

Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #2

First Quarter

5 Part Blitz

1. Which country lost its southern portion in a 2011 independence referendum?
A: **Sudan**
2. What commonly used Japanese insult means 'foolish'?
A: **Baka**
3. What series of novels by Lee Child follows an ex-military policeman drifting around America, solving crimes?
A: **Jack Reacher**
4. The squid, nautilus, cuttlefish and octopus are all what type of mollusk?
A: **Cephalopod** (Accept **Cephalopoda**)
5. Members of what profession are sometimes said to chase ambulances?
A: Personal injury **lawyers** (Accept **solicitors** or **attorneys**)

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6. Which planet has an escape velocity of approximately eleven kilometres per second?
A: **Earth**
7. Which Earth, Wind and Fire song asks if you remember the twenty-first night of the titular month?
A: **September**
8. In the traditional "thirty days hath" rhyme, which month is mentioned after September?
A: **April**
9. Which poem by T. S. Elliot states that "April is the cruellest month"?
A: **The Waste Land**
10. "Teenage wasteland" is described in what song by The Who?
A: **Baba O'Reilly**

Jailbreak

11. Sexy primes are pairs of prime numbers which differ by how much?

A: **6**

12. Which Iranian empire was ended by the first Muslim conquest in the mid-7th century?

A: **Sassanid**

13. Which diacritic occasionally found in the names of rock bands consists of two dots placed over a letter?

A: **Umlaut** (Accept **diaeresis**. If they answer with some description of “two dots” before “two” is read, prompt.)

14. Journalist Ian Urbina wrote what series of articles about crime at sea for The New York Times?

A: **The Outlaw Ocean**

15. Heck cattle were bred in the 1920s to try to recreate what extinct herbivores?

A: **Aurochs**

16. What letter must be added to a word meaning a group of people in a political party to obtain a way to represent a number as parts of a whole?

A: **R** (Faction to fraction)

17. The chatroom abbreviation “ASL” is short for what three pieces of information about a person?

A: **Age, sex and location**

18. What type of pose common in Classical art sees most of a subject’s weight being placed on one foot, creating a more dynamic and active appearance?

A: **Contrapposto**

19. What type of extension cords are referred to as ‘suicide’ cords due to their dangerous nature?

A: **Male-to-male** cords

20. “Friends of Bill W.” is a semi-covert way to advertise meetings for what organisation on locations such as cruise ships?

A: **Alcoholics Anonymous**

21. Magic squares are a form of recreation in what field?

A: **Mathematics**

22. Name either of the two species which make up the *Pan* genus of the Great Apes.

A: **Chimpanzee** (Accept **chimp**) or the **bonobo**

23. Cruciverbalists are enthusiasts of what type of puzzles?

A: **Crossword** puzzles

24. Jack the Ripper targeted women who lived in what impoverished area of London?

A: **Whitechapel**

25. What term is given to a computer program which prints out its own source code?

A: **Quine**

Second Quarter

Set of 5 on Computing with Windows

26. Which three-key shortcut can be used to interrupt what is going on and pull up a menu with security options?

A: **Control-Alt-Delete** (Accept equivalents such as **Del** in place of delete)

27. "It looks like you're trying to..." precedes suggestions from this animate paper clip, the most popular avatar for the Office Assistant feature.

A: **Clippit** (Accept **Clippy**. Prompt on "Office Assistant" before "paper clip" is read.)

28. What service is responsible for authenticating users in a network of Windows computers, and manages their permissions?

A: **Active Directory**

29. What database of settings can be modified with regedit.exe?

A: **Windows Registry**

30. What discontinued video editor came packaged with Windows from ME to Vista?

A: Windows **Movie Maker** (Accept Windows **Live Movie Maker**)

Jackpot

31. Part one, for forty points: A competition whose prize cup bears this name is considered to be one of the most prestigious in American marksmanship, and was first awarded by Princess Louise.

Part two, for thirty points: A separate competition which bears this name has the longest surviving sponsorship in sporting history, with ball manufacturer Slazenger.

Part three, for twenty points: Hallmarks of spectating that competition include dressing in all white and enjoying some strawberries and cream.

Part four, for ten points: This tennis tournament, which takes place in the south-west of London, is one of the four which make up the Grand Slam.

A: **Wimbledon**

8 Part Blitz

35. Which decisive World War 2 naval battle saw the sinking of the Akagi, Kaga, Sōryū, and Hiryū?

A: Battle of **Midway**

36. Which biomarker is measured in millimetres of mercury?

A: **Blood pressure**

37. A vasectomy generally seals or cuts off what passage in the male reproductive system?

A: **Vas deferens**

38. The initial bubbles found when boiling water for green tea are described as being the size of what animal's eyes?

A: **Shrimp**

39. Stone fruits are also referred to by which botanical term?

A: **Drupe**

40. "I know it when I see it" was a phrase used by Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart when deliberating on whether something had what attribute?

A: **Obscenity** (Accept equivalents such as **being obscene**)

41. What form of Japanese alternative medicine sees practitioners manipulating their patient's qi energy with their hands?

A: **Reiki**

42. Wikipedia and a variety of other online wikis run on what open source software?

A: **MediaWiki**

Splits on Trivia Terminology in Other Contexts and Mediaeval Weaponry

Trivia Terminology in Other Contexts

43. This liquid can be made by cooking vegetables and bones for long amounts of time, allowing the flavours to seep out, at which point it can be used for soups.

A: **Stock**

44. This scientific concept is measured in watts, and is defined as the rate at which work is performed.

A: **Power**

45. This technique employed by pick-up artists seeks to hurt the subject's feelings and lower their self-esteem.

A: **Negging**

46. Injecting these maliciously-crafted pieces of text is a good way to trick an AI system into doing something it is not meant to do.

A: **Prompt**

Mediaeval Weaponry

47. Flails are often conflated with these spiky-ball-headed weapons, which are more similar to maces.

A: **Morning star**

48. This Swiss weapon combines a spear and axe, and is still wielded by guards in the walls of the Vatican.

A: **Halberd**

49. Arbalests were a larger variant of what type of handheld, ranged weapons?

A: **Crossbows**

50. Edward the First's *Warwolf* is alleged to have been the largest of this type of siege engine, which hurled rocks thanks to a lever and sling.

A: **Trebuchet**

Third Quarter

Jackpot

51. Part one, for forty points: During his doctoral studies, this man taught at the University of Michigan, where he published his well-received dissertation *Boundary Functions*.

Part two, for thirty points: This man's most famous work, a critique of technology's effect on modern society, is entitled *Industrial Society and its Future*.

Part three, for twenty points: This man's affairs were sold at auction in 2011, and his cabin still stands structurally intact at an FBI museum in Washington, D.C..

Part four, for ten points: This man conducted a seventeen-year long bombing campaign which claimed the lives of three people, and was known by the nickname "Unabomber".

A: Ted **Kaczynski** (Prompt on Unabomber before it is said)

Double Jump

55. This oxygen-carrying protein makes up about a third of a blood cell's weight.

A: **Hemoglobin**

56. This protein with symbol Mb is similar to hemoglobin, but is instead found in muscle tissue.

A: **Myoglobin**

Double Jump

57. The TR-808 drum machine was produced by what Japanese musical electronics manufacturer?

A: **Roland** Corporation

58. For their 50 year anniversary, Roland released an online simulation of both the 808 and this bass synth, popular in acid house music.

A: **TB-303**

Splits on Opening Lines in Texts and Vienna

Opening Lines in Texts

For all of the following, I will give (with a bit of editorial discretion for titles and such) the opening lines in texts. Reply with the text's title.

59. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

A: **Pride and Prejudice**

60. "It is a period of civil war. Rebel spaceships, striking from a hidden base, have won their first victory against the evil Galactic Empire."

A: **Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope**

61. "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

A: **UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights** (Accept **UDHR**. Prompt on "Declaration of Human Rights").

62. "Francisco at his post. Enter to him Bernardo."

A: **Hamlet**

Vienna

63. This dynasty ruled over the Holy Roman Empire from Vienna for much of their time in power.

A: House of **Habsburg**

64. This empire was defeated in battle while trying to take Vienna in 1683, a turning point for the greater conflict.

A: **Ottoman** Empire

65. Vienna has seen the premiere of many of these works, including *Orfeo ed Euridice*, *Fidelio* and *The Marriage of Figaro*.

A: **Operas**

66. 1988 saw the creation of an artificial island in Vienna by carving a parallel channel for this body of water.

A: **Danube**

Streaks (12 answers total)

67. Name up to all four of the freedoms delineated by Roosevelt in his 1941 State of The Union address.

A: Freedom of **Speech** and expression, Freedom of **Worship**, Freedom from **Want**, Freedom from **Fear**

68. Name up to all eight of the American universities which make up the Ivy League.

A: **Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Princeton** and **Yale**

Set of 4 on Spelling Terms for Alcohol

72. It describes the bubbles in champagne. Spell effervescent.

A: **E-F-F-E-R-V-E-S-C-E-N-T**

73. It's a Dutch liqueur made from eggs. Spell advocaat.

A: **A-D-V-O-C-A-A-T**

74. It's a term for grapes which can be prepended to 'blanc' or appended to 'cabernet'. Spell sauvignon.

A: **S-A-U-V-I-G-N-O-N**

75. They're a class of molecules which appear in wines and beers. Spell tannins.

A: **T-A-N-N-I-N-S**

Fourth Quarter

Splits on Navigational Tools and American Construction Projects

Navigational Tools

76. This disk-shaped early navigational instrument could be applied in a wide variety of ways, for calculating everything from latitude to time.

A: **Astrolabe**

77. Polynesian navigation techniques make use of these animals to lead sailors to previously unrecorded lands.

A: **Birds**

78. This system was developed throughout the 1970s and 80s, but was not fully operational until all 24 satellites were orbiting in 1996.

A: **Global Positioning System** (Accept **Navstar**.)

79. This tool features a telescope and mirrors affixed to an arc, and can be used to measure the distance between objects.

A: **Sextant**

American Construction Projects

80. Eisenhower lends his name to the official title for this network of highways, which began construction under his administration.

A: **Interstate** Highway System

81. Upon its completion, this structure was the largest of its kind, a record currently held by China's Three Gorges.

A: **Hoover** Dam

82. This project was initiated by France in South America, but was subsequently taken over and completed by the United States, and opened in 1914.

A: **Panama Canal**

83. This project took 16 years to complete and saw massive cost overruns, as Interstate 93 was routed under Boston.

A: The **Big Dig** (Accept **Central Artery/Tunnel Project** or **CAT Project**)

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84. The 'W' representing tungsten derives from what older name?

A: **Wolfram**

85. Wolfram Language is used in what proprietary statistics and numerical computational program?

A: **Mathematica**

86. *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* is a book by which English scientist?

A: Isaac **Newton**

87. One newton is enough force required to accelerate how much weight at a rate of one metre per second squared?

A: **One kilogram**

88. Up until 2019, the kilogram was defined by a prototype kept in a vault in which country?

A: **France**

89. France bears a rough similarity to what polygon, which also serves as a nickname?

A: **Hexagon**

90. A hexagon's internal angles sum to how many degrees?

A: **720**

10 Part Blitz

91. Which Japanese food company is the largest soy sauce manufacturer in the world?

A: **Kikkoman**

92. Which Greek historian names a five by five square of letters used to encode text?

A: **Polybius**

93. What two categories starting with "F" can characters at Disney parks be divided into, depending on the nature of their character's costume?

A: **Furs and faces**

94. What software company acquired communications platform Slack in 2021?

A: **Salesforce**

95. Which element of punctuation is identical to the visual representation of the letter 'S' in Morse code?

A: **Ellipse**

96. Which mode-based text editor can be quit with the command ":q" (colon-q)?

A: **Vim**

97. Which branch of philosophy concerns itself with the nature of knowledge?

A: Epistemology

98. Which writer drew inspiration from his home county of Lafayette, Mississippi for the setting of Yoknapatawpha County, where he set novels such as *The Sound and The Fury*?

A: William **Faulkner**

99. In what year was the treaty of Ghent signed, ending the War of 1812?

A: **1814**

100. Penned by Michael Altman at age 15, *Suicide is Painless* is the theme song to what movie, later adapted into a T.V. show of the same name?

A: **M*A*S*H***