the creeps. On the 25th Anniversary of the org, they announced Kip would be back as the official logo as an April Fool's prank. What organisation?		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	In England of the 1850s it became common practice to place a small piece of cloth on the backs of chairs and sofas, to protect upholstery from the popular hair conditioner _____ oil. This piece of cloth is still known as an anti_____. What word fills in both blanks- it is the name of a port city that is now the capital of the Indonesian province of South Sulawesi.		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	In the Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey the King of England is still informally known as the duke of which coastal region in Northern France?		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	In carpentry and metal work this word means a small patch or plug fitted into a surface to repair damage with minimum change in appearance. In nautical usage it means a length of rope added to extend another line. When capitalised it is the male demonym of a European country. What 8-letter lower-case word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	International relations theorist Graham Allison who came up with this two-word phrase in 2010, identified 16 times in history that a rising power threatened to displace a ruling one. According to his tally, which is subjective, 12 of the 16 rivalries ended in conflict. What in-the-news phrase is this?		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	The ___ page test is a quick and fun measure of a book's quality, whose creation is attributed to Marshall McLuhan, the communications theorist who came up with "the medium is the message". He recommends that book browsers turn to page ___ of any book and read it. If they like that page, they buy and read the book. What number fills the blank?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	He "attends" every council meeting of the University College London and is always recorded as 'present but not voting', except when the council is split on a motion. On those rare occasions he gets a vote, and always votes in favour of the motion, due to his "mischievous personality". Who?		<input type="checkbox"/>

1	The French built an almost cathedral like structure in the town of Austerlitz with a capacity of 50cubic metres. What 19th century problem were they trying to solve by 2024?		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	It might sound royal in origin, but this sporting term of 7 letters actually has its origins in a Venetian dialect word meaning contest or competition. It continues to be used today as an umbrella term for a set of races. The word is also used for an annual Harvard-Yale face-off. What 7-letter word?		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	This is India's largest Ramsar site and spreads across three districts. It seems to take its name from neem being a once dominant species in the local ecosystem. Name this Ramsar site , which has hosted an annual championship since 1952?		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	News reports from Zimbabwe spoke of several newborn children being given the name Three Medals after the 2004 Olympics. Some people went back to this story after a 2025 elevation made Olympic history in a different way. Who connects these two events, separated by about two decades?		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Cherie Devaux made history this year for being the first female trainer to win a certain sporting event. Which event?		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Following his long stint with Adidas, Ivan Lendl signed a partnership with this Japanese sports company in 1990, wearing their athletic wear and using a customized "Ivan Lendl" Type-R racket. Name the company.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	The last few instances used Jabulani, Brazuca, Telstar , and Al Rihla . What is being used in the latest edition?		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Who won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 to earn the right to challenge Ju Wenjun, the reigning five-time Women's World Champion for the title of Women's World Chess Champion?		<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Identify this ancient Egyptian board game _____ that consists of ten or more pawns on a 30-square playing board. The name means "passing" and is a homophone of a term used for an assembly or council that itself comes from a word for "elder man".		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the etymology of which children's game comes from two words with the latter word being used in the sense of "an incised line or scratch"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Jump In! is a 2007 sports comedy-drama that revolves around a young boxer training to win the Golden Glove, until his friend asks him to substitute for a team member in a _____ tournament which unlocks his passion for the new activity. What activity , despite its name is unlikely to have any connection with a particular group of people?		<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Variously described as a "short passing style in which the ball is worked carefully through various channels, "and a "nonsensical phrase that has come to mean short passing, patience and possession above all else", what two word phrase was popularized by Spanish football broadcaster Andrés Montes to describe Spain's precise, elegant passing style: "Estamos tocando ____ - ____ ____ - ____"?		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	What rare feat would you have achieved in a certain sport if you 'Robin Hooded'?		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	The British tournament for this sport dates back to Good Friday in 1588. It was apparently started when two men decided to fight for the hand of a milk maiden named Joan. After a series of sporting events had left them at a 6-6 draw, Joan decided this sport would be the tie-breaker. Another theory for this choice is attributed to it being considered a Lenten sport. What are we talking about?		<input type="checkbox"/>

15	E.I. is an extreme sport invented by Phil Shaw in 1997. When Shaw, nicknamed 'Steam', returned home after a long day at his Knitwear factory, he realised he had a lot of chores to do, but his heart was set on rock climbing so he combined the two activities. Just expand EI or give a description.		<input type="checkbox"/>
16	What sporting equipment gets nicknamed "Cheese" on account of its appearance?		<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Forward Sports, a company that has produced FIFA World Cup balls for Adidas since 2014, is based in which city , the birthplace of Bollywood actors Rajendra Kumar and AK Hangal and the poet Muhammad Iqbal?		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Sabastian Sawe's new world record of 1:59:30 in the London Marathon 2026, was almost a full hour less than the winner's timing at London 1908 Olympic Games - the first race at which the now-standard marathon distance of 42.195km was run. It was not until 2007 that an athlete ran within five minutes of Sawe's new record, when the "Emperor of distance running" crossed the line in 2:04:26 at the Berlin Marathon. Name the "Emperor" .		<input type="checkbox"/>
19	This country has won a total of 31 summer Olympics medals, including a gold medal each in judo and boxing at Beijing 2008. Which country introduced yak polo in the early 2000s as a tourist attraction?		<input type="checkbox"/>
20	What is the subtitle of Prime Video's 2026 documentary about the 14-time All-Star, Olympic Gold Medalist, and NBA Champion Jerry West?		<input type="checkbox"/>