

# Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #5

## First Quarter

### 5 Part Blitz

1. *Hazy Shade of Winter*, *Mrs. Robinson* and *The Sound of Silence* are all songs by what American folk duo of the 1960s and 70s?

A: Paul **Simon** and Art **Garfunkel**

2. Brown, green and blue are colors used to describe the capabilities of what branch of the military?

A: **Navy**

3. L. Frank Baum wrote a series of children's fantasy novels about what land, which is divided up into Gillikin, Quadling, Winkie and Munchkin counties?

A: Land of **Oz**

4. Matt Mullenweg is the creator of what open source blogging software which is claimed to power over 40% of the internet?

A: **Wordpress**

5. Chicken eggshells are principally composed of what compound, also found in chalk?

A: **Calcium carbonate**

### Linked Set of 5

6. *Wasei-eigo* is a Japanese term for words borrowed from what language?

A: **English**

7. Which English landscaper, who gained his nickname from his habit of telling clients their grounds had capability for improvement, contributed significantly to the evolution of the English garden?

A: Lancelot 'Capability' **Brown**

8. The color brown is said to be the etymological origin of what animal's name, whose true name was thought to be a taboo?

A: **Bear**

9. Which fictional African-American freedman recounts the stories of Br'er Fox and Br'er Bear?

A: **Uncle Remus**

10. Uncle Remus sings what unofficial Disney anthem in the controversial film *Song of the South*?

A: **Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah**

### **Jailbreak**

11. Which Fox News host famously delivered an expletive-laced rant about “doing it live” after he had issues recording his closing segment?

A: **Bill O'Reilly**

12. Which Java logging library was found to have a zero-day allowing for arbitrary code execution in 2021?

A: **Log4J**

13. In 2022, South Korea passed a law mandating cameras in surgical suites in response to what practice in which a different, often untrained surgeon performs the operations assigned to a doctor?

A: **Ghost surgery**

14. John von Neumann and Oskar Morgenstern created what field of mathematical study with a pioneering publication in 1944?

A: **Game theory**

15. What is the mnemonic “Never Eat Shredded Wheat” used to recall?

A: **Cardinal directions** (Accept **compass directions**)

16. What is the only alkali earth metal which does not react violently to water?

A: **Beryllium**

17. The warning “Not intended for children's sleepwear” is an indicator that the fabric in question is not resistant to what sort of threat?

A: **Fire**

18. Which English pop band promoted themselves with t-shirts bearing the slogan “Frankie say relax”, a reference to their biggest song?

A: **Frankie Goes To Hollywood**

19. Red-eared sliders are what type of animal?

A: **Turtle**

20. Placing operators in front of rather than between terms in an equation is referred to by what demonym?

A: **Polish** notation

21. What Arthurian term is used to refer to the cup used by Jesus during the last supper?

A: **Holy Grail**

22. Ephedrine, MDMA and Adderall all belong to what class of drug?

A: **Amphetamines**

23. The mainly British term “third age” refers to what stage of a person’s life?

A: Active **retirement**

24. The demonym “emirati” refers to people from what country?

A: **United Arab Emirates**

25. *Book of Mercy* and *Book of Longing* are both poetry collections from what Canadian singer?

A: Leonard **Cohen**

## **Second Quarter**

**Set of 5 on men whose last names end with ‘man’**

26. This man was ousted from his role as CEO of OpenAI on November 17th, 2023, but returned just five days later.

A: Sam **Altman**

27. Hockey fans have long griped about the tenure of this man, who has served as commissioner of the NHL since 1993.

A: Gary **Bettman**

28. This Swedish filmmaker and playwright directed such films as *Wild Strawberries* and *The Seventh Seal*.

A: Ingmar **Bergman**

29. Arthur Miller’s *Death of a Salesman* features this delusional patriarch.

A: Willy **Loman**

30. This economist was a foundational figure in the Chicago school of economics.

A: Milton **Friedman**

## **Jackpot**

31. Part one, for forty points: This game originated in Asia, and was popularized in the west by Joseph Park Babcock.

Part two, for thirty points: The Japanese version of this game adds in the ability to declare *riichi*, as well as the chance to score additional points on a hand with *dora*.

Part three, for twenty points: This game's playing pieces feature red, green and white dragons, as well as the four winds.

Part four, for ten points: This Japanese game's playing tiles are also used for a solitaire-like game, often played digitally.

A: **Mahjong**

## **8 Part Blitz**

35. Karen Wetterhahn died from what type of poisoning when she spilled several drops of a substance containing it onto her gloved hand?

A: **Mercury** (Prompt on "heavy metal")

36. The names of what two American Civil War-era families from West Virginia and Kentucky have become synonymous with blood feuds?

A: **Hatfields** and **McCoys**

37. Vlad the Impaler was the ruler of what historical region which now makes up modern-day Romania?

A: **Wallachia**

38. The Pritzker Prize is awarded for excellence in what domain?

A: **Architecture**

39. What Swiss public research university was the alma mater of both Albert Einstein and John von Neumann?

A: **Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich** (Prompt on "Zürich", DO NOT prompt on University of Zürich)

40. In big O notation, what time complexity corresponds to linear time?

A: **O(n)** (pronounced "oh of n". Prompt on **n**)

41. What title is shared between the last track of The Door's self-titled album and the second-to-last track on The Beatles' *Abbey Road*?

A: **The End**

42. What term refers to the line at which a planet transitions from light to darkness?

A: **Terminator**

## **Splits on Mythical Creatures and Bridge Collapses**

### **Mythical Creatures**

43. What serpent's name derives from the Greek words for "tail" and "eating"?

A: **Ouroboros**

44. Hunters may employ a virgin in their attempts to entrap these noble beasts, in the hopes of obtaining an alicorn.

A: **Unicorn**

45. Tricksters and seductresses are the most common roles taken on in folklore by what Japanese fox spirits, who grow additional tails with age?

A: **Kitsune**

46. Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin recorded the most notable alleged sighting of what creature in 1967?

A: **Sasquatch** (Accept **bigfoot**)

### **Bridge Collapses**

47. This Scottish rail bridge's collapse in 1879 killed all passengers on board, and was later eulogized in a critically reviled poem by William McGonagall.

A: **Tay Bridge**

48. March 2024 saw the collapse of this Baltimore bridge, after it was struck by a shipping vessel which lost power in the early hours of the morning.

A: **Francis Scott Key Bridge**

49. Mid-construction changes to the supports for this Kansas City hotel's suspended walkways led to unforeseen weaknesses, causing them to collapse during a dance held in the lobby.

A: **Hyatt Regency**

50. This suspension bridge earned the nickname "Galloping Gertie" during its construction, and its collapse is often simplistically stated to be due to resonance.

A: **Tacoma Narrows Bridge**

## **Third Quarter**

### **Jackpot**

51. Part one, for forty points: This number of so-called "old men" were instrumental in Disney's animation department.

Part two, for thirty points: An earthquake of approximately this magnitude struck Japan on March 11th, 2011, the most powerful ever recorded in the country.

Part three, for twenty points: A bowling game with this many pins is referred to as kegel, and is commonly played in Europe.

Part four, for ten points: In the Lord of the Rings, this number of men are transformed into Nazgûl, and ride in black under the control of the One Ring.

A: **9**

### **Double Jump**

55. Odin presides over this hall found in Asgard, where half of all those slain in combat reside until Ragnarok.

A: **Valhalla**

56. The other half of those slain in battle instead go to this realm, a meadow ruled over by the goddess Freyja.

A: **Folkvangr**

### **Double Jump**

57. This tick-borne disease comes with a rash, fever, and joint pain, and is named after the town in Connecticut in which it was first described.

A: **Lyme** disease

58. Another tick-borne disease at times confused with Lyme is this illness, which in humans, infects neutrophil granulocytes.

A: Human Granulocytic **Anaplasmosis**

## **Splits on South Korean Businesses and Approximate Sports Records**

### **South Korean Businesses**

59. This regional tech giant is the parent company of webcomic site Webtoon, but is probably best known for their search engine.

A: **Naver**

60. These large family-run businesses have vast influence over South Korea's economy and politics, similar to Japan's historic *zaibatsu*.

A: **Chaebol**

61. Largest among all chaebols is this conglomerate, which in addition to its electronics division, has notable shipbuilding, construction and life insurance divisions.

A: **Samsung**

62. Second to Samsung is this vehicle manufacturer, which in addition to its main brand, manufactures the luxury brand Genesis.

A: **Hyundai**

### **Approximate Sports Records**

63. To within three innings, give the record for the longest professional baseball game, which occurred on the triple-A level between the Pawtucket Red Sox and Rochester Red Wings.

A: Accept any answer between **30** and **36**

64. To within 6 inches, give the record-smashing jump set by Bob Beamon at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics (note, metric answers are also acceptable).

A: Accept any answer between **28' 8.25"** (**8.74m**) and **29' 8.25"** (**9.05m**)

65. To within a tenth of a second, give the men's world record for the 100 meter sprint set by Usain Bolt in 2009.

A: Accept any answer between **9.68s** and **9.48s**

66. To within 100 points, give the amount of career points scored by Wayne Gretzky, the most in NHL history.

A: Accept any answer between **2757** and **2957**

### **Streaks (12 answers total)**

67. Name up to all eight phase transitions which matter can undergo.

A: **Condensation, Deposition, Freezing, Ionization, Melting, Recombination, Sublimation, Vaporization,**

68. Name up to all four United States presidents who died of natural causes while in office.

A: William Henry **Harrison**, Zachary **Taylor**, Warren G. **Harding**, Franklin D. **Roosevelt**

### **Set of 4 on Stewart Butterfield**

72. Stewart Butterfield is a billionaire from this country, which his father immigrated to in order to dodge the Vietnam draft.

A: **Canada**

73. Butterfield is the founder of this online image sharing service, which became available to the public in 2004, and whose logo is composed of two circles, one blue and one pink.

A: **Flickr**

74. Following Flickr's acquisition by Yahoo, Butterfield left, and went on to found this business communication tool, which was later acquired by Salesforce.

A: **Slack**

75. Flickr and Slack were both internal products from companies who originally aimed to develop these entertainment products.

A: Massively Multiplayer Online **Video Games** (Accept **MMOs**, prompt on “games”)

## Fourth Quarter

### Splits on Space and Salt

#### Space

76. What United States moon exploration program was established in 2017, with the first launch occurring in 2022?

A: **Artemis**

77. In addition to rocket launches, the Artemis program seeks to construct this space station in conjunction with space agencies from Canada, Japan, Dubai and the European Union.

A: Lunar **Gateway**

78. This decade saw the launch of China’s first satellite, the first space station, and the first flybys of Jupiter, Mercury and Saturn.

A: **1970s**

79. One important outcome of the Outer Space treaty was the banning of what sort of devices from being put into orbit?

A: **Weapons of mass destruction** (Prompt on specific examples or “weapons”)

#### Salt

80. Small amounts of this element is commonly added to table salt to prevent deficiency, which can lead to developmental issues and goiters.

A: **Iodine**

81. Molten salt can be used to construct what energy storage devices?

A: **Battery**

82. The majority of pink Himalayan salt is mined from which country’s Pothohar Plateau?

A: **Pakistan**

83. Salt is accompanied by what three other elements in the title of a cookbook and Netflix series by Samin Nosrat?

A: **Fat, Acid and Heat**

### Linked Set of 7



84. What method can be used to separate bacteria into two categories, depending on whether they retain the characteristic purple dye?

A: **Gram** staining/method

85. 454 grams is approximately equivalent to what U.S. Imperial weight?

A: **Pound**

86. The moneylender Shylock demands a pound of flesh from which titular merchant of Venice?

A: **Antonio**

87. António Guterres is the current Secretary General of what international organization?

A: The **United Nations**

88. Which five nations are the only permanent members of the United Nations Security Council?

A: **China, France, Russia, The United Kingdom** and **The United States**

89. China and Russia were allies against the United States in what global conflict of the 20th century?

A: **Cold War**

90. Francis Fukuyama argued that the world had reached what stage following the conclusion of the Cold War?

A: **End of History**

## **10 Part Blitz**

91. Which Noble gas is a powerful but costly anesthetic?

A: **Xenon**

92. What name is shared by an HTML element which designates an arbitrary section of text, and a traditional measurement of length stretching from the tip of one's thumb to the tip of their pinky?

A: **Span**

93. William Eustace was fired as a signalman after parachuting off of what incomplete building in 1974?

A: **CN Tower**

94. What three-letter acronym can be used in relation to both police officers and satellites?

A: **LEO** (Law Enforcement Officer and Low Earth Orbit)

95. Acetone can be used to remove what type of cosmetic?

A: **Nail polish**

96. What division of Ford became infamous as one of the greatest marketing disasters of all time?

A: **Edsel**

97. What constant value is derived from the number of carbon atoms in 12 grams of carbon-12?

A: **Avogadro's** number

98. What Basque ball sport was once popular for gambling, and sees players wielding *cestas* and bouncing a ball off of a *fronton*?

A: **Jai Alai** (Accept **Basque Pelota**, even though they're a bit different, trying to differentiate the two is hard.)

99. What Shakespearean ruler is father to Goneril, Reagan and Cordelia?

A: King **Lear**

100. What woodwind instrument gets its name from the Italian word for small?

A: **Piccolo**