

Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #10

First Quarter

5 Part Blitz

1. What Agatha Christie novel sees Hercule Poirot being invited onto the *Karnak* by socialite Linnet Doyle?

A: ***Death On The Nile***

2. The English word "morgues" can be rearranged to obtain the second half of which Latin dictum, first published in French by René Descartes?

A: Cogito, **Ergo Sum**

3. The USSR's *Yermak* and the United State's *Wind*-class ships were both created to combat what sort of maritime obstacles?

A: **Ice**

4. What numerically-named cocktail features a blended whiskey produced by Seagrams mixed with a lemon-lime drink produced by PepsiCo?

A: **7 at 7**

5. What second alma mater of Elon Musk can be found in Kingston, Ontario?

A: **Queens**

Linked Set of 5

6. What profession was held by Alfred Mosher Butts, better known as the creator of Scrabble?

A: **Architect**

7. Reinhard Heydrich, Heinrich Himmler and Adolf Eichmann have all been referred to as architects of what systematic genocide against the Jewish people?

A: **Holocaust**

8. The "caust" portion of "holocaust" derives from a Greek word meaning to perform what action?

A: **Burning**

9. What state's Black Rock Desert is the home of the Burning Man festival?

A: **Nevada**

10. Counties with less than seven hundred thousand inhabitants in Nevada are the only places in the United States where what practice is legal?

A: **Prostitution** (Accept **sex work**)

Jailbreak

11. The Labyrinth built to hold the Minotaur and wings of wax used to escape the island of Crete are both creations of what Greek inventor?

A: **Daedalus**

12. In a popular Catholic rhyme, what saint is asked to “please come round” to locate a lost item?

A: St. **Anthony** of Padua

13. What two zodiacs name circles of latitude where the sun can be seen directly overhead during the summer and winter solstices respectively?

A: Tropic of **Cancer** and Tropic of **Capricorn**

14. What sort of shoe shares its name with a device used to move fluids thanks to a variety of mechanisms, including vacuums?

A: **Pumps**

15. The 2024 Adult Swim show *Common Side Effects* centers around a panacea derived from what sort of life form?

A: **Fungus** (Accept **mushroom**)

16. What pair of sibling directors have endorsed transgender readings of their 1996 hit *The Matrix*?

A: Lily and Lana **Wachowski**

17. What city-state’s process of ostracism sees a citizen being banished for a period of ten years?

A: **Athens**

18. What architect used his magazine, *L’Esprit Nouveau*, to discuss his Five Points of Architecture?

A: **Le Corbusier**

19. What name is used by all female police officers in the *Pokémon* universe?

A: **Jenny**

20. What is the destination of someone who undergoes Assumption?

A: **Heaven**

21. H.M. Fort Roughs, located in the North Sea, is the home of what unrecognized micronation?

A: Principality of **Sealand**

22. What metaphor was used by Evangelista Torricelli when describing the results of his experiment with the first mercury barometer?

A: Accept any answer describing an “**ocean of air**”

23. What spinning cylindrical devices invented in the mid-19th century made use of the stroboscopic effect to show simple looping animations?

A: **Zoetrope**

24. The term “sylvan” refers to regions with what feature?

A: **Forests** (accept equivalents such as **wooded**)

25. What “s”-term is used to refer to road crossings in which pedestrians are periodically able to cross in any direction, including diagonally?

A: **scramble**

Second Quarter

Set of 5

26. Phlebotomy is the removal of what substance from the human body?

A: **Blood**

27. Justice Horace Krever led an investigation into what country’s tainted blood scandal, which caused its largest preventable public health disaster?

A: **Canada**

28. What “e”-word can also be used to refer to red blood cells?

A: **Erythrocytes**

29. Blood whose plasma has both Anti-A and Anti-B antibodies, and whose erythrocytes have no A or B antigens, fall under what category?

A: Type **O**

30. Following his discovery of the ABO system, what other system was discovered by Karl Landsteiner along with Alexander S. Wiener during their study of certain Old World monkeys?

A: **Rhesus Factor**

Jackpot

31. Part one, for forty points: A Robert Frost poem about gathering these items describes spades as being “no better than spoons” at the task.

Part two, for thirty points: A poetry collection named for these items was first published in 1855, but was revised continuously up until the author's death.

Part three, for twenty points: A novel by Mark Z. Danielewski named for a House of these items makes use of layered stories within stories, including a documentary film entitled *The Navidson Record*.

Part four, for ten points: This botanical term can be used to refer to a sheet of paper upon which two pages of a book have been printed.

A: **Leaf** (Accept **Leaves**, **Gathering Leaves**, **Leaves of Grass** or **House of Leaves**)

8 Part Blitz

35. What genre of Caribbean folk music shares its name with a Greek nymph found in Homer's *Odyssey*?

A: **Calypso**

36. What geographic feature is referred to by the Algonquin term "zibi", historically transliterated into English as "sippi"?

A: **River**

37. What villany, stated to be a Christian's humility when wronged by a Jew, is referred to by Shylock in a speech where he states that "it shall go hard but I will better the instruction"?

A: **Revenge**

38. Cenotes are sinkholes found in what peninsula, also home to the Mayan city of Chichén Itzá?

A: **Yucatán Peninsula**

39. John Paul Larkin is the legal name of what jazz pianist who became famous in the 1990s for his upbeat Eurodance tracks, such as one welcoming you to his world?

A: **Scatman John**

40. What composer's famous "short-short-short-long" motif, found in his fifth symphony, has been compared to fate knocking at the door?

A: Ludwig van **Beethoven**

41. Kendrick Lamar and SZA (sih-za) have spent three weeks at number one with what song, which was named for and samples an American soul singer with a 'Velvet Voice'?

A: **Luther**

42. Which news manganate regained his Canadian citizenship in 2023, after giving it up to qualify for life peerage in Britain?

A: Conrad **Black**

Splits on Words beginning with “Euro” and Place Names Beginning ‘A-L-B’

Words beginning with “Euro”

43. The eurostep is a maneuver from this sport, which sees a player rapidly change direction to put space between themselves and a defender.

A: **Basketball**

44. The host for the 2025 edition of Eurovision is this country, whose artist Nemo won the 2024 edition with their song “The Code”.

A: **Switzerland**

45. This nation, the first to be admitted to the Eurozone after the initial 1999 members, was also the trigger of a financial crisis for the group 20 years later.

A: **Greece**

46. Europa is the smallest of these four moons, which orbit Jupiter and are named for the Italian scientist who discovered them.

A: **Galilean moons**

Place Names Beginning ‘A-L-B’

47. Widespread bankruptcy and civil unrest due to the collapse of multiple nationwide pyramid schemes rocked this Balkan country in 1997.

A: **Albania**

48. The island of Great Britain is sometimes referred to by this term, particularly in poetry and myth.

A: **Albion**

49. An odyssey by contemporary polka bard Alfred Yankovik gives a first person account of the narrator’s arduous journey to and adventures in this southwestern city.

A: **Albuquerque**

50. The Western Inland Sea covered much of this province during the Cretaceous period, with many fossils from that time now housed in its Royal Tyrrell Museum.

A: **Alberta**

Third Quarter

Jackpot

51. Part one, for forty points: In February 2023, separatist rebels from this region took a plane full of people hostage, holding the pilot for over a year.

Part two, for thirty points: The questionably legitimate Act of Free Choice saw this region relinquish its sovereignty to its western neighbour in 1969.

Part three, for twenty points: The Morning Star flag is a popular symbol for this region's separatist movement, designed one year before this territory was relinquished by the Netherlands to the care of the United Nations.

Part four, for ten points: This region, whose largest city is Jayapura, makes up half of the world's second-largest island.

A: **West Papua** (Accept **Western New Guinea**. Accept **Papua Barat**. Accept **Papua**? I think? Prompt on "New Guinea". Prompt on "Indonesia". Reject "Papua New Guinea".).

Double Jump

55. What is the first and only human-infecting disease to be completely eradicated?

A: **Smallpox**

56. The only other disease to be purposefully eradicated is this disease, which devastated cattle and other ruminants, up until the 2010s.

A: **Rinderpest**

Double Jump

57. The Scottish artist William Simpson depicted several scenes of this war, including the British *Charge of the Light Brigade* at the Battle of Balaclava and the French assault on Malakoff.

A: **Crimean War**

58. 1911 saw the release of this historic Crimean War film, the first Russian feature to ever be produced, as well as the first film to be shot with two cameras.

A: **Defense of Sevastopol** (Accept **Оборона Севастополя**, if you understand how to read that.)

Splits on Roman Emperors and Strange Fruit

Roman Emperors

59. This emperor titles a pair of historical novels by Robert Graves, which depict him as an unassuming but intelligent man surviving the schemes of his more ambitious relatives.

A: Tiberius **Claudius** Caesar Augustus Germanicus

60. This adoptive son of Claudius proved to be a formidable Olympian by winning every event in which he competed, though there admittedly may have been a touch of favouritism.

A: **Nero**

61. Name at least two of the four men who, after the fall of Nero, held the title of Roman Emperor over the course of 69 AD in a period known as The Year of the Four Emperors.

A: Accept any two of **Galba, Otho, Vitellius** and **Vespasian**

62. A little over a hundred years later, Rome saw the The Year of the Five Emperors, where this emperor emerged as the inarguable victor, establishing a dynasty with his wife, Julia Domna.

A: Lucius **Septimius Severus** (Prompt on "Severus")

Strange Fruit

63. The song "Strange Fruit" was a protest against this specific type of racist murders, often committed by namesake mobs.

A: **Lynchings**

64. "Strange Fruit" begins by describing the namesake black bodies hanging from one of these trees.

A: **Poplar** tree

65. Though it was initially performed by Abel and Anne Meeropol along with the singer Laura Duncan, the best known recording of "Strange Fruit" is by this jazz singer.

A: Billie **Holiday**

66. Abel Meeropol was inspired by a photograph taken in this state, which depicted the lynching of Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith. In the early 1920s, it had the highest KKK membership numbers in America.

A: **Indiana**

Streaks (12 answers total)

67. With either their original terms or an appropriate translation, name up to all of Skihism's five thieves, considered to be the major vices.

A: **Ahankar** (or **Pride** or **Ego**), **Kaam** (or **Lust**), **Krodh** (or **Anger** or **Wrath** or **Rage**), **Lobh** (or **Greed** or **Avarice**) and **Moh** (or **Attachment**)

68. Name up to seven of the ten mountains conventionally included in the list of Seven Summits.

A: **Aconcagua**, Mont **Blanc**, **Denali** (or **McKinley**), **Elbrus**, **Everest** (or **Sagarmatha** or **Qomolangma**), **Kilimanjaro**, **Kosciuszko**, **Puncak Jaya** (or **Carstensz Pyramid**), **Vinson Massif**, **Wilhelm**

Set of 4

72. What iconic bridge of Florence shares part of its name with the city's town hall?

A: **Ponte Vecchio**

73. The term "vecchio" found in the names of Florence's Palazzo and Ponte has what meaning in Italian?

A: **old** (accept equivalents such as **ancient**)

74. The Ponte Vecchio spans what major river of Tuscany?

A: **Arno**

75. All bridges across the Arno save the Ponte Vecchio were destroyed during a retreat in what conflict?

A: **World War II**

Fourth Quarter

Splits on Straits and Pilots

Straits

76. The province of Fujian forms one shore of this strait, named for the island nation which is its eastern bank.

A: **Taiwan Strait**

77. Tunnels burrow deep into the rock which gives its name to this strait, which separates Europe from Africa and is only a little over 14 kilometers at its narrowest point.

A: Strait of **Gibraltar**

78. Migration from Siberia to the Americas is widely theorized to have occurred due to a land bridge across this strait.

A: **Bering Strait**

79. This United Nations convention, which was signed in 1982, allows for transit passage when a strait is being used to navigate between international waters.

A: United Nations Convention on the **Law of the Sea** (Accept **UNCLOS**)

Pilots

80. This test pilot set a variety of records over the course of his career, including becoming the first person to ever officially break the sound barrier.

A: Charles "Chuck" **Yeager**

81. Tom Hanks portrayed this man in a biopic depicting his legendary emergency landing on the Hudson River, saving every passenger on board.

A: Chesley **Sullenberger** (Accept **Sully**)

82. Manfred von Richthofen was better known by this colourful moniker, which referenced his noble title.

A: The **Red Baron**

83. Fred Noonan served as the navigator for this aviation pioneer's doomed 1937 attempt at circumnavigating the globe.

A: Amelia **Earhart**

Linked Set of 7

84. This patriarch took on a more cruel and selfish nature in seasons nine through twelve, earning him the title of "Jerkass" from fans.

A: **Homer** J. Simpson (Prompt on "Simpson".)

85. An island populated by people who eat this food, living out their days in a hedonistic trance, is found by Odysseus in Homer's Odyssey.

A: **Lotus**

86. Lotus paste is a common filling for Jiandui, fried dough balls covered with these seeds.

A: **Sesame** seeds

87. This man overhears and later repeats the magic phrase "open sesame" to access a cave filled with the ill-gotten gains of forty thieves.

A: **Ali Baba**

88. This co-founder of Alibaba Group disappeared from the public eye in late 2020 after criticizing some of China's financial regulations.

A: Jack **Ma**

89. The narrator's hair is torn and this item is stolen in the folk song "I'll Tell Me Ma", which was popular among children of the British Isles in the 19th and 20th century.

A: **Comb**

90. This item is sold so that Jim can purchase a set of combs for his, who has ironically sold her hair to buy a chain for this item in a Christmas story by O. Henry.

A: **Pocketwatch**

10 Part Blitz

91. Name both Central American countries who do not have coastline on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

A: **Belize** and **El Salvador**

92. Zektron's high coefficient of restitution made it an ideal material for what sort of toy?

A: Bouncy **ball**

93. This country artist received a backlash-induced sales boost following the release of a video by TMZ in which he used a racial slur in February 2021.

A: Morgan **Wallen**

94. What administrative region of France is also known as the Paris Region, as it contains the country's capital?

A: **Île-de-France**

95. This pioneering shoegaze act fronted by Kevin Shields broke up slowly after the 1991 release of *Loveless*, which was rumored to have been so costly that it bankrupted their label.

A: **my bloody valentine**

96. This country's two city states are also the first and seventh most populous cities in the EU, and sit on the banks of the rivers Spree and Elbe respectively.

A: **Germany**

97. Which 2024 musical, named for its main character, received a record ten nominations for a film in its category at the 2025 Golden Globes?

A: **Emilia Perez**

98. What drug dealer will "get you high tonight" in a Billy Joel song detailing the alienation and drug use of a suburban teenager?

A: **Captain Jack**

99. What novel from *The Chronicles of Narnia* sees the return of Eustace, this time with classmate Jill, who together hunt for the lost heir of Prince Caspian?

A: **The Silver Chair**

100. The complete combustion of a hydrocarbon produces what universal solvent?

A: **Water** (Accept **H₂O**)