

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Clothing retailers Zara, H&M, Shein, ASOS, and Forever 21 are examples of companies that employ what business model, a two-word term the New York Times used in 1990 to describe Zara's ability to proceed in 15 days from an item's design idea to hanging the item on a store rack?

Answer: FAST FASHION

Q2.: WORLD HIST - "The Magnificent" and "The Lawgiver" were sobriquets applied to what 16th-century sultan of the Ottoman Empire, during whose rule the empire reached its fullest extent with conquests of Belgrade, Rhodes, Iraq, Tripoli, and Hungary?

Answer: SULEIMAN

Q3.: MATH - Arab mathematician and astronomer Muhammad ibn-Musa al-Khwarizmi, who compiled early works on arithmetic and astronomical tables, introduced algebraic concepts to Western mathematics as a result of his work's translation into Latin. In fact, it is from the Latinization of his name that what common word in mathematics is derived?

Answer: ALGORITHM

Q4.: SCIENCE - Name the multiparadigm programming language first released in 1995 and designed by Yukihiro Matsumoto, who named the language after a colleague's birthstone.

Answer: RUBY

Q5.: FILM - A red 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California Spyder plays a prominent role in the plot of what 1986 film?

Answer: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

Q6.: LITERATURE - "Appeal", "associate", "brethren", "broker", "chamber", "client", "confession", "litigators", "partner", "racketeer", "rainmaker", "reckoning", "summons", "testament"—all of these words appear in titles of what novelist's works, which are perennial bestsellers?

Answer: JOHN GRISHAM

Q1.: AMER HIST - Of the 46 women who have held the position of First Lady of the United States, how many of them are still living?

Answer: SIX

Q2.: LITERATURE - The character from Shakespeare (and from earlier English folklore) named Robin Goodfellow is nowadays better known as what?

Answer: PUCK

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1862, an American company named Chase & Sanborn became the first to pack and ship a now common form of what food commodity?

Answer: COFFEE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Tahoma is the name of a computer font developed in 1994 for Microsoft Windows, and also an original Native American name for what mountain?

Answer: MOUNT RAINIER

Q5.: FILM - Identify the actress in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: ROONEY MARA

Q6.: SCIENCE - While most steel is manufactured using carbon as the alloying material, stainless steel is formed by alloying iron with what other element (at a minimum 11% content by mass)?

Answer: CHROMIUM

Q1.: TELEVISION - Podcaster and internet entrepreneur Adam Curry is also famous (at least to US audiences) for his on-camera work in the 1980s and 1990s for what company, whose domain name Curry registered and ran personally in 1993?

Answer: MTV

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - At the 2019 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, what Louisiana State University athlete—in her first and only year of collegiate competition—broke the women's collegiate and world Under-20 (U20) records in winning the 100 meters, and also broke the world U20 record while finishing runner up by 0.01 seconds in the 200 meters?

Answer: SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The westernmost point on the mainland of the continent of North America is at the tip of a peninsula named after what 19th-century American politician?

Answer: WILLIAM H. SEWARD

Q4.: THEATRE - In Shakespeare's Hamlet, in Act 5, Scene 2 (the play's final scene, just after Hamlet's dying words), a character referred to as "Ambassador" states, "The sight is dismal, / And our affairs from England come too late. / The ears are senseless that should give us hearing / To tell him his commandment is fulfilled, / That [BLANK]. / Where should we have our thanks?" What statement, itself the title of a 1966 play, fills in the blank?

Answer: ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

Q5.: SCIENCE - What familiar word refers to a common, often age-related medical disorder and is also a geographical term synonymous with "powerful waterfall" (and in fact comes directly from the Latin for "waterfall")?

Answer: CATARACT

Q6.: ART - A famous painting by 19th-century German painter Emanuel Leutze re-creates a historical event at what non-German river?

Answer: DELAWARE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In late 1982, this rock band, which won the Grammy for Best New Artist for that year, became the first (and still only) Australian act to have a simultaneous #1 single and #1 album in the United States.

Answer: MEN AT WORK

Q2.: THEATRE - Since September of 1982, there have been only two productions hosted at New York's Winter Garden Theatre, both of which are now among the top ten longest-running musicals in Broadway history. Name either one.

Answer: CATS, MAMMA MIA!

Q3.: SCIENCE - The highest frequency of visible light, at about 8×10^{14} Hz, is perceived by a normal human eye as what color?

Answer: VIOLET

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of Dr. Bruce Lambert, a UN expert in geodesy and cartography and director of Australia's Division of National Mapping, lives on today as the name of what is widely believed to be the world's largest what?

Answer: GLACIER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name either of the NBA teams that waived New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin before he was picked up by his current team on December 27, 2011.

Answer: GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS, HOUSTON ROCKETS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The Angel Moroni is a pivotal figure in the theology of what religious denomination?

Answer: LDS/MORMON CHURCH

Q1.: TELEVISION - What Hulu-produced series was nominated in each of its first four seasons (beginning in 2017) for an Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series, still today the only Hulu series to receive a nomination for that award? Its one win among the four, in 2017, was the first series from any streaming service (Hulu or otherwise) to win the Outstanding Drama Series Emmy.

Answer: THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Q2.: LITERATURE - It is generally agreed (though it has never been explicitly revealed) that Rev. Al Sharpton is the model for the preacher/activist Rev. Reginald Bacon in what satirical 1987 novel?

Answer: THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The scientific prefix "oo-" typically indicates what, per the prefix's Greek etymology?

Answer: EGG

Q4.: WORLD HIST - One British dandy helped transform Bath into a spa town in the 1700s, and another cultivated a friendship with the Prince Regent (the future King George IV) and defined English men's high fashion in the early 1800s. Both men went by what first name?

Answer: BEAU

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "Lifecasting" is a term that was popularized in part by a website and platform called justin.tv (named after and originally featuring cofounder Justin Kan), which ultimately spawned what still-existing service?

Answer: TWITCH

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 17th hole of the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is often cited as one of the most iconic golf holes in the world and is the best-known with what particular distinction? This distinction is a two-word phrase by which the hole is commonly referred.

Answer: ISLAND GREEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - Ten youngsters tell ten stories each over ten days in what 14th c. allegory, whose name comes from Greek and alludes to the nature of this peculiar frame story technique?

Answer: THE DECAMERON

Q2.: SCIENCE - The Haber process is used industrially to react hydrogen and nitrogen (using a catalyst) for the manufacture of what?

Answer: AMMONIA

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In addition to the tenuous Muslim Dervish state in inland Somalia, at the turn of the 20th c. (early 1900s) there were only two independent states on the continent of Africa. Name them both.

Answer: ETHIOPIA, LIBERIA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The historical region of Transylvania is located within what modern-day European country?

Answer: ROMANIA

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The 2000 Year Old Man is a comedy skit created by what two comedy writers and performers?

Answer: CARL REINER, MEL BROOKS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Chevon is a term used in culinary circles occasionally to refer to the meat of what animal?

Answer: GOAT

Q1.: POP MUSIC - A 1982 book written by Myra Williams (formerly Myra Lewis, second-cousin and former 13-year-old wife of Jerry Lee Lewis) and a 1989 Jerry Lee Lewis biopic starring Dennis Quaid both had what four-word title, which was first popularized as a phrase by Jerry Lee himself in 1958?

Answer: GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Balkhash, Athabasca, Ladoga, Eyre, Kivu, and Poopó are all names, most prominently, of what?

Answer: LAKES

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The men who won the Pulitzer Prizes in Music in 2003 (for *On the Transmigration of Souls*) and in 2014 (for *Become Ocean*) are American composers who share what first and last name? Their middle names are Coolidge and Luther, not to be confused with a third similarly named composer with the middle name of Clement.

Answer: JOHN ADAMS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the essential Greek equivalent of the Turkish *döner* kebab, the Middle Eastern *shawarma*, and the Mexican *pastor*?

Answer: GYROS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In August 2020, an estimated 300,000 people were left homeless and over 200 lost their lives after an explosion of a warehouse storing ammonium nitrate in what city?

Answer: BEIRUT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What colorless, flammable hydrocarbon is the fifth member of the alkane series?

Answer: PENTANE

Q1.: ART - Identify the American Neo-expressionist artist and filmmaker responsible for this work.[Click here](#)

Answer: JULIAN SCHNABEL

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In modern usage, the term bulge bracket refers to a group of investment banks considered the world's largest and most profitable. During the financial crisis of 2008, three bulge bracket members ceased to exist as independent entities -- name any two of the three.

Answer: BEAR STEARNS, MERRILL LYNCH, LEHMAN BROTHERS

Q3.: FILM - In 1994, three films were released starring Jim Carrey which became box office hits: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, Dumb and Dumber, and what other film, which was also Cameron Diaz's feature film debut?

Answer: THE MASK

Q4.: MATH - What is the term in geometry, Latin for arrow, which is defined as line segment drawn perpendicular to a chord in a circle, between the midpoint of the chord and the circle's arc?

Answer: SAGITTA

Q5.: TELEVISION - This is a promotional photo of the cast of what television series?[Click here](#)

Answer: SMASH

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council are also the five countries recognized as nuclear-weapon states under the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Russia and the United States are two; name the other three.

Answer: CHINA, FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM

Q1.: SCIENCE - Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm, and Belotero are among the popular brands of injectable dermal fillers made from what acid, which occurs naturally in skin and other tissues?

Answer: HYALURONIC ACID

Q2.: FILM - "People do not give it credence that a young girl could leave home and go off in the wintertime to avenge her father's blood, but it did happen." So begins what 2010 film, a new adaptation of a 1968 novel that was first adapted to film in 1969?

Answer: TRUE GRIT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Although it was named the Central African Republic upon its establishment in 1960 as an independent nation and has that name today, the country was known by what slightly modified name from 1976, due to the actions of then president Jean-Bédel Bokassa, until September 1979?

Answer: CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Brazilian American MMA champion and pro boxer born Cristiane Justino Venâncio adopted the nickname of her ex-husband Evangelista Santos and uses it as the second half of her ring name. What is that nickname?

Answer: (CRIS) CYBORG

Q5.: LITERATURE - What literary term and genre, derived from the French for "to stuff", originally described brief, improvised comic interludes within liturgical dramas, but now suggests a broader humor deriving its comic effect from ludicrous scenarios, hyperbolic actions, crass jokes, and absurdity?

Answer: FARCE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The sheep-milk cheese that is arguably Spain's most famous shares a location of origin with a literary hero who is also arguably Spain's most famous. What is the name of that cheese?

Answer: MANCHEGO

Q1.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the failed vacation property development company incorporated by Jim and Susan McDougal and Bill and Hillary Clinton in June of 1979?

Answer: WHITEWATER

Q2.: FILM -Old Enough, a 1984 film about teenagers in New York City, was the first film to win the Grand Jury Prize (Dramatic) at what film festival?

Answer: SUNDANCE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - With population in 2010 of just over 900,000, slightly more than Gran Canaria, what is the most populous of the Canary Islands?

Answer: TENERIFE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Among the world's top fashion schools are London's Central Saint Martins, the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp, and a division of New York's The New School which is known most commonly as what?

Answer: PARSONS

Q5.: LITERATURE - This man, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1964 at age 30 for his reporting of the Vietnam War, was well known for writing on multiple topics, including foreign relations, civil rights, and sports -- the latter of which includes the books *The Breaks of the Game* and *Summer of '49*.

Answer: DAVID HALBERSTAM

Q6.: SCIENCE - A unit of measurement of a magnetic field, a technique for blurring a graphical image, a law for gravity similar to Newton's law of universal gravitation, and a mathematical constant defined as the reciprocal of the arithmetic-geometric mean of 1 and the square root of 2 -- all of these are named after what German mathematician and scientist?

Answer: CARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - A word for a certain type of artistic arrangement does not pertain to a particular specific prophet, though it sounds like it might and is a homonym of a word that does. What is this word?

Answer: MOSAIC

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In recent years, the pharmaceutical industry has seen a battle in the development of prescription weight-loss drugs, specifically between two long-time archrivals. One has launched semaglutide (under the brand names Ozempic and Wegovy) for type 2 diabetes and obesity, and the other has launched tirzepatide (brand names Mounjaro and Zepbound). Name either of these two companies, the first of which is European, and the second of which is American.

Answer: NOVO NORDISK, ELI LILLY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Members of the Christian sect founded by George Fox (and others) in England during the mid-17th century are popularly known by what term, which may have originated from what one must do, per Fox's admonishment, "at the word of the Lord"?

Answer: QUAKERS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - According to Section 6.02 of Major League Baseball's official rules, under "Pitcher Illegal Action", when one or more runners is on base and the pitcher, "while touching his plate, makes any motion naturally associated with his pitch and fails to make such delivery", what violation has occurred?

Answer: BALK

Q5.: SCIENCE - Internet Protocol version 4 (better known as IPv4), which underpins most network traffic, provides 232 unique addresses in a 32-bit address space. These addresses are most often represented in "dot-decimal" notation—i.e., four nonnegative integers separated by three dots, such as 127.0.0.1. What is the greatest value any of these four integers can have in IPv4?

Answer: 255

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Kriek and Framboise are among the popular styles of a type of Belgian beer made with malt and uncooked wheat and fermented with wild yeast. By what name is this beer known?

Answer: LAMBIC

Q1.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the plaintiff in the 1857 U.S. Supreme Court decision which ruled that slaves could not be U.S. citizens, and that Congress had no jurisdiction over slavery in U.S. territories?

Answer: DRED SCOTT

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - One of Giacomo Puccini's most famous works, this opera, which was unfinished at his death and completed by Franco Alfano, is centered around a Rumpelstiltskin/Lohengrin-esque name mystery.

Answer: TURANDOT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the man who won the 54th running of the Daytona 500 auto race, which took place on February 27, 2012.

Answer: MATT KENSETH

Q4.: POP MUSIC - On the night of February 3 ,1959, an airplane carrying Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and, J.P. Richardson crashed outside of Mason City, Iowa, killing all passengers; name the future country music superstar who had given his seat to Richardson, who had a cold and desperately needed rest.

Answer: WAYLON JENNINGS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Give the first name of either of Jerry's parents on the sitcom Seinfeld

Answer: MORTY, HELEN

Q6.: SCIENCE - This organism, found in nearly all geographic climates on earth, is a composite plant made up of algae living in the threads of a fungus, the algae and fungus coexisting symbiotically.

Answer: LICHEN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Mom's Spaghetti is a restaurant in downtown Detroit owned by what musical artist?

Answer: EMINEM

Q2.: ART - What artistic term, which originally referred during the Renaissance to a relaxed, asymmetrical pose prevalent in Greek and Roman sculpture, is applied today to poses in which one part of a figure turns or twists away from (or is "set against") another part?

Answer: CONTRAPPOSTO

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A boundary dispute between the US and British governments over their respective possessions on the Pacific Coast of North America was settled by the 1846 Oregon Treaty, which drew a line at the 49th parallel but dipped south into the Strait of Juan de Fuca to maintain Britain's claim to what island?

Answer: VANCOUVER ISLAND

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The "trilogy" of the 1989 Philip Glass album Songs from the Trilogy was a group of three biographical operas by the composer that culminated in 1984 with Akhenaten, included 1979's Satyagraha (about Mahatma Gandhi), and began in 1976 with an opera about what other individual?

Answer: ALBERT EINSTEIN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Upon its launch in September 1906, the RMS Mauretania—named after the Roman province in Northwest Africa—was the world's largest ship, overtaking what other vessel, the Mauretania's sister ship, which had launched three months prior?

Answer: RMS LUSITANIA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Carl Sandburg's influential six-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln is divided into two parts: the first two volumes, subtitled The [BLANK #1] Years, and the final four volumes, subtitled The [BLANK #2] Years. Provide either of the words that fill in the blanks in these subtitles.

Answer: PRAIRIE, WAR

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - What city, about 100 miles north of Damascus and the country's third-largest, has been under partial siege by the Syrian Army since May of 2011, and has been informally dubbed the capital of the Syrian Uprising?

Answer: HOMS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Though founded by an American and an Australian, the major international airline Cathay Pacific is headquartered in what city, with that city's primary airport serving as the airline's main hub?

Answer: HONG KONG

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Consisting of the Heer (army), Kriegsmarine (navy) and Luftwaffe (air force), what was the term used for the unified armed forces of Nazi Germany?

Answer: WEHRMACHT

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - White rum, sugar, lime juice, sparkling water and mint: these are the five traditional and standard ingredients of what popular cocktail?

Answer: MOJITO

Q5.: SCIENCE - There are two letters missing from this graphic. What are they? [Click here](#)

Answer: BE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Arma virumque cano, Troiae qui primus ab oris. This is the introduction to the epic tale of what Trojan warrior?

Answer: AENEAS

Q1.: TELEVISION - A satellite television service was launched by Rupert Murdoch-owned News International in 1989, merged with British Satellite Broadcasting in the early 1990s, evolved to become Europe's largest media company and pay-television broadcaster, and is now owned by American media conglomerate Comcast. What is the trade name of this company, headquartered in the London Borough of Hounslow?

Answer: SKY

Q2.: FILM - Two tiny roles—a complaining customer in a grocery store and a bank employee—are filled by the only women with speaking roles in what exceedingly popular (and exceedingly male-dominated) 1994 movie?

Answer: THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Q3.: SCIENCE - What word, from the Greek for "one's own" or "personal" and "suffering", is used in medicine to describe a disease or condition that arose spontaneously or has no identifiable cause?

Answer: IDIOPATHIC

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A pâté brisée filled with egg custard and cooked bacon, onion, and cheese is a dish named after what region now in Northeastern France, where it originated?

Answer: LORRAINE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What Olympic sport is also well-known by an onomatopoeic name that was trademarked by English sports companies Jacques of London and Hamley Bros. in 1900, with US naming rights acquired by Parker Brothers shortly thereafter and owned since the 1970s by a company called Escalade Sports?

Answer: TABLE TENNIS/PING-PONG

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What one name is missing from this chronological list: Koizumi, [BLANK], Fukuda, Asō, Hatoyama, Kan, Noda, [BLANK], Suga, Kishida?

Answer: ABE

Q1.: ART - This image is a montage of works from citizens of what country? Click here

Answer: NETHERLANDS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of Canada's ten provinces, which one is, by far, largest in land area (and about 240 times larger than the smallest, Prince Edward Island)?

Answer: QUEBEC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - This is a term in French cuisine for a particular dish consisting of coarsely chopped meat and/or vegetables -- a sort of jellied meatloaf, similar to pate. The same term is used for the cooking vessel in which the meatloaf is prepared.

Answer: TERRINE

Q4.: AMER HIST - The military personification of the confederacy during the U.S. Civil War was known as Johnny Reb; who was Johnny Reb's northern counterpart?

Answer: BILLY YANK

Q5.: BUS/ECON - An Englishman named David Ogilvy, who died in 1999 at age 78, is widely considered a pioneer and vanguard in the evolution of what industry?

Answer: ADVERTISING

Q6.: SCIENCE - Decompression sickness, known as the bends and suffered commonly by deep-sea divers and aviators, is caused when a gas comes out of solution and forms bubbles in body fluid and blood during a quick ascent. Most commonly, this gas is what element?

Answer: NITROGEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - Scott Kelly's 2017 memoir *Endurance* documents his year (or so) spent where?

Answer: SPACE/INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Q2.: FILM - The Love Bug, Field of Dreams, The Theory of Everything, Ghostbusters (2016), Flash Gordon, Oklahoma!, The Fugitive, and Monty Python and the Holy Grail are all films featuring performers with what last name?

Answer: JONES

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The island of Unguja, located just off the coast of East Africa (northwest of Madagascar and directly north of the city of Dar es Salaam) and home to the city of Stone Town, is known more familiarly by what other name?

Answer: ZANZIBAR

Q4.: AMER HIST - "To overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions." When it appeared in 1845, as written by columnist John Louis O'Sullivan, this quote was accompanied by the introduction of what phrase and political doctrine?

Answer: MANIFEST DESTINY

Q5.: SCIENCE - Members of thousands of species within the taxonomic family Apidae—the largest within the superfamily Apoidea which is itself within the order Hymenoptera—are all known by what term?

Answer: BEES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - On February 4, while accepting the Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Album, Taylor Swift unexpectedly announced the release of her new album on April 19, with what title?

Answer: THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT

Q1.: SCIENCE - The planet Uranus has 27 moons, and each one is named after a character from the works of one of two authors. Name either of the authors.
Answer: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, ALEXANDER POPE

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 2001 novel *A Painted House*, about a rural Southern family of cotton farmers, was what author's first bestseller outside the legal thriller genre?

Answer: JOHN GRISHAM

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Saxophonist Wayne Shorter, pianist Herbie Hancock, guitarist George Benson, bassist Ron Carter, and drummer Tony Williams -- all jazz giants in their own rights -- were members in the 1960s of what trumpeter's band?

Answer: MILES DAVIS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - This meat substitute product, which is purportedly named after an English village though it (perhaps not coincidentally) sounds like a common vegetable, is actually produced using fungal protein mixed with egg albumen. It is popular in Britain and other parts of Europe, less so in the U.S. since its introduction in 2002.

Answer: QUORN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Stoke Field, which took place on June 16 ,1487, is widely believed to have marked the final days of what?

Answer: WARS OF THE ROSES

Q6.: FILM - This Graham Greene story, about racketeering, murder, and mystery in post World War II Vienna, became a 1949 motion picture starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotten.

Answer: THE THIRD MAN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Simon Pagenaud, Takuma Sato, Hélio Castroneves, Marcus Ericsson, and Josef Newgarden are the most recent winners of what Spectacle?

Answer: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Q2.: FILM - Although the plot and unusual narrative structure of a celebrated Akira Kurosawa film come from Ryunosuke Akutagawa's 1921 short story "Yabu no Naka" ("In a Grove"), another Akutagawa story from 1915 provides the film's setting (a ruined gate in Kyoto) and title. What is that title?

Answer: RASHÔMON

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Ghetto Supastar (That Is What You Are)", "Gone Til November", and "Doo Wop (That Thing)" were hit singles from the late 1990s recorded and released by former members of what trio?

Answer: THE FUGEES

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What company's logo, influenced by a character on a cathedral mosaic in medieval Italy, is a twin-tailed siren with an asymmetrical face?

Answer: STARBUCKS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt is coholder of the NFL single-season record for most quarterback sacks, sharing the honor with what morning television and game show host?

Answer: MICHAEL STRAHAN

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the 1790s, British physician Edward Jenner discovered that individuals could develop immunity to the deadly smallpox virus by way of infection with the milder cowpox virus. It is thus through the name of this latter virus (specifically, its Latin name) that what word was introduced into the English language?

Answer: VACCINE/VACCINATION

Q1.: SCIENCE -Correctly spellthe branch of medicine which deals with diseases of the eye and their treatment.

Answer: OPHTHALMOLOGY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - This former third baseman and member of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame hit 548 home runs in his career, most ever hit by a player who spent his entire career with just one team.

Answer: MIKE SCHMIDT

Q3.: THEATRE - While there are today dozens of theatre festivals across the globe which are dubbedfringe festivals, the original and still largest fringe festival in the world takes place in what European city?

Answer: EDINBURGH

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Rwandan Genocide, which took place in 1994, was planned and led by an extremist organization known as theAkazu, who were members of what majority ethnic group?

Answer: HUTU

Q5.: TELEVISION - A drama series which debuted on the Fox Television Network in April of 1987 and revolved around a group of police officers, who worked undercover investigating crimes in high schools and colleges, had what as its title (named after the address of the officers' headquarters)?

Answer: 21 JUMP STREET

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - This photograph was taken in which U.S. state?Click here

Answer: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In September 2020, the US Food and Drug Administration released a statement that warned against the adverse effects of a TikTok challenge involving a recipe for "Sleepy Chicken", which entailed marinating a chicken breast in what branded product before cooking?

Answer: NYQUIL

Q2.: LITERATURE - What literary name, which the Oxford English Dictionary has defined as a boiled brandy-and-ale drink from the late 17th century, is known in France asboule boule, in Denmark asLille-Trille, and in parts of Germany asRüntzelken-Püntzelken?

Answer: HUMPTY-DUMPTY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The 1842 Treaty of Nanjing, between China and Britain, ended the First Opium War, broke China's trade monopoly, opened various "Treaty ports" (such as Xiamen, Guangzhou, and Shanghai), and ceded Hong Kong to the British crown. It is the first of what would be dubbed (rather accurately, especially from China's perspective) the [BLANK] Treaties—what adjective fills in the blank?

Answer: UNEQUAL

Q4.: THEATRE - In the 2023 revival, James Monroe Iglehart reprised the role originated by Tim Curry, Taran Killam reprised the role originated by Hank Azaria, and Leslie Kritzer reprised the role originated by Sara Ramirez in the original 2005 Broadway production of what musical?

Answer: SPAMALOT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Tempura, Squid Nigiri, Chopsticks, and Pudding are among the cards in the deck of what "pick and pass" game?

Answer: SUSHI GO!/SUSHI GO PARTY!

Q6.: FILM - One of W.C. Fields's most beloved comedy shorts, The Fatal Glass of Beer, is famous for its oft-repeated line (and subsequent blast of snow to the face). What are the last four words of that line, which begins, "And it ain't a fit night out"?

Answer: FOR MAN OR BEAST/FOR MAN NOR BEAST

Q1.: SCIENCE - The scientific order lepidoptera contains an exceedingly large number of insect species, all members of which are commonly known by one of two names. Give either one.

Answer: BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What is the formal name of the title held by the UK Cabinet Minister (currently, George Osborne) whose post is the rough equivalent of Germany's Federal Minister of Finance, and the U.S.'s Secretary of the Treasury?

Answer: CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - This (slightly edited) image shows the control pad for the first version of what video game console? [Click here](#)

Answer: SONY PLAYSTATION

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Identify the diplomat who was named Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1978 and in 1985 -- the only Chinese national to receive the designation on two separate occasions.

Answer: DENG XIAOPING

Q5.: LITERATURE - Dante's Divine Comedy is an epic poem divided into three canticas. The first is Inferno; what are the other two?

Answer: PURGATORIO, PARADISO

Q6.: FILM - What is the title of the classic German horror film from 1922 which is subtitled *deine Symphonie des Grauens* (A Symphony of Horror), and stars Max Schreck as the Transylvanian Count Orlok?

Answer: NOSFERATU

Q1.: TELEVISION - A cement mixer named Dizzy, a road roller named Roley, a dump truck named Muck, and a digger named Scoop are construction vehicles used by what animated general contractor?

Answer: BOB THE BUILDER

Q2.: SCIENCE - Among the major physical properties used to help identify minerals are color, fracture, hardness, and a property denoted by a two-word term that measures the "heaviness" of a mineral, expressed as a ratio between the weight of the mineral and the weight of an equal volume of water. What is that term?

Answer: SPECIFIC GRAVITY/RELATIVE DENSITY

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In 2022 and 2023, the #2 podcast on Spotify (after The Joe Rogan Experience) was a comedy, interview, and relationship-advice podcast hosted by Alexandra Cooper titled Call Herwhat?

Answer: DADDY

Q4.: ART - What painter and sculptor, who died in Toledo in 1614, is regarded as the first great artist of the Spanish School, though he himself was not Spanish (and is best-known by a name that combines Spanish and Italian, though he himself was also not Italian)?

Answer: EL GRECO/DOMINIKOS THEOTOKOPOULOS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - At roughly 850,000 square miles in area, the Bay of Bengal is the world's most extensive body of water whose name includes the word "Bay". What inland sea, around half the area of the Bay of Bengal, is the second largest such body of water?

Answer: HUDSON BAY

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What vaguely scientific-sounding slang term for "excellent", "very satisfactory", and "hunky-dory" is of unknown origin but was popularized by Bill "Bojangles" Robinson in the 1920s? In the Grateful Dead's "West L.A. Fadeaway", lyricist Robert Hunter pairs it in a couplet with "pathetic".

Answer: COPACETIC

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In a complete list of names that includes Harold Ross, William Shawn, Robert Gottlieb, and David Remnick, whose name is missing?

Answer: TINA BROWN

Q2.: AMER HIST - After the retirement of the Model T, this more powerful and luxurious Ford automobile began production in 1928, and continued until there were five million of them on the road by 1931.

Answer: MODEL A

Q3.: THEATRE - Ado Annie, Laurey Williams, Jud Fry, and Will Parker are among the characters from what groundbreaking Broadway musical?

Answer: OKLAHOMA!

Q4.: SCIENCE - Give the scientific names of two of the three diseases protected against by the DTaP vaccine.

Answer: DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What was the term used by Parliamentarians ('Roundheads') for a Royalist supporter of King Charles I during the mid to late 17th c., and in turn for a school of poets of the era whose works were accordingly light and secular, and which included Ben Jonson, Richard Lovelace, Thomas Carew, and Robert Herrick? The term itself has evolved linguistically to mean both debonair and disdainful.

Answer: CAVALIER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Identify the album on which the song in this clip first appeared (58 seconds). [Click here](#)

Answer: HISTORY (PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, BOOK I)

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The title of a popular song by David Bowie that appeared on the 1972 album The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars contains a word (among its two words) that relates, indirectly, to the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution (though the lyrics don't relate to it, even remotely). What is that word?

Answer: SUFFRAGETTE

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Violinists David Harrington and John Sherba, violist Hank Dutt, and cellist Joan Jeanrenaud were the long-time foursome comprising a string quartet founded in 1973 and named after what mythical god?

Answer: KRONOS

Q3.: LITERATURE - Author and *Time* magazine correspondent Simon Shuster's 2024 biography, *The Showman*, profiles what world leader and former actor?

Answer: VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Many sources cite what German port city as the leading European city in number of bridges, with nearly 2,500, many of which span the Alster, Bille, or Elbe Rivers?

Answer: HAMBURG

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Smarcle Flyer, Happy Bee, Fly Birdie, Fall Out Bird, Tiny Flying Drizzy, Ninja Flop, and Splashy Fish were among the many dozens of knockoffs of what mobile game, developed by video-game artist Dong Nguyen in 2013?

Answer: FLAPPY BIRD

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The great expansion of the Ottoman Empire from the 16th to 18th centuries is attributed in part to elite fighting forces that consisted largely of soldiers first taken from Christian families and enslaved as boys. These forces are known by what name, from the Turkish for "new" and "soldier"?

Answer: JANISSARIES

Q1.: TELEVISION - Identify this muppet.[Click here](#)

Answer: SCOOTER

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The Live Aid concert, which took place on July 13, 1985, was held simultaneously in two cities -- London, and what U.S. city (with Phil Collins famously appearing at both venues)?

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q3.: MATH - The area of a circle with a diameter of 6 inches exceeds the combined areas of a circle 2 inches in diameter and a circle 4 inches in diameter by how many square inches?

Answer: 4 PI

Q4.: ART - This term is applied generally as a classification of art which intends to represent its subject matter in objective manner, and specifically refers to an artistic movement which emerged in France in the mid-19th c., represented by the works of Gustave Courbet, Jean-Francois Millet, and Honore Daumier.

Answer: REALISM

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 lasted only 13 days, but resulted in the creation of what new independent nation?

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The name of what corporation has been redacted from this logo?[Click here](#)

Answer: GULF

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Li Ronghao, G.E.M., Eason Chan, JJ Lin, and Jay Chou are musical artists who achieved great success in what popular music genre (a subgenre and branch of C-Pop), of which the Taiwan-born Chou is frequently dubbed the "King"?
Answer: MANDOPOP

Q2.: LANGUAGE - A story from the Old Testament during which, on the Day of Atonement, a priest would confess the sins of the Israelites over a particular animal's head and then drive the animal into the wilderness, is the source for what word common today?

Answer: SCAPEGOAT

Q3.: SCIENCE - According to some sources, what portmanteau was coined in the early 1900s as a synonym for "London particulate matter" (though it is not unique to that city)? It's a phenomenon with several serious proven health effects and has been reported as the possible cause for the deaths of thousands of individuals in Delhi, India, every year.

Answer: SMOG

Q4.: LITERATURE - John Stuart Mill's influential 1859 essay, which asserts that the state may interfere with individual freedoms only to protect other individuals, is titled "On" what?

Answer: LIBERTY

Q5.: FILM - What password, used in countless TV shows, movies, books, and other media, first appeared in the 1932 Marx Brothers movie Horse Feathers?

Answer: SWORDFISH

Q6.: MATH - Give the mathematical adjective most often used to describe scales of measurement, such as the decibel and pH scales, in which an increase of one unit represents a tenfold increase in the quantity measured.

Answer: LOGARITHMIC

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - One of the best known classical composers who worked with the technique of composition known as fugue is what German, whose *The Well-Tempered Clavier* is a collection of preludes and fugues in all 24 keys, and whose *The Art of Fugue* was unfinished at his death in 1750?

Answer: JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Q2.: ART - This work of art, once attributed to Praxiteles but now widely believed to be the work of Alexandros of Antioch, was discovered by a peasant on a small Greek isle in 1820, and now is on permanent display at the Louvre in Paris.

Answer: VENUS DE MILO

Q3.: AMER HIST - One of the best remembered speeches in American history was an inaugural address -- famous for its indirect reference to a particular phobia -- which happens to be the last to have taken place on March 4 (due to the recent passage of the 20th Amendment). Which U.S. President gave this address?

Answer: FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In December of 2010, an arrest warrant was issued against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to extradite him to what country, for questioning on charges related to alleged sex offenses?

Answer: SWEDEN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - At a latitude of 6 degrees south, this city was, until East Timor's independence in May of 2002, the only Asian national capital below the equator.

Answer: JAKARTA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moocow coming down along the road and this moocow that was coming down along the road met a nicens little boy named baby tuckoo...Thus begins what semi-autobiographical novel?

Answer: PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN

Q1.: FILM - What name is the last word uttered in the final installment of the Star Wars sequel trilogy, from 2019, as well as the last word of the film's title?
Answer: SKYWALKER

Q2.: TELEVISION - US House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. (D-MA) opened the House's proceedings on March 19, 1979, and in doing so became the first distinguishable voice on what cable television network?
Answer: C-SPAN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Queen Anne, Britain's last ruler of the Stuart dynasty, died in 1714 without an heir, so the throne passed to George I, a distant relative who was ruler of what German electorate (state)—and thus he became the first British monarch from the House of that name?

Answer: HANOVER

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Charleston, Lexington, Maui, Nantucket, Montauk, Sausalito, Tahoe, Santa Cruz, and Chesapeake are locations in the United States, and also names of cookies produced by what bakery?

Answer: PEPPERIDGE FARM

Q5.: LITERATURE - Confessions has been the title (in English) of numerous works of literature throughout history (as well as the beginning of the titles of countless others). Still, likely the two most notable with that title were written in Latin in the late 4th century CE and in French in the 1760s. Identify either of these works' authors.

Answer: ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

Q6.: SCIENCE - A term used in botany for the tissue between the vascular system and the epidermis in plant stems and roots is also used in zoology for the outermost layer of tissue of various organs (such as adrenal glands, kidneys, and the hemispheres of the cerebrum). What is this term?

Answer: CORTEX

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The airport known during WWII as RAF Speke is today named officially after what native Liverpudlian?

Answer: JOHN LENNON

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - This audio clip (30 seconds) is an excerpt from the finale of a symphony which is most commonly known by whatname(not number)?[Click here](#)

Answer: CHORAL SYMPHONY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In Russia, this war is also known as the Eastern War (Vostochnaya Voina), and at the time of the conflict, in Britain it was known as the Russian War. By what name is it best known today?

Answer: CRIMEAN WAR

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the sport of cricket, there are a number of ways a batsman can be dismissed. One of them is abbreviated LBW -- what do the letters in LBW stand for?

Answer: LEG BEFORE WICKET

Q5.: SCIENCE - In medicine, the term bradycardia is used in general terms to refer to a slow resting heart rate. What is the accompanying term for an accelerated resting heart rate?

Answer: TACHYCARDIA

Q6.: FILM - While this famous serial killer and Wisconsin native is believed to have murdered only two people (still two more than normal, it must be noted), his mother-dependence and woman-suit-making provided the inspiration for Psycho, The Silence of the Lambs, and The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.

Answer: ED GEIN

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - What word is the comic counterpart to seria in the names of common genres of opera?

Answer: BUFFA

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the name of the jazz-tinged space Western anime series, set in the year 2071, which first aired in Japan in 1998, was popular upon its premiere in the US on Adult Swim in 2001, and was adapted into an unsuccessful live-action version on Netflix in 2021?

Answer: COWBOY BEBOP

Q3.: AMER HIST - The present borders of the mainland United States were completed in 1854 upon the completion of the purchase of a strip of land, just under 30,000 square miles in area, negotiated by and named after what US Minister to Mexico?

Answer: JAMES GADSDEN

Q4.: TELEVISION - Billy Bob Thornton, Allison Tolman, Colin Hanks, Martin Freeman, Kirsten Dunst, Patrick Wilson, Jesse Plemons, Jean Smart, Ted Danson, Ewan McGregor, Carrie Coon, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, David Thewlis, Chris Rock, Jason Schwartzman, Ben Whishaw, Juno Temple, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Jon Hamm have all starred in the main cast of what TV series that premiered in 2014?

Answer: FARGO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Real Madrid, Anadolu Efes, CSKA Moscow, Fenerbahçe, and Maccabi Tel Aviv are recent winners of the most prestigious European trophy in what sport?

Answer: (MEN'S) BASKETBALL

Q6.: SCIENCE - The large wide ring of tens of thousands of small celestial bodies thought to be composed of mostly ice that comprise the Kuiper Belt are referred to as KBOs ("Kuiper Belt Objects"). Alternatively, they are sometimes called TNOs—what does the "N" in TNO stand for?

Answer: NEPTUNE/NEPTUNIAN

Q1.: LITERATURE - What name is shared by one of the three Biblical magi, a servant of the Montague household in Romeo and Juliet, and a size of wine bottle equivalent to sixteen standard bottles?

Answer: BALTHAZAR

Q2.: THEATRE - 'Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered' and 'I Could Write a Book' are standards which were written for what Rodgers and Hart Broadway musical, which starred Gene Kelly in the title role in the 1940 premiere and Harold Lang in the even more successful 1952 revival?

Answer: PAL JOEY

Q3.: TELEVISION - What has been dubbed as the most famous dream sequence in television history is the entire eighth season of what long-running television drama?

Answer: DALLAS

Q4.: AMER HIST - Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen are among a relatively small number of American citizens currently serving time in federal prison for what crime?

Answer: SPYING/ESPIONAGE

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What is the name for the linguistic device which is a word, or occasionally a grouping of words, whose sound imitates the sound the word is describing, such as bang, click, fizz, and hush?

Answer: ONOMATOPOEIA

Q6.: ART - This is the work of what artist? [Click here](#)

Answer: MARC CHAGALL

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The word "prone" is used to describe the position of a person lying face down (from the Latin word *pronus*, "bent forward"). What is the opposite term, which indicates the position of a person lying face up (from the Latin for "bent backwards") and can also be used to describe someone as passive, inactive, or indolent?

Answer: SUPINE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Identify any one of the three altepetls that constituted the powerful Nahuan Triple Alliance of the 15th and 16th centuries.

Answer: TENOCHTITLAN, TEXCOCO, TLACOPAN

Q3.: ART - A line of attractions along the Rue de Rivoli on the Right Bank of the Seine begins in the west with the Place de la Concorde, continues toward the east into in Paris's 1st arrondissement with the Jardin des Tuileries and then the Place du Carrousel, and ends with what tourist mecca, near the scenic Pont des Arts?

Answer: THE LOUVRE

Q4.: FILM - On January 20, 1990, activist Ron Kovic was awarded the Golden Globe for Best Screenplay, 22 years to the day after suffering an injury that left him paralyzed from the chest down. What is the name of the film, based on his 1976 memoir of the same name, for which he won the award?

Answer: BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What Olympic sport is played on a 40m x 20m (131.25ft x 65.62ft) indoor court between two teams of seven players each, and the rules of which allow players to take up to three steps without bouncing the ball and to hold it for up to three seconds?

Answer: HANDBALL

Q6.: SCIENCE - A form of carbon made by the destructive distillation of coal has a name that is also used for a certain unrelated beverage. What is that name?

Answer: COKE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Former U.S. Senator and New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine was Chairman and CEO of what international financial derivatives broker at the time of its bankruptcy filing in October of 2011?

Answer: MF GLOBAL

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Bobby Fischer became the first American World Champion of Chess in over 80 years after winning what became known as The Match of the Century, in Reykjavik, Iceland, in July and August of 1972. Name the Soviet defending champion that Fischer defeated in this match.

Answer: BORIS SPASSKY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - German-born Herbert Ernst Frahm escaped to Norway to avoid Nazi persecution in 1933 at age 19, and later gained international prominence as long-time mayor of West Berlin, and then as German Chancellor. To evade Nazi agents while in Norway, he adopted what pseudonym -- the name by which he was known for the rest of his life?

Answer: WILLY BRANDT

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The massive thoroughfare junction pictured here is named formally after whom?[Click here](#)

Answer: CHARLES DE GAULLE

Q5.: ART - What is the title of this famous painting?[Click here](#)

Answer: HIS MASTER'S VOICE

Q6.: TELEVISION - The title character of this long-running television drama series, a graduate of Harvard Law School, had several notable comic peculiarities, including an affinity for driving a Ford Crown Victoria (three models over the course of the series), a fondness for hot dogs, and an allegiance to wearing gray suits in the courtroom (where he was virtually always victorious).

Answer: MATLOCK

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Opened in April 1994, the 0.73-mile-long Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge connects the cities of Nong Khai and Vientiane, spanning what river?
Answer: MEKONG

Q2.: TELEVISION - A universally and massively acclaimed September 15, 2013, TV series episode titled "Ozymandias" is notable for, among many things, the show's opening credits not appearing until 19 minutes into the episode, due to dramatic events at its start. "Ozymandias" was the third-to-last episode in the fifth and final season of what series?

Answer: BREAKING BAD

Q3.: AMER HIST - Among the candidates who finished behind Joe Biden and Donald Trump in the popular vote during the 2020 US presidential election were Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen, with 1.8 million votes, Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins, with 407,000, American Independent Rocky de la Fuente, with 88,000, and what musician, an Independent candidate who earned over 70,000 votes?

Answer: KANYE WEST

Q4.: LITERATURE - Author Kate DiCamillo is one of six authors to have twice received the Newbery Medal, awarded for distinguished contributions to American children's literature, and the only author to have won two in the 21st century. The first (in 2004) was for a story about a heroic mouse, and the second (2014) was for a story about a girl and a squirrel. Give the name of any one of these three characters.

Answer: DESPEREAUX, FLORA, ULYSSES

Q5.: SCIENCE - The IBM text-tagging system created in the 1960s and abbreviated GML was so named after the last names of its developers (Goldfarb, Mosher, and Lorie), but in subsequent text-encoding systems, such as SGML, XML, and HTML, the "ML" is generally understood to stand for what?

Answer: MARKUP LANGUAGE

Q6.: FILM - Kristen Stewart was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress in 2022 (for 2021), and Annette Bening was nominated for the same honor in 2024 (for 2023). The nominations were for performances portraying real-life individuals who shared what first name?

Answer: DIANA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What heavy metal legend replaced Ozzy Osbourne as lead singer of Black Sabbath after Ozzy's departure from the band in April of 1979?
Answer: RONNIE JAMES DIO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Die schöne Müllerin and Winterreise, two song cycles based on the poems of German lyricist Wilhelm Müller, are the works of what Austrian composer of the Romantic era?
Answer: FRANZ SCHUBERT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Greek Acropolis temple known as the Parthenon was completed in 438 BC as a dedication to what mythological deity?
Answer: ATHENA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - This island, the world's fourth-largest, is the largest to be (with some tiny peripheral islands) its own independent nation.
Answer: MADAGASCAR

Q5.: LITERATURE - A New England prep school, where students confront adolescent jealousy, rivalry, self-identity, death, and the looming presence of WWII, is the setting for what American novel, the author's debut, first published in the U.S. in 1960?

Answer: A SEPARATE PEACE

Q6.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film? Click here
Answer: GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

Q1.: TELEVISION - The six dots in the logo of what television series match the six umbrellas in its opening credits?

Answer: FRIENDS

Q2.: SCIENCE - A set of fossilized bones, classified initially as *Pithecanthropus erectus* and now included within the species *Homo erectus*, were found at Trinil at the River Solo on what island, after which this "man" is commonly named?

Answer: JAVA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Shania Twain's second LP, from 1995, would become the best-selling album of all time by a female country artist, selling over 20 million copies worldwide. Her 1997 release would eclipse that, doubling the sales of its predecessor and remaining today the best-selling country album of all time. Give the title of either of these two blockbuster albums.

Answer: THE WOMAN IN ME, COME ON OVER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Since 2010, one school has won the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship in three different seasons, and they did so on each occasion with a different head coach. What is that university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Q5.: LITERATURE - Caroline, who was the wife of England's George II and had eight children, has been supposed (as have many others) to be the inspiration for a nursery-rhyme character who inhabited what?

Answer: A SHOE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Although French general Henri Philippe Pétain was born in Cauchy-à-la-Tour in 1856 and was dubbed the lion of Verdun for leading victorious French forces in battle there, history will invariably (and unfavorably) most closely associate him with what other city, in Central France?

Answer: VICHY

Q1.: ART - The largest collection of paintings and graphic art in the world is held in what European state museum, founded to hold a private imperial collection in 1764 and opened to the public 88 years later?

Answer: HERMITAGE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Over twenty brands owned by this consumer products company have over one billion dollars in annual net sales, including Bounty, Duracell, Gillette, Max Factor, and Pampers.

Answer: PROCTER & GAMBLE

Q3.: AMER HIST - Name the sea captain who was blamed -- perhaps unfairly -- for the major oil spill that resulted from the tanker Exxon Valdez's collision with a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound, in March of 1989.

Answer: JOSEPH HAZELWOOD

Q4.: TELEVISION - Since 1970, the NBC television network's flagship news program has been NBC Nightly News; from 1956 until 1970, it was named after what two newsmen, who served as its co-hosts?

Answer: CHET HUNTLEY, DAVID BRINKLEY

Q5.: LITERATURE - First Impressions was the original title of what 1813 novel, which was first published in the U.S. in 1832 as Elizabeth Bennet or _____(current title redacted)?

Answer: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 14th c. English nobleman and hero Sir Henry Percy, nicknamed Harry Hotspur, died leading troops in the Battle of Shrewsbury during the Hundred Years' War. Much later, he inspired the name of a Premier League soccer team that represents and plays in what area of London?

Answer: TOTTENHAM

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What word links the name of the Grand Ole Opry comic who wore the \$1.98 hat and the name of a band who waged a costly, years-long feud with Ticketmaster beginning in the 1990s?

Answer: PEARL

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The expression "too big to fail", associated with the theory that some institutions are so large and interconnected with the economy that their failure would have outsized impacts on the economic system, was coined in the 1980s, but during the 2008 financial crisis, it was commonly used to describe several entities—and especially the actual collapse and bankruptcy of what financial-services firm, which was founded in 1850 and was (prior to its failure) the fourth-largest investment bank in the United States?

Answer: LEHMAN BROTHERS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Proposed legislation in New York State titled the Bird Safe Buildings Act, and retroactively renamed the "Feathered Lives Also Count" Act, has received renewed energy after the untimely death of a Eurasian eagle-owl who escaped from the Central Park Zoo and perished after colliding into a residential building. What was this owl's name?

Answer: FLACO

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The plateau of Bohemia and the lowland of Moravia are two regions that constitute the majority of the area of what country?

Answer: CZECHIA/CZECH REPUBLIC

Q5.: FILM - What Paul Newman film character, preternaturally talented at egg eating, earned his moniker via a prison poker game, in which the character bluffs his way to the pot?

Answer: COOL HAND LUKE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Allegedly originating during the Depression era, a type of hamburger served "Oklahoma" style is a smashburger served on a bun with cheese, optional condiments, and what other necessary ingredient?

Answer: (FRIED) ONIONS

Q1.: ART - Identify the architect responsible for the structure in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: SANTIAGO CALATRAVA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here are the pieces for what tile-based game?[Click here](#)

Answer: RUMMIKUB

Q3.: SCIENCE - Xshould be replaced with what number in the following statement?: A gold alloy with 75% purity, three parts gold and one part another metal, would be described asX-Karat gold.

Answer: 18

Q4.: FILM - In the firstStar Warsfilm (Episode IV), as Luke prepares to board his X-wing fighter before the attack on the Death Star battle station, which character utters the line "May the force be with you"?

Answer: HAN SOLO

Q5.: LITERATURE - The title character of this Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale emerges from a barleycorn flower, and has uncomfortable interactions with various unsavory creatures (a toad, a stag beetle, and mole) until meeting and marrying a more suitable mate: a tiny fairy prince.

Answer: THUMBELINA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The 1990 albumUnison, which sold 3 million copies worldwide, was the first anglophone album (and 15th overall) from what recording artist? Her eponymous release would be an even bigger success two years later.

Answer: CELINE DION

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What Japanese pinball game takes its name from the sound of the steel balls bouncing off the machine's little brass pins?

Answer: PACHINKO

Q2.: THEATRE - Among English playwright Peter Shaffer's numerous theatrical successes are two plays, from 1973 and 1979, that were later adapted to film and that both, coincidentally, have titles in Latin. What is the title of either of these plays?

Answer: EQUUS, AMADEUS

Q3.: ART - A panel from a June 1963 issue of a comic book titled Secret Hearts and illustrated by John Romita, Sr., was adapted later that year into a painting titled Crying Girl, one of the two works with that title by what American artist?

Answer: ROY LICHTENSTEIN

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the French fashion-goods company named after the racecourse in Paris that hosts the annual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe thoroughbred race.

Answer: LONGCHAMP

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Soviet-dominated regimes of the Warsaw Pact were toppled during the Eastern Bloc revolutions of 1989—peacefully, except for one. What country, whose Marxist government was the last to fall and whose leader was violently overthrown and executed, was the exception?

Answer: ROMANIA

Q6.: AMER HIST - "Old Kinderhook" was the nickname of what US president, who took office during the financial panic of 1837 and (perhaps as a result) was defeated resoundingly in his reelection attempt?

Answer: MARTIN VAN BUREN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Who is the current Prime Minister and head of the government of the Republic of Iraq?

Answer: NOURI AL-MALIKI

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In the same year that former U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as a result of his work on his namesake reconstruction plan, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was awarded a Nobel Prize in what category?

Answer: LITERATURE

Q3.: MATH - What is the area of the region bounded by the graphs of $y = x^2$; $x = 0$; $x = 2$; and the x-axis?

Answer: 8/3

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What type of nut are these?Click here

Answer: HAZELNUTS/FILBERTS

Q5.: FILM - Name the film, scheduled to be released in the U.S. in July of 2012, which will be the thirteenth feature film produced by Pixar Animation Studios, and the studio's first fairy tale, as well as its first with a female main protagonist.

Answer: BRAVE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Who celebrated his 50th birthday by premiering his Symphony No. 5 in E flat major at the Helsinki City Orchestra on December 8, 1915?

Answer: JEAN SIBELIUS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In February 2024, what tech giant reported an annual revenue increase of 265%, thanks to booming sales of its generative-AI chips for servers, which sent its stock soaring toward a market capitalization of nearly \$2 trillion?
Answer: NVIDIA

Q2.: LITERATURE - What three-word phrase used by William James in his 1890 Principles of Psychology has since been applied to the extensive Chapter 42 of Portrait of a Lady (by Henry James, William's brother), sections of Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and To the Lighthouse, and much of James Joyce's Ulysses?
Answer: STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Q3.: AMER HIST - In addition to Cuban independence, the 1898 Treaty of Paris resulted in the cession by Spain to the United States of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and what Pacific island?

Answer: GUAM

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Beginning with her debut in February 1963, Julia Child concluded every episode of The French Chef with what phrase, which was coincidentally the name of an American magazine that itself debuted around six years prior?

Answer: BON APPÉTIT!

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Imagine the outline of a square. When the lines that form the right side and the bottom side of the square are removed, the two lines that remain (the top and left sides) most closely resemble the uppercase form of what letter of the Greek alphabet?

Answer: GAMMA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What lively folk dance from Southern Italy is actually named after a town in the Italian Peninsula's boot heel, not after a particular arthropod (though legend claims that the dance cures, or is perhaps caused by, this arthropod's bite)? Note: correct spelling of the answer is required.

Answer: TARANTELLA

Q1.: TELEVISION - What is the last name of the family who, with their house staff, are the main subjects of the television series Downton Abbey?

Answer: CRAWLEY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the world's most populous primarily Spanish-speaking country?

Answer: MEXICO

Q3.: AMER HIST - In the Apollo 11 space mission, where humans walked on the moon for the first time, the Lunar Module was named Eagle. What was the name of the Command/Service Module, manned by Michael Collins during the landing itself (it would not be the last NASA craft so named)?

Answer: COLUMBIA

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Cray, Burroughs, Eckert-Mauchly, and Wang are all names of current or former companies whose business was the manufacture of what?

Answer: COMPUTERS

Q5.: LITERATURE - The title characters of Alexandre Dumas's The Three Musketeers are Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, but the story tells the tale of what other adventurer, as he travels to Paris to join the prestigious Mousquetaires de la garde?

Answer: D'ARTAGNAN

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Identify this man. [Click here](#)

Answer: CONRAD MURRAY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In 1958, a triad of European countries known as the Low Countries formed an economic union whose name was a combination of the countries' names. What was that union's name?

Answer: BENELUX

Q2.: LITERATURE - A nameless young Black man in the 20th-century United States and a scientist named Griffin are literary characters, from 1952 and 1897, respectively, that fit what description, per the titles of the novels in which they appear?

Answer: INVISIBLE MEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - In 1986, Cleveland Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama, namesake of the Cleveland Avenue bus line, was renamed in honor of what individual?

Answer: ROSA PARKS

Q4.: MATH - Pythagorean mathematicians of ancient Greece defined three numeric means that are today called "Pythagorean means". They are the arithmetic mean(AM), the geometric mean(GM), and what third, which is abbreviated "HM" and is defined by WolframAlpha as "the mean of n numbers expressed as the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of the reciprocals of the numbers"?

Answer: HARMONIC MEAN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A common layout of a blackjack table contains text along the lines of the following: "Black Jack pays 3 to 2 / Dealer must stand on 17 and must draw to 16 / [BLANK] pays 2 to 1". What word typically appears in the blank?

Answer: INSURANCE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Texas-based private company Intuitive Machines developed a commercial robot named Odysseus that, as of late February 2024, is located where?

Answer: THE MOON

Q1.: FILM - Name either of the two main gangs at Rydell High School (one male, one female) identified by name in the 1978 film Grease.

Answer: T-BIRDS, PINK LADIES

Q2.: THEATRE - What is the name for a particular type of musical comedy theatrical production, well known in the British Commonwealth but much less so in the U.S., which is normally based on traditional children's tales, known (and popular) for its numerous performance conventions, and usually performed during the holiday season?

Answer: PANTOMIME

Q3.: WORLD HIST - An organization known as the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, which presently is composed of members of the Swiss and Swedish Armed Forces, was created as part of the armistice agreement that ended what?

Answer: KOREAN WAR

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the common name for the section of the musical instrument highlighted in this image?[Click here](#)

Answer: SCROLL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the term, from Quechua for plain, used to describe the temperate lowlands which cover most of Uruguay and central Argentina?

Answer: PAMPAS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - This two-word phrase, which occurs repeatedly in both the Old and New Testaments, is common in Christian liturgy, and comes from the Greek for 'Lord have mercy'.

Answer: KYRIE ELEISON

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What French daily newspaper—the country's oldest national newspaper—is named after a sly and subversive character from two works by author Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais (and from their subsequent operatic adaptations)?

Answer: LE FIGARO

Q2.: AMER HIST - A 1927 event that began on Long Island's Roosevelt Field and concluded the following evening at Le Bourget in Paris is the alleged source of the name for what dance craze, popular during the swing era of the 1930s and 1940s?

Answer: LINDY HOP

Q3.: LITERATURE - Bern-born author Johann David Wyss's most famous work is an 1812 novel that describes the adventures of a family often mistaken to have what name (as it's their name in many of the book's adaptations, and is in the book's title)?

Answer: ROBINSON

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The names of two cities—one in Montana, the other in Arizona—also denote two different geographical features that are distinguished only by their size. What are the names of these two cities?

Answer: BUTTE, MESA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget is remembered for his work and theories pertaining to what cohort, as referenced specifically by the missing last word in the title of his seminal work, The Origin of Intelligence in [BLANK]?

Answer: CHILDREN

Q6.: ART - Groundbreaking artist and graphic designer Susan Kare first achieved fame in the 1980s in her work at what company, where she was responsible for many design elements and artifacts that remain popular today—including a dogcow named Clarus and a smiley-face graphic of the company's signature product (at the time)?

Answer: APPLE COMPUTER

Q1.: LANGUAGE - One of the most widely recognized 'constructed words', created to demonstrate irregularities in spelling in the English language (and, in some cases, the need for spelling reform) is the fake wordghoti, which is a re-spelling of (and thus pronounced like) what common word?

Answer: FISH

Q2.: LITERATURE - In Rudyard Kipling's short storyRikki-Tikki-Tavi, what type of animal is the title character?

Answer: MONGOOSE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - This term was used in Ancient Rome to refer to a resident of the Roman province of Arabia, and by the time of the Crusades had evolved into a term for any follower of Islam.

Answer: SARACEN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What is the title of the song in this audio clip (28 seconds)?

[Click here](#)

Answer: IN THE MOOD

Q5.: THEATRE - A 6 foot 3-1/2 inch tall white rabbit is the title character of what Pulitzer Prize-winning play from 1944?

Answer: HARVEY

Q6.: ART - The type of roof on this building is known simply as a French roof, but is also known as what, after the 17th c. French architect who first popularized it?

[Click here](#)

Answer: MANSARD

Q1.: TELEVISION - In addition to its various international editions, Bravo's Real Housewives franchise has had 12 American installments, famously including New York, New Jersey, and Beverly Hills, but starting where in 2006?
Answer: ORANGE COUNTY

Q2.: LANGUAGE - According to a formal declaration by dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster in February 2024, what is it permissible to end a sentence with?
Answer: PREPOSITION

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The ninth and final version (layer IX) of what ancient city, located on the Anatolian Plateau near the mouth of the Dardanelles, was ruined by earthquakes in approximately 500 CE, marking the ultimate end of around 4000 years of occupation?

Answer: TROY/ILIUM

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A 1994 advert in the UK theatre newspaper The Stage asked, "R.U. 18-23 with the ability to sing/dance? R.U. streetwise, outgoing, ambitious, and dedicated?" This ad was the genesis of what global juggernaut?

Answer: SPICE GIRLS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The MLB pitcher who finished the 1968 season with a 22-9 record and 1.12 ERA and the outfielder who finished the 1988 World Series 1 for 1 with one home run and two RBIs share what last name?

Answer: GIBSON

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the poetry item un-listed but core in a certain collection that also has iamb and trochee and spondee and anapest?

Answer: DACTYL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The men's basketball team for this university, now a member of the Big East Conference, was a #1 seed in the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament in the years 1980, 1981, and 1982, but lost its first game of the tournament each of those years.

Answer: DEPAUL BLUE DEMONS

Q2.: POP MUSIC -Dancing in the Street, a hit for David Bowie and Mick Jagger in 1985 (and slightly less so for Van Halen in 1982), was originally recorded and made famous by what Motown singing group?

Answer: MARTHA AND THE VANDELLAS

Q3.: TELEVISION - The Earl Hamner, Jr. novel Spencer's Mountain, and subsequent 1963 Henry Fonda/Maureen O'Hara film of the same name, provided the basis for what 1970s/early 80s television drama set in 1930s/40s America?

Answer: THE WALTONS

Q4.: THEATRE - In 1957, a Patrick Dennis novel was adapted into a stage play and later a film, with Rosalind Russell in the title role in both. In 1966, a musical version opened on Broadway, with Angela Lansbury originating and winning a Tony for her titular performance. Give the name of either the novel or the enduring Broadway musical.

Answer: AUNTIE MAME/MAME

Q5.: SCIENCE - Named after the English physicist who predicted its existence in 1964, this hypothetical elementary particle, known also as the God particle and expected to have no spin and a neutral charge, validates the Standard Model by explaining the origin of mass of elementary particles.

Answer: HIGGS BOSON

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Under the standard rules of chess, there is one piece (i.e. one type of piece) which must remain on squares of the same color for the entire game. Which piece is it?

Answer: BISHOP

Q1.: TELEVISION - Mike Brady, Elyse Keaton, Ted Mosby, and "Art Vandelay" are all television characters who had what occupation?

Answer: ARCHITECT

Q2.: SCIENCE - The English physicist Robert Hooke, namesake of Hooke's law of elasticity and an innovator of the compound microscope, used this microscope in 1665 to study cork tissues, where he saw "little boxes" that he dubbed what?

Answer: CELLS

Q3.: FILM - The "blockbuster era" of Hollywood film is widely considered to have begun in 1975, with the June release of a movie that established summer as the season of the action blockbuster. What was this record-breaking film, the highest-grossing of the year and, for a while, of all time?

Answer: JAWS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Among the many cities in India that have been officially respelled or renamed since the end of the British Raj in 1947 are Mumbai (formerly Bombay), Kolkata (Calcutta), Puducherry (Pondicherry), Bengaluru (Bangalore), and Chennai, which was called what until 1996?

Answer: MADRAS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - US Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), currently the senior member of the majority party in the Senate, serves in what constitutionally mandated role, presiding over the Senate in the absence of the vice president?

Answer: PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1987, the newly formed activist group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) acquired the rights to an iconic poster that had a solid black background, a pink triangle in the center, and a simple phrase expressed as an equation in bold print at the bottom. What were the two words in this phrase, one on each side of the equal sign?

Answer: SILENCE, DEATH

Q1.: SCIENCE - The specific type of medical device pictured here is named after the 20th c. American physician who first designed it. What was his last name?[Click here](#)
Answer: FOLEY

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The web's most popular online dating service geared (and marketed) specifically toward people who are already in a relationship takes as its name two currently popular names in the United States for baby girls. What is the website's name?

Answer: ASHLEY MADISON

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the hockey penalty defined by Rule 42 of the Official NHL Rulebook (with revealing words redacted) thus:.... shall mean the actions of a player who, as a result of distance traveled, shall violently check an opponent in any manner. _____ may be the result of a check into the boards, into the goal frame or in open ice...

Answer: CHARGING

Q4.: AMER HIST - Name the former U.S. Senator from Tennessee (and future Nobel Peace Prize winner) who succeeded Henry Stimson as Secretary of State, and was replaced eleven years later by Edward Stettinius, Jr., leaving office as the longest-serving Secretary of State in U.S. history (a distinction he still holds today).

Answer: CORDELL HULL

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Identify this newsmaker.[Click here](#)

Answer: FRANCOIS HOLLANDE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - From the Greek for black and islands, this is a term commonly used for a region of Oceania directly northeast of Australia, including the islands of New Guinea, Fiji, and Vanuatu.

Answer: MELANESIA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The Japanese phrase 新幹線, which translates literally to "new main line" and colloquially to "bullet train", is often rendered in Latin characters as what single word, which first came into use in the mid-20th century?

Answer: SHINKANSEN

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Ervin Harris and Donald Feaster, two friends of Darius Rucker in the jazz choir at the University of South Carolina in the 1980s, had nicknames that inspired the name of what platinum-selling rock band?

Answer: HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the building damaged by an arson fire in an event of historical significance on February 27, 1933?

Answer: REICHSTAG

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the fruit, cultivated in Southeast Asia, that has a spiky, thick, green or yellow rind, is shaped like a rugby ball and—though pleasant tasting—has an offensive odor that causes it to be banned on trains and in other public spaces.

Answer: DURIAN

Q5.: ART - The 1931 oil painting Cow's [BLANK] with Calico Roses is a well-known and representative work by American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. What word fills in the blank in the title?

Answer: SKULL

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the nine-ball arcade redemption game whose owner was, fittingly, headquartered for a time in Coney Island, and which is named indirectly for the small "jump" that is fundamental to its gameplay.

Answer: SKEE-BALL

Q1.: WORLD HIST - One of the belligerent parties during the Spanish-American War of 1898 was a revolutionary organization known as the Katipunan. In what country were the Katipunan based?

Answer: THE PHILIPPINES

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Masovia, Silesia, Lublin, and Pomerania are among the more populous voivodeships of what European country?

Answer: POLAND

Q3.: FILM - Lon Chaney, Charles Laughton, Anthony Quinn, Anthony Hopkins, and Mandy Patinkin have all portrayed what iconic literary character on screen?

Answer: QUASIMODO/THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Q4.: SCIENCE - With an electric charge of +1e, this is defined in particle physics as the antiparticle of the electron (and is occasionally referred to simply as the anti-electron).

Answer: POSITRON

Q5.: LITERATURE - A groundbreaking 1963 book describing a widespread phenomenon introduced by the author as the problem that has no name was given a name, in her book's title. What was it?

Answer: THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - This is a screenshot from what video game for the Atari 2600?
[Click here](#)

Answer: ADVENTURE

Q1.: LITERATURE - One of the best-known philosophical justifications for ontological idealism—particularly, the illusory nature of the sensory world—is an allegory from Plato's dialogues with what geographical feature as its setting?

Answer: CAVE

Q2.: SCIENCE - Electric generators that produce an alternating current are commonly called alternators, whereas what other word is used for a generator designed to produce a direct current? The word comes from the Greek word for "power" and is used in the names of many soccer (football) clubs around the world.

Answer: DYNAMO

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - John Corigliano's *Pied Piper Fantasy* (1981), Thea Musgrave's *Orfeo I* (1976), and *Music for Flute and Orchestra* (1995) by Lorin Maazel are among the works written for what virtuoso flautist, who was actually born in Belfast, in 1939?

Answer: JAMES GALWAY

Q4.: FILM - The New Empire is the subtitle of a 2024 film that features what long-time cinematic adversaries?

Answer: GODZILLA, KING KONG

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The 2005 revolution in Kyrgyzstan that led to the overthrow of President Askar Akayev is often lumped within a broader series of "color revolutions" that also include Georgia's Rose Revolution and Ukraine's Orange Revolution. The Kyrgyz Revolution is typically named after what flower, which appears in a variety of colors?

Answer: TULIP

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Ceuta and Melilla are cities that are a part of Spain but are within the borders of what other country?

Answer: MOROCCO

Q1.: TELEVISION - Among the main characters on the television series *Cheers* when its run concluded in May 1993, the only one never to appear subsequently on the series *Frasier* was the character played by whom?

Answer: KIRSTIE ALLEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In February of 1945, the leaders of Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States gathered to settle the occupation of post-war Germany (among other items) at a meeting held in (or technically, near) what European city?

Answer: YALTA

Q3.: ART - Housed inside a former power station, the world's most-visited art gallery dedicated primarily to modern and contemporary art is located in what city?

Answer: LONDON

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What do the two letters in this logo stand for? [Click here](#)

Answer: CIVIL DEFENSE

Q5.: SCIENCE - One of mankind's earliest successful attempts to document and understand the night sky is believed to be found in a text called the *Dresden Codex*, which was the work of what ancient civilization?

Answer: MAYAN

Q6.: FILM - Featuring then-unknown Toshiro Mifune in a starring role, 1948's *Drunken Angel* was the breakthrough film of what internationally acclaimed director?

Answer: AKIRA KUROSAWA

Q1.: LITERATURE - A mammoth, seven-volume 20th-century work, sometimes referred to as La Recherche in its native French, is usually known by one of two titles in English. Give either of these English titles.

Answer: IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME/REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Identify the car company founder who achieved auto racing immortality with his innovation of placing the car's engine at the rear of the chassis. Despite that, he (and his name) may be more closely associated with his role in developing a performance version of the British Motor Corporation's Mini in the early 1960s.

Answer: JOHN COOPER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the artist who released the song "Ojos Así", from her 1998 album Dónde Están los Ladrones?, and recorded its English adaptation "Eyes Like Yours" for 2001's Laundry Service (her first English-language studio album).

Answer: SHAKIRA

Q4.: FILM - What memorable 1993 movie was shot in what were (accordant with its setting) often frigid conditions, but in Woodstock, Illinois—near the home of its star actor—and not in the movie's real-life Pennsylvania location?

Answer: GROUNDHOG DAY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - King of Scots Malcolm III, aka Malcolm Canmore, conquered southern Scotland in the mid-11th century but did not become king until 1057, when he defeated and killed what previous ruler, who himself may be best known today as a theatrical character?

Answer: MACBETH

Q6.: SCIENCE - While it had formal use in older classification systems, the term mycota is often used today in a general sense as a synonym for what taxonomic kingdom in biology?

Answer: FUNGI

Q1.: LITERATURE - The posthumously published 1977 autobiography American Hunger, which deals with the author's involvement with a Marxist writing club and eventual withdrawal from the communist party, was a follow-up to what 1945 book, about the author's southern upbringing and young adulthood in Chicago?

Answer: BLACK BOY

Q2.: SCIENCE - At a fixed temperature, the volume of a gas is inversely proportional to the pressure exerted by the gas. This is, simply stated, a law in the field of chemistry first published (and subsequently named after) what 17th c. scientist?

Answer: ROBERT BOYLE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The locations noted in this map are host sites for what 2012 event?[Click here](#)

Answer: 2012 UEFA EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Q4.: POP MUSIC - After the Gold Rush, If I Could Only Remember My Name, Songs for Beginners, and an eponymous record were four solo albums released in 1970/71 by members of what rock band?

Answer: CROSBY, STILLS, NASH & YOUNG

Q5.: AMER HIST - The world's first nuclear submarine, whose current berth is the Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton, Connecticut, was launched by the U.S. Navy in January, 1954. What was her name?

Answer: USS NAUTILUS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - This Canadian province is known as the "Birthplace of the Confederation" for its role in hosting the 1864 conference to debate union of the British colonies (although this province itself was the seventh to join the confederation).

Answer: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In the 1960s, General Foods called what product "the drink of the astronauts" while using space travel iconography in its marketing?

Answer: TANG

Q2.: SCIENCE - 89.9% ± 1.0 of the nitroamine RDX, 8.9% ± 1.0 of a polyisobutylene binder, and 1.2% ± 0.25 of the detection taggant DMDNB are specifications, according to the United States military, for what substance with an alphanumeric name?

Answer: C-4

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - According to legend, what word earned its association with the game of poker when a player, optimistic about his hand's chances but out of cash, dropped his cards on the table to fetch his horse as collateral? (On his return, he realized that his foes had taken a look at his cards, and in response, he proposed a now common gameplay variation.)

Answer: STUD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The title of an annually elected position in the late Roman Republic, whose role was to defend the property and lives of ordinary citizens, is used today (in English) in the names of various newspapers. What is this title?

Answer: TRIBUNE

Q5.: MATH - The number six is the smallest of what type of number, which is defined as a positive integer that is equal to the sum of its proper divisors?

Answer: PERFECT

Q6.: TELEVISION - The characters of Ari Gold, the high-powered and high-tempered agent played by Jeremy Piven on Entourage, and Eli Gold, the political operative and campaign manager played by Alan Cumming on The Good Wife, are said to be based on real-life brothers who have filled similar roles in their respective careers. What last name do these brothers share?

Answer: EMANUEL

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What is the stage name of this pop music superstar? [Click here](#)
Answer: RAIN

Q2.: SCIENCE - The type of object in this photograph was, for most of its useful existence, colloquially named after what company? [Click here](#)
Answer: IBM

Q3.: FILM - Zeus Carver, Matt Farrell, General Ramon Esperanza, and Hans Gruber are all characters from what popular series of films?
Answer: DIE HARD

Q4.: THEATRE - The singer and actress Mary Martin won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical three times in her career, in 1950, 1955, and 1960. Name any two of the three shows for which she was honored.

Answer: SOUTH PACIFIC, PETER PAN, THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Who was the NBA's scoring leader for the recently concluded 2011-12 regular season (his third consecutive scoring title)?
Answer: KEVIN DURANT

Q6.: LITERATURE - Some days are born ugly. From the very first light they are no damn good whatever the weather, and everybody knows it. This is the first line of a chapter called 'Lousy Wednesday' in a 1954 novel by John Steinbeck. What day comes next, which precedes Waiting Friday, and is the title of the book itself?

Answer: SWEET THURSDAY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Miami and Puerto Rico are two points of a certain geographical polygon of urban legend. What is the third?

Answer: BERMUDA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Cuisses de grenouille is the name of a French culinary delicacy known in English as what?

Answer: FROG LEGS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Although it is derived from an Arabic term referring to camels, howdah is the name of an object that is probably more often associated with what other animal?

Answer: ELEPHANT

Q4.: AMER HIST - On May 4, 1970, National Guardsmen killed four students and wounded nine others during an antiwar rally on the campus of Kent State University. Later that same month, law enforcement officers fired dozens of rounds at a dormitory on the campus of what southern HBCU, killing two and injuring twelve?

Answer: JACKSON STATE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - A certain 1955 song played with a five-accent hambone rhythm (dun--dun--dun---dun-dun--) was recorded by Buddy Holly. This song's writer, who originally recorded the song, had the same name as the song, as well as the beat itself (which became his signature). What is the name shared by that song, beat, and rock and roll pioneer?

Answer: BO DIDDLEY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Though it can apply to elements in various machines, the term "escapement" is most often used for a necessary mechanism in what type of device (a standard mechanical version of the device, at least)?

Answer: CLOCK/WATCH

Q1.: FILM - Since the 1989 film Batman, the title hero has been played on the big screen in the Burton/Schumacher and Nolan series by Michael Keaton, George Clooney, and Christian Bale. Who is missing from this list?

Answer: VAL KILMER

Q2.: AMER HIST - This U.S. President had a number of notable accomplishments while in office (initiating civil service reform, naval modernization, etc.), but is mostly remembered today for being shot in the abdomen by Charles Guiteau.

Answer: JAMES A. GARFIELD

Q3.: LITERATURE - The Red Room and The People of Hemsö are novels from what playwright and novelist, considered the father of modern Swedish literature?

Answer: AUGUST STRINDBERG

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Who is the best known fictional bullfrog referred to by name in the lyrics of an early 1970s hit song?

Answer: JEREMIAH

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the medical subspecialty which focuses primarily on the treatment and study of malocclusions?

Answer: ORTHODONTICS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The dessert known as pound cake takes its name from its traditional preparation, consisting of one pound each of four ingredients. What are those ingredients?

Answer: BUTTER, EGGS, FLOUR, SUGAR

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the moderate "minority" faction of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party of the early 20th century, which (unlike their "majority" counterparts) favored a slower and more progressive transformation of society (which, in fact, is not what turned out to occur)?

Answer: MENSHEVIKS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Chris Eubank, Nigel Benn, Ricky Hatton, Lennox Lewis, Joe Calzaghe, Anthony Joshua, and Tyson Fury are all boxers who have what in common, most notably? They share this commonality with the golfers Luke Donald and Paul Lawrie and basketball player OG Anunoby.

Answer: BRITISH

Q3.: LITERATURE - Carson McCullers's *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* and Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" are quintessential examples of what two-word literary subgenre, whose name reflects the stories' geography and their aesthetic of horror, eccentricity, ruin and decay, and the supernatural?

Answer: SOUTHERN GOTHIC

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In macroeconomics, Okun's law (named after American economist Art Okun) asserts a negative relationship between output (GDP) and a certain rate, whereas the Phillips curve (after New Zealander Bill Phillips) summarizes a negative relation between inflation and a certain rate. In both instances, this certain rate is the same—what is the name of this rate?

Answer: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Q5.: TELEVISION - The following could be used to indicate the title of what Cold War-era Netflix series? 1.d4 d52.c4

Answer: THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Spanish word *llano* translates to "plains", and the name "Los Llanos" refers to a specific region of savanna and grasslands. Identify either of the two countries that are home to Los Llanos or the primary river that shapes the ecology of the region.

Answer: COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA, ORINOCO

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The common financial metric EBITDA stands for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and what?

Answer: AMORTIZATION

Q2.: SCIENCE - NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is located in the California city of La Cañada Flintridge, is managed by what university?

Answer: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A national commission formed by a South American government estimates that, during a period from 1976 to 1983 in what has come to be known as the Dirty War (Guerra Sucia), 13,000 individuals in the country were killed or disappeared. Name the country.

Answer: ARGENTINA

Q4.: TELEVISION - Lt. Col. Bill Burkett, Lt. Col. Jerry B. Killian, Mary Mapes, and Lucy Ramirez are all names associated with a 2004 controversy regarding what television series?

Answer: 60 MINUTES (60 MINUTES WEDNESDAY)

Q5.: THEATRE - A fictional venue known as the Kit Kat Klub provides the setting for much of what Broadway musical?

Answer: CABARET

Q6.: LITERATURE - Of the 38 plays written by William Shakespeare, five have titles which include the name of a city/town. One is Venice (The Merchant of Venice); name any two of the other four cities.

Answer: ATHENS, TYRE, VERONA, WINDSOR

Q1.: THEATRE - A 2024 Broadway musical directed and choreographed by Justin Peck has music and lyrics by Sufjan Stevens and was inspired by Stevens's 2005 concept album, which, in turn, chronicles people and places in what political entity (after which the album and musical are both named)?

Answer: ILLINOIS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The medical condition urticaria, generally caused by the body's release of histamine, is better known by what word, which is descriptive of the condition's appearance?

Answer: HIVES

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The loveable and cheerful mushroom-headed, vest-wearing, Princess Peach-serving character in Nintendo's Mario universe has what animal name?

Answer: TOAD

Q4.: FILM -Belinda(1948), Eager(1941), Guitar(1954), and Handsome(1989) are all half-titles of major Hollywood films. What name is missing from them all?

Answer: JOHNNY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A certain type of men's dress shoe identifiable by its closed lacing—the shoe's "quarter" (middle to back of the upper) is stitched under the "vamp" (front to middle of the upper)—is sometimes called a Balmoral, after Scotland's Balmoral Castle, but is more commonly known by a name which is that of what English city?

Answer: OXFORD

Q6.: LANGUAGE - A dialect of English creole known as Crucian is spoken predominantly on what Caribbean island?

Answer: SAINT CROIX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The monarchs of Spain and Luxembourg are members of what royal house, which originated with its rule of Navarre and France beginning in the mid 16th century?

Answer: BOURBON

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Considered one of the finest concert halls in the world, the Musikverein is located in what city, where it is home to the city's Philharmonic orchestra? The orchestra, uniquely among the world's leading orchestras, has not had a single principal conductor since 1933 (instead using a series of guest conductors).

Answer: VIENNA

Q3.: FILM - What actress's film credits of the early 1980s include Sissy in Urban Cowboy, Paula in An Officer and a Gentleman and the title character's voice in E.T.?

Answer: DEBRA WINGER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the National Football League, by rule, players at what position are only permitted to have uniform numbers within the ranges 10-19 or 80-89?

Answer: WIDE RECEIVER

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The style of music and dance known as merengue originated in and is most closely associated with what nation, where it is the country's national music and dance?

Answer: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe (or, perhaps, the highest in western Asia), is located within what mountain range?

Answer: CAUCASUS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The kingdom of Ayutthaya existed for roughly 400 years, until the mid-18th century, in what is now what country?

Answer: THAILAND

Q2.: POP MUSIC - For the week ending May 4, 2024, the top 14 slots on Billboard magazine's Hot 100 chart were songs by Taylor Swift (as well as 15 of the top 20 and 21 of the top 30). The top two non-Swift spots were held by solo artists who are, respectively, a Washington State-born TikTok phenom and American Idol dropout, and an Irish musician who burst onto the music scene in 2013. Their songs are "Beautiful Things" and "Too Sweet"—name either artist.

Answer: BENSON BOONE, HOZIER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the McDonald's menu item first introduced in select locations in 1970, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, and traditionally offered during the months of February and March.

Answer: SHAMROCK SHAKE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers, and The Eumenides constitute a trilogy of plays by Aeschylus known by what name? This name for the trilogy is a term derived from (though is not identical to) the name of the son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, who appears in these and many other Greek dramas.

Answer: ORESTEIA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A total of 21 primary logos of teams in the National Basketball Association (out of 30 total) have designs that include, at least in part, the image of a basketball. Of those, precisely one shows that ball going through a hoop (which it does while on fire). What team uses this logo? Both location and team name are required.

Answer: MIAMI HEAT

Q6.: FILM - In 1982, Neal Gabler and Jeffrey Lyons were hired as the new co-hosts of a PBS series that had been, for a time, the highest-rated entertainment series on American public television. Name either of the men this duo replaced—Chicagoans and icons who had originated the series in 1975.

Answer: GENE SISKEL, ROGER EBERT

Q1.: FILM - The first installment of the Harold & Kumar series of films tells the story of the title heroes' quest to find what restaurant?

Answer: WHITE CASTLE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of what U.S. state capital city is, according to the 2000 census, the 18th most common surname in the U.S. (and the only capital/surname in the top 100)?

Answer: JACKSON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the US-backed dictator who ruled Cuba from 1940-44, and again from 1952 until early morning hours of January 1, 1959?

Answer: FULGENCIO BATISTA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Jupiter's Ganymede is the largest natural satellite in the Solar System; which is the largest in the Solar System in relation to its gravitational primary?

Answer: CHARON, EARTH'S MOON/LUNA, S/2000 (90) 1

Q5.: THEATRE - Name the 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winning play which tells the coming-of-age of small town New Englanders Emily Webb and George Gibbs, and ends solemnly with Emily's untimely death during childbirth.

Answer: OUR TOWN

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The Romance language Catalan is the national and only official language of what pirinencanation?

Answer: ANDORRA

Q1.: TELEVISION - A crash in the Canadian wilderness of a plane carrying players to a soccer tournament is the setup for what critically acclaimed series that debuted on Showtime in November 2021?

Answer: YELLOWJACKETS

Q2.: LITERATURE - In a famous short story from 1846, a European aristocrat named Montresor describes how he lured a foe named Fortunato into catacombs and entombed him there, under the pretense of sampling fine wine. Montresor claimed this wine was what type, a variety of sherry?

Answer: AMONTILLADO

Q3.: SCIENCE - In 1800, Italian scientist Alessandro Volta invented a pile that is widely credited today as the first-ever what?

Answer: (ELECTRICAL) BATTERY

Q4.: FILM -Aparajito is the title of the second installment of filmmaker Satyajit Ray's classic Apu Trilogy, and Apur Sansar is the third. What is the first film's title, which translates from Bengali to English as "Song of the Little Road"?

Answer: PATHER PANCHALI

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Johor, Kedah, Selangor, Malacca, and Penang are states located on the "Peninsular" portion of what country?

Answer: MALAYSIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Michael Stipe, lead singer of the band R.E.M., alluded in an interview to a dream he once had in which he was attending a party where every guest (but him) had the same initials. Many of these people are famously mentioned by name in the lyrics to R.E.M.'s "It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)". What were these two initials?

Answer: LB

Q1.: AMER HIST - The U.S. Declaration of Independence was approved and adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in what city?

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Identify the musical artist singing in this clip (37 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: BLAKE SHELTON

Q3.: SCIENCE - The largest order of mammals, as measured by number of different species, is Rodentia, which are rodents (obviously). The second-largest is Chiroptera, members of which are all known as what?

Answer: BATS

Q4.: ART - A woman by the name of Artemisia Gentileschi, during her time one of the leading exponents of what is known as tenebrism, primarily held what profession?

Answer: ARTIST/PAINTER

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - While the Three Bs of classical music are generally held to be Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Johannes Brahms, the expression was originally coined by German composer and critic Peter Cornelius to refer to the first two of that list plus what other third, a French Romantic composer and treatise on instrumentation author?

Answer: HECTOR BERLIOZ

Q6.: TELEVISION - Robbie, Chip, and Ernie Douglas, along with their father Steve, an aeronautical engineer, were among the main characters for much of the run of what popular 1960s/70s television sitcom?

Answer: MY THREE SONS

Q1.: MATH - A steep 8,163-foot summit in the Coast Mountains of British Columbia and a similarly symmetrical 12,160-foot peak in California's High Sierra have names that include a word derived from the Greek roots for "equal" and "leg.". This word otherwise appears overwhelmingly most often as an adjective with a specific geometrical usage. What is that word?

Answer: ISOSCELES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Carolingian dynasty started (by some historians' measure) in 687 with a ruler who shared a name with a later ruler who was his grandson (by way of son Charles Martel), and this grandson was himself the father of Charlemagne. These two Carolingian rulers (identified as "II" and "the Short" respectively) shared what name?

Answer: PEPIN/PIPPIN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Although it's associated with Christian Dior's "New Look" of the post-WWII era and also with Givenchy via Audrey Hepburn in 1961's Breakfast at Tiffany's, the "little black dress" as an icon of fashion is considered to have originated in the 1920s, and specifically in a 1926 Vogue magazine feature, with a black dress designed by what French designer and fashion-label namesake?

Answer: COCO CHANEL

Q4.: ART - Among the works of art "repeated" by the American artist Sturtevant (Elaine Sturtevant) beginning in the 1960s were Andy Warhol's Cow, Marcel Duchamp's L.H.O.O.Q., Joseph Beuys's Fat Chair, and what artist's Flag?

Answer: JASPER JOHNS

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - A broad, circular, slightly convex metal disk hung vertically and struck in the center with a soft-headed beater is a specific gong of indefinite pitch known by what repetitive name?

Answer: TAM-TAM

Q6.: TELEVISION - The NFL's Super Bowl LVIII, held on February 11, 2024, between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers, is the most-watched television program in history, with an estimated 123.7 million viewers across its broadcasts on CBS, Univision, and what cable TV channel (which simulcast the game "live from Bikini Bottom")?

Answer: NICKELODEON

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What is the common name given to the non-violent revolution that took place in Czechoslovakia in late 1989, which resulted in the collapse of communist party control of the country, and the appointment of Vaclav Havel as President?

Answer: VELVET REVOLUTION/GENTLE REVOLUTION

Q2.: LITERATURE - The individuals in this photograph are playing a revised version of what sport?[Click here](#)

Answer: QUIDDITCH

Q3.: BUS/ECON - OffFortunemagazine's Global 500 list of the world's highest-revenue corporations, eighteen are headquartered in New York, ranking it tied for fourth with London in a breakdown by city. What city has the most, with 47?

Answer: TOKYO

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Recent University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine graduate Priscilla Chan is the new wife of whom?

Answer: MARK ZUCKERBERG

Q5.: MATH - How many cubic millimeters are in a cubic meter?

Answer: 1,000,000,000/ONE BILLION/ONE THOUSAND MILLION

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The early electro-rap group World Class Wreckin' Cru, pictured here, is probably most noteworthy today for featuring two members who would later go on to become founding members of what groundbreaking rap group?[Click here](#)

Answer: N.W.A.

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - "You're being extremely truculent." "Whatever truculent means, if it's good, I'm that." This exchange occurred during an interview in February 1966 between two legendary sports personalities. Name either of the two individuals, who—though very different (they could hardly be more different)—were often associated with each other.

Answer: HOWARD COSELL, MUHAMMAD ALI

Q2.: AMER HIST - Having begun in 1927, what was completed in October 1941, 22 years after the most recent member of its heads tetrad died at the age of 60?

Answer: MOUNT RUSHMORE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - German has two common words for the English "cake": kuchen, which refers to a simple cake like Butterkuchen or Marmorkuchen, and what other word, which usually refers to a fancier, multilayered kuchen made with cream or fruit filling and decorative toppings?

Answer: TORTE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Under the Net, The Bell, The Black Prince, An Unofficial Rose, and The Sea, the Sea are among the 27 novels written by what Anglo-Irish author, who herself was the subject of a posthumous 2001 feature film?

Answer: IRIS MURDOCH

Q5.: SCIENCE - "Marsh gas", which is formed by rotting vegetation in marshes, consists mostly of what hydrocarbon?

Answer: METHANE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Strait of Messina, at some points less than two miles wide, separates an island from the mainland of the country of which it is a part. What is the island in question?

Answer: SICILY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In a list of nations which are not UN-member states, but are recognized by at least one UN member, are the Republic of Abkhazia and the Republic of South Ossetia. Both of them are recognized by a large majority of the world's governments not as nations themselves, but as within the territory of what former S.S.R.?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q2.: FILM - Identify this television and film writer/director.[Click here](#)

Answer: JOSS WHEDON

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - A popular rock song from the early 1990s was at least partially responsible -- if not primarily responsible -- for the concurrent peak popularity of what adolescent deodorant?

Answer: TEEN SPIRIT

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the three-letter title of the novel, written by H. Rider Haggard and subtitled *A History of Adventure*, which has sold a reported 83 million copies since its original publication in 1887, making it one of the best-selling books in history.

Answer: SHE

Q5.: MATH - In trigonometry, what is the name of the function defined as the reciprocal of $\sin(\text{i.e., for a right triangle with an angle } A, \text{ ____} A = 1/\sin A)$?

Answer: COSECANT

Q6.: AMER HIST - Who currently holds the position which has been held previously by Charles S. Hamlin, Marriner Eccles, William McChesney Martin, and Paul Volcker, among others?

Answer: BEN BERNANKE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In addition to earning Billboard #1 singles in her solo career and as a part of the trio that made her famous, what artist has also done so as half of a duet (with Lionel Richie) and as a member of an ensemble (USA for Africa)?
Answer: DIANA ROSS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The first exchange-traded fund in the United States, launched by State Street Global Advisors in 1993, still exists today and is in fact the largest ETF in the United States. By what arthropodic name, based on the four-letter acronym of its original formal name, is this fund commonly known?
Answer: SPIDER (SPDR)

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - On February 19, 2024, the Boston Cannons defeated the Philadelphia Waterdogs 23-22 on an overtime goal by attackman Matt Kavanagh to win the Championship Series in the top professional North American league for what sport? The series was played in the "sixes" format, which will be used when the sport returns to the Olympics in 2028.

Answer: (FIELD) LACROSSE

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A significant marker in the gradual transition from Middle English to Modern English, an occurrence centered on the mid- to late-15th century, is a phenomenon whose cause is still not fully understood. This phenomenon is widely known as the Great [BLANK] Shift (fill in the blank).

Answer: VOWEL

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The "A" in the name of the AME Church stands for "African", because its earliest organizers in the 1810s were descended from enslaved Africans (and the denomination is the first in the Protestant Church to be founded by Black people). What do the "M" and "E" stand for? They represent the Christian tradition in which the AME is rooted and the form of church government under which it is organized, respectively.

Answer: METHODIST, EPISCOPAL

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The two sides that battled in the civil war in China that broke out shortly after Japan's surrender in WWII are often referred to (in English) by three-letter abbreviations. One side was the CCP; what three letters were used for the other?

Answer: KMT

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The retailers Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, PBTeen, and West Elm are all subsidiaries of what San Francisco-based high-end retail company?

Answer: WILLIAMS-SONOMA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify this vegetable, which like kale and broccoli is a cultivar of cabbage.[Click here](#)

Answer: KOHLRABI

Q3.: TELEVISION - The television production company responsible for the police dramas *Dragnet* and *Adam-12* also produced what 1970s medical/action drama, starring Kevin Tighe and Randolph Mantooth as paramedics at LACoFD Station 51, and Robert Fuller as ER physician Dr. Kelly Brackett?

Answer: EMERGENCY!

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - With strong support from the Tea Party movement, Indiana state treasurer Richard Mourdock defeated a six-term incumbent in May, 2012, to win the state's Republican U.S. Senate primary. Whom did Mourdock defeat?

Answer: RICHARD LUGAR

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - With a population around 82 million, this East African nation is the most populous landlocked nation in the world, by far.

Answer: ETHIOPIA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the Norwegian explorer who led the expedition team that won the race to discover the South Pole in 1911?

Answer: ROALD AMUNDSEN

Q1.: THEATRE - The 1940 play *My Sister Eileen* tells the story of two Ohio sisters who move into an apartment in Manhattan's Greenwich Village in the 1930s to become a famous writer (Ruth) and actress (Eileen). This play was adapted into what 1953 musical?

Answer: WONDERFUL TOWN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The municipality of Teterboro, New Jersey (2020 population: 61) is best known for being the home of what type of facility?

Answer: AIRPORT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Irish physicist and chemist Robert Boyle's 1662 law states that what two characteristics of a given amount of gas are inversely proportional (in a closed system with temperature unchanged)?

Answer: PRESSURE, VOLUME

Q4.: LITERATURE - When the word *Furioso* is removed from the title of a 16th-century romantic epic by Ludovico Ariosto, it becomes the title of a 1928 fantasy novel by Virginia Woolf as well as the name of the hero in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. What is that name?

Answer: ORLANDO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Finnish record producer and DJ Darude is best known for what 1999 single—played frequently at sporting events and referred to often in internet memes—whose title might evoke a dust devil or haboob?

Answer: SANDSTORM

Q6.: FILM - Psychedelic, Everseer, Blazestone, Tradewind, Stormicide, Gamma Jack, and Macroburst are among the entries in the Kronos database in what 2004 film?

Answer: THE INCREDIBLES

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the geographical area of northern Tanzania and southern Kenya which gives its name to Tanzania's best-known (and one of Africa's best-known) national parks? The park is famous for its annual migration of vast herds of herbivores (wildebeest, gazelles and zebras) and their predators.

Answer: SERENGETI

Q2.: AMER HIST - Name the man who was the highest ranking military officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during the First Gulf War of the early 1990s.

Answer: COLIN POWELL

Q3.: ART - Who is the subject in this painting (mildly edited)?[Click here](#)

Answer: JEAN-PAUL MARAT

Q4.: THEATRE - In June of 1983, Broadway's Alvin Theatre was renamed to what, upon the opening of the play Brighton Beach Memoirs?

Answer: NEIL SIMON THEATRE

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Kalaallisut is the main dialect of the language of what island, which itself is known natively as Kalaallit Nunaat?

Answer: GREENLAND

Q6.: MATH - For what value of a is the point $(-2, a)$ on the line with equation $-3x + 3y = 4$?

Answer: $-2/3$

Q1.: LITERATURE -Illuminations(Les Illuminations), published in 1886 as a "hallucination of words" and collection of experimental verse and prose poems, was written by whom—most likely when he was between the ages of 17 and 19—and published without his knowledge by Paul Verlaine?

Answer: ARTHUR RIMBAUD

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In January 1871, the Prussian monarch Wilhelm I adopted what new six-letter title, which was used until 1918?

Answer: KAISER

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Australian Don Bradman is widely considered the greatest cricketer of all time (and, by some, the greatest athlete in any sport), the primary evidence of which is his astronomical test batting average of 99.94. In cricket, batting average is calculated with the batsman's "number of times out" in the denominator and what other statistic in the numerator?

Answer: RUNS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The initials "cv" are used to abbreviate a two-word term that refers to a distinct type of plant that is produced by selective breeding but that does not grow in the wild. This two-word term is also (and maybe more often) contracted into what single word? (Note, the answer is one single word.)

Answer: CULTIVAR

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "A repeating plaid pattern consisting of a tan background, light tan vertical and horizontal lines, white squares, and red vertical and horizontal lines." The preceding is a formal description of a registered trademark owned by what British luxury brand?

Answer: BURBERRY

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC -Jarabes,sones jaliscienses,canciones rancheras, andcorridos are among the varied repertory of what traditional ensemble of western Mexico, which today can consist of one or more trumpets and violines, avihuela,guitarras, and aguitarrón?

Answer: MARIACHI

Q1.: FILM - What 1940 animated film was the first commercial film to be exhibited with stereophonic sound (i.e. in stereo)?

Answer: FANTASIA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - A machine called theThanatron, and a subsequent similarly applied device called theMercitron, were both used for what purpose?

Answer: EUTHANASIA

Q3.: LITERATURE -Cheryl's mind turned like the vanes of a wind-powered turbine, chopping her sparrow-like thoughts into bloody pieces that fell onto a growing pile of forgotten memories. With that opening sentence, Sue Fondrie of Appleton, Wisconsin, in 2011 won a literary contest named after what English novelist and politician?

Answer: EDWARD GEORGE BULWER-LYTTON

Q4.: ART - The 19th c. English painters and writers John Everett Millais, Frederic George Stephens, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and William Michael Rossetti were all members of a group which named itself after what other painter?

Answer: RAPHAEL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What is the current name of the sub-Saharan nation in West Africa which was known in its pre-colonial era, and from its 1960 independence until 1975, as Dahomey?

Answer: BENIN

Q6.: BUS/ECON -HEAR Music, originally a small CD retailer, was purchased in 1999 by what corporation, where it is now that company's record label and music brand?

Answer: STARBUCKS

Q1.: TELEVISION - "Mr. Television" was the moniker of what early TV star, who was the first host of the televised Texaco Star Theater in June 1948, became the permanent host later that year, and hosted the show (which was eponymously renamed in 1953) on Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm until 1956?

Answer: MILTON BERLE

Q2.: FILM - Two different films that were nominees for the Academy Award for Best Picture at the February 2008 ceremony—one directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the other by Joel and Ethan Coen—were being shot on location at the same time in 2006 in and around Marfa, Texas. Name either film.

Answer: THERE WILL BE BLOOD, NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What word most often precedes "life insurance" to specify the type of life insurance that offers coverage for a preset and limited amount of time (in contrast to "universal" life insurance or "whole" life insurance)?

Answer: TERM

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Frank Schoonmaker, Michael Broadbent, Jancis Robinson, Robert Parker, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Jay McInerney (beginning in the 1990s), Eric Asimov, Lettie Teague, and James Suckling are all writers who have found success specializing in what topic?

Answer: WINE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Conservative Party in the United Kingdom was formed in the 1830s under the leadership of Sir Robert Peel as an evolution from (or perhaps a rebranding of) what other political party, which dates back to the 1670s in a rivalry with the Whigs?

Answer: TORY

Q6.: LITERATURE - "The offing was barred by a black bank of clouds, and the tranquil waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth flowed sombre under an overcast sky—seemed to lead into the [REDACTED] of an immense [REDACTED]." So ends what 1899 novella, whose three-word title includes the two words redacted in the quote?

Answer: HEART OF DARKNESS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the largest country in land area on the Central American isthmus? It is also home to Central America's two largest freshwater lakes -- one named for the country, the other named for the country's capital city.

Answer: NICARAGUA

Q2.: TELEVISION - What was the last name of the family at the center of the comedy/drama series The Wonder Years?

Answer: ARNOLD

Q3.: ART - What is the name of the business establishment being depicted in this painting?[Click here](#)

Answer: MOULIN ROUGE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Of the 50 discrete words that appear in Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham, which is the only one that begins with the letter f?

Answer: FOX

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Ray Bluth, Don Carter, Carmen Salvino, Harry Smith, Dick Weber and Billy Welu were among the initial inductees for a Hall of Fame in what sport?

Answer: BOWLING

Q6.: AMER HIST - Field artillery Colonel Robert R. McCormick was, from 1926 until his death in 1955, sole publisher of what major American newspaper -- a time which includes one of the most notorious gaffes in newspaper history, which occurred in November of 1948.

Answer: CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What country, formerly administered by New Zealand, gained independence in 1962 and lost the "Western" part of its name in 1997?

Answer: SAMOA

Q2.: FILM - The Beaver Building, located in Lower Manhattan at 1 Wall Street Court and for decades the home of the New York Cocoa Exchange, provides the exteriors for the city's sanctuary Continental Hotel in what film series?

Answer: JOHN WICK

Q3.: SCIENCE - Ötzi, the Copper Age person who was found in a region of the Ötztal Alps bordering Austria and Italy in 1991, is frequently referred to by what nickname, based on the condition in which he was found (which contributed to his preserved state, despite being over 5,000 years old)?

Answer: ICEMAN

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The Germanic god Tiw (aka Týr), from whose name the Modern English word "Tuesday" (as well as the equivalent word in some other Germanic languages) is derived, is equated with what Roman god—who likewise is the source of the same day's name in many Romance languages?

Answer: MARS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the space station, launched in February 1986, whose name translates to English as "peace"?

Answer: MIR

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In competitive swimming, the medley relay consists of four legs performed by four different swimmers, each swimming one of the four swimming styles. By necessity, which of the four strokes is swum first?

Answer: BACKSTROKE

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the past participle of the intransitive verb lie, when used as a synonym for 'rest' or 'recline'?

Answer: LAIN

Q2.: POP MUSIC - This photograph appeared on the cover of a 1993 alternative rock album by what band?[Click here](#)

Answer: SMASHING PUMPKINS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The U.S. government-sponsored financial services corporation officially named the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation is also known by its initials, but is best known by what term?

Answer: FREDDIE MAC

Q4.: SCIENCE - A result of buoyancy and surface tension, the clumping phenomenon in fluid mechanics where small floating objects have a tendency to attract one another is known as the _____ Effect, after a popular breakfast brand (fill in the blank).

Answer: CHEERIOS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The Yalu River (as it is called on the north side) or Amrok (as it is called on the south side) forms much of the border between what two nations?

Answer: CHINA, NORTH KOREA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Jeanne Antoinette Poisson, the official Maitresse-en-titre of French King Louis XV, lent her name -- or more precisely, her title -- to what hairstyle?

Answer: POMPADOUR

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The most popular polyurethane products developed as non-expanding recreational foam in various forms are sold under what brand name?

Answer: NERF

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1896, the Boston Symphony premiered the Gaelic Symphony, widely cited as the first symphony written and published by an American woman. Who is this composer?

Answer: AMY BEACH

Q3.: AMER HIST - While Haudenosaunee is the name by which the nations of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca referred to their 17th- and 18th-century confederation (which later included the Tuscarora), the French and English used what other word when naming this league?

Answer: IROQUOIS

Q4.: FILM - The 1975 comedy musical film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and its original stage production *The Rocky Horror Show*, were variations on what classic 19th-century novel (evidenced by the name of Tim Curry's character in the film and the title of the musical's third song)?

Answer: FRANKENSTEIN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The 7th-century-BCE Greek king Byzas, according to one legend, is the founder of the city that today has what name?

Answer: ISTANBUL

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "Push Ups", "Taylor Made Freestyle", "6:16 in LA", "Family Matters", "Meet the Grahams", "Not Like Us", and "The Heart Part 6" are songs from April and May 2024 in a beef between what two individuals?

Answer: DRAKE, KENDRICK LAMAR

Q1.: SCIENCE - The first drug specifically licensed as antiretroviral, and the first to be approved by the U.S. FDA for treatment of patients infected with HIV (in 1987), is a drug known by what three letters?

Answer: AZT

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the horse breed, first developed in the American colonies in the 17th century and the most popular in the United States today, which is named for its superior ability at sprinting short distances (specifically, those 1/4 mile or less).

Answer: QUARTER HORSE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Suzanne Collins's The Hunger Games trilogy begins with the novel of the same name. Give the title of either of the two subsequent novels in the series.

Answer: CATCHING FIRE, MOCKINGJAY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the sucralose-based product which is, by far, the best-selling artificial sweetener brand in the United States.

Answer: SPLENDA

Q5.: FILM - The term Bollywood is used informally to refer to the film industry of India, and specifically to the Hindi-language film industry based in what city?

Answer: MUMBAI

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Which branch of Protestant Christianity, one of the largest today with about 75 million adherents worldwide, originated in Scotland, and is influenced primarily by Calvinist theological tradition (similar to Congregationalists)?

Answer: PRESBYTERIANISM

Q1.: SCIENCE - The names of the medications sold under the brand names Lipitor, Mevacor, Zocor, Pravachol, and Crestor all have what suffix, which is also used as the name for this class of drugs used to treat high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease?

Answer: STATIN

Q2.: AMER HIST - Martin Luther King Jr.'s August 28, 1963, "I Have a Dream" speech begins with the line "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation." It ends—as Dr. King states, "in the words of the old Negro spiritual"—with what three words?

Answer: FREE AT LAST

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The nation of Germany is divided into 16 states (Länder), three of which are smaller Stadtstaaten ("city-states") while the remainder are Flächenländer ("area states"). Of the 16, which Flächenland is both the southernmost and the largest in area?

Answer: BAVARIA/BAYERN

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Once (and perhaps again?) a common breakfast dish in Britain, kippers are made with what fish, which are split, gutted, and cold-smoked?

Answer: HERRING

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the pitcher who played for six MLB teams from 1992 to 2003, mostly as a reliever, compiling a record of 42-39 in a respectable career whose success has already been greatly surpassed by the career of his pro-athlete son.

Answer: PAT MAHOMES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - An appearance in the 2023 film Saltburn led to a resurgence in popularity of a Sophie Ellis-Bextor song from 2001 whose lyrical subject matter involves a murder where?

Answer: ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Q1.: ART - Pictured here is an example of a form of pottery first developed by what English potter of the 18th c.?[Click here](#)

Answer: JOSIAH WEDGWOOD

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In February, 2012, this U.S. state's legislature became the first west of the Mississippi River to pass a law legalizing same-sex marriage.

Answer: WASHINGTON

Q3.: WORLD HIST -England expects that every man will do his dutyis a quote -- specifically, a maritime signal -- attributed originally to what officer of the British Royal Navy?

Answer: HORATIO NELSON

Q4.: TELEVISION - Name the man who served as President (from 1989-1998) and Chairman (from 1998-2011) of NBC Sports, having spent the early part of his career working for the network in Late Night Programming.

Answer: DICK EBERSOL

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In this chart, commonly attributed to the management consulting firm BCG, a bovine term is missing from the red quadrant in the bottom left. What is the term?[Click here](#)

Answer: CASH COW

Q6.: LITERATURE - The 1861 novelThe House of the Deadillustrates a story of convicts living in a Siberian prison camp -- a circumstance which, eight years earlier, described the author himself. Name the novelist.

Answer: FYODOR DOSTOYEVSKY

Q1.: FILM - A legendary July 1985 event in London's Wembley Stadium provides the climax for what 2018 film?

Answer: BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Q2.: ART - "In [BLANK] art the idea or [BLANK] is the most important aspect of the work. When an artist uses a [BLANK] form of art, it means that all of the planning and decisions are made beforehand and the execution is a perfunctory affair." In this quote, from a 1967 article by American artist Sol LeWitt, a form of the same word fills in all three blanks. What is that word (in adjective or noun form)?

Answer: CONCEPTUAL/CONCEPT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What university has won NCAA Division I softball's Women's College World Series (WCWS) eight times since the year 2000, including seven times since 2013 and all four years from 2021 to 2024?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Q4.: TELEVISION - The year 2020 marked the 60th anniversary of what British soap opera, which centers on the lives of residents on a cobbled thoroughfare in the fictional Greater Manchester town of Weatherfield?

Answer: CORONATION STREET

Q5.: SCIENCE - NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), whose purview includes the development and control of uncrewed spacecraft, is managed for the agency by what university?

Answer: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CALTECH)

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Jerry Byrd, Pete Drake, Buddy Emmons, Lloyd Green, Shot Jackson, and Ralph Mooney were all members of a broad and legendary "Nashville A-Team" of musicians that performed on hundreds of hit country albums over the decades. They were all elite players of what instrument, which is most closely associated with country music as well as Hawaiian music?

Answer: STEEL GUITAR

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - This Italian composer of the Renaissance and Baroque eras is celebrated today for his madrigals and sacred Vespers of 1610, but is perhaps best known for being one of the earliest great operatic composers.

Answer: CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI

Q2.: SCIENCE - The metal known as electrum, which occurs naturally and can be produced artificially, is an alloy of what two precious metals?

Answer: GOLD, SILVER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The first song that featured a drum machine using digital samples of acoustic drums (the iconic Linn LM-1) to reach number one on the UK Singles Chart and the Billboard Hot 100 did so in 1981/82. It was a single by the pop group Human League -- what was the song's title?

Answer: DON'T YOU WANT ME

Q4.: AMER HIST - Give the name of the executive cabinet position in the United States which was created in 1953, and renamed Secretary of Health and Human Services in 1979.

Answer: SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Q5.: ART - This quintessential example of gothic architecture is located in what European city? [Click here](#)

Answer: COLOGNE

Q6.: TELEVISION - The Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour was the name of a 2010 comedy tour of North America headlined by what comedian?

Answer: CONAN O'BRIEN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Marianne Joan Elliott-Said, frontwoman of the punk rock band X-Ray Spex (and songwriter of the band's anthem "Oh Bondage Up Yours!"), when deciding on a stage name, consulted the Yellow Pages to find "a name of the time, something plastic" and settled on what material used for packing peanuts, disposable food containers, egg cartons, consumer-electronics packaging, and insulation panels?

Answer: POLY STYRENE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic work of children's literature from 1911 involves the protagonist Mary's discovery and restoration of a secret what?

Answer: GARDEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The preceding is an excerpt from the Education Amendments passed by the US Congress in 1972. This legislation, which is often (but not exclusively) referenced with respect to intercollegiate athletics, is usually known by what name? The name, with a slight orthographic adjustment, has been borrowed by a retailer that sells "athletic wear and outdoor clothes for active women."

Answer: TITLE IX

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A "dirty" martini is distinguished from a standard one sometimes by a change of garnish and always by the former's addition of what salty, nonalcoholic, liquid ingredient?

Answer: OLIVE BRINE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Of the seven members of the intergovernmental forum known as the Group of Seven (G7), six have governments led by men (Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the UK, and the US). What country is the seventh member and the only one led by a woman?

Answer: ITALY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The former Danish passenger ferry Fredericia was converted into a pirate radio ship and started broadcasting off the eastern coast of England in 1964 under what new name, taken from that of an American girl who was six years old at the time?

Answer: CAROLINE

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the imperial unit of measure, today in very limited and specific use, which is the equivalent of 220 yards? One of them equals an eighth of a mile, while five of them approximate one kilometer.

Answer: FURLONG

Q2.: LITERATURE - The philosophical concept known as the categorical imperative, which states (in small part) that one must act according to the maxim that one would wish all others to follow, as if it were a universal law, comes from 1785's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, by what German philosopher?

Answer: IMMANUEL KANT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 50 U.S. states, which has the highest percentage of non-Hispanic whites (nearly 95%), as well as the greatest proportion of residents who speak French at home?

Answer: MAINE

Q4.: FILM - Genetically engineered organic robots known as replicants (also known derisively as skin-jobs), produced by the Tyrell Corporation, are central to the plot of what science fiction film?

Answer: BLADE RUNNER

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Name the singer who was the world's best-selling recording artist of the 1990s and, with 1999's Heartbreaker, became the first (and still only) artist to have a number one single on the Billboard Hot 100 each year of a decade.

Answer: MARIAH CAREY

Q6.: LANGUAGE - This term is defined as a ship owned by an individual or company, but authorized (or commissioned) by a government to attack foreign vessels during wartime -- corsairs are a specific French example. The term is also used for the commander of such a ship.

Answer: PRIVATEER

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Eduardo Lonardi, Pedro Eugenio Aramburu, Arturo Frondizi, José María Guido, Arturo Illia, Juan Carlos Onganía, Roberto Marcelo Levingston, Alejandro Agustín Lanusse, Héctor José Cámpora, Raúl Alberto Lastiri. In this incomplete, chronologically ordered list, which spans the period from September 1955 to October 1973, the name of one person could be added at both the beginning and the end. What is that name?

Answer: JUAN PERÓN

Q2.: THEATRE - The hit 1984 single "One Night in Bangkok" by Murray Head, written by ABBA's Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus with lyricist Tim Rice, was part of an album released to raise money for what subsequently produced musical (in which the song appeared)?

Answer: CHESS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Video-game director Hidetaka Miyazaki andA Song of Ice and Fireauthor George R. R. Martin collaborated on the story and lore for what hit video game, in which players set forth to restore a mythical artifact that both governs the laws of the Lands Between and gives the game its name?

Answer: ELDEN RING

Q4.: ART - As opposed to prime, zoom, telephoto, and wide-angle, what word is used most often to refer to the type of lens designed specifically for focusing in extremely-close-up photography? Such lenses typically have a magnification ratio of at least 1:1, allowing for a large reproduction ratio.

Answer: MACRO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Johnson & Johnson introduced Johnson's Baby Shampoo in 1953 with what three-word tagline, a registered trademark now owned by the J&J Consumer Healthcare spinoff Kenvue Inc.?

Answer: NO MORE TEARS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The invertebrates of the taxonomic phylum Platyhelminthes are worms so named for their shape. Helminth is the Greek word for "worm" and platy- is the Greek for what?

Answer: FLAT

Q1.: LITERATURE - Identify the fictional character who has been the subject of an epic poem by Lord Byron, a film starring Errol Flynn, a comedy by Moliere, and an opera buffa by Mozart.

Answer: DON JUAN/DON GIOVANNI

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 12 other nations on the South American mainland (including one overseas region of France), Brazil borders all of them but two. Name those two.

Answer: CHILE, ECUADOR

Q3.: ART - This is the work of what French Primitivist?Click here

Answer: HENRI ROUSSEAU

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Ths highest possible hand in cribbage consists of three fives and a Jack, with the cut card being a five same-suited to the Jack. How many points is this hand worth?

Answer: 29

Q5.: TELEVISION - Ryan Dunn, Chris Pontius, Bam Margera, Brandon DiCamillo, and Raab Himself were all, originally, members of the cast of what television series?

Answer: JACKASS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A 1964 album subtitledEngland's Newest Hit Makers, which featured the singles 'Not Fade Away' and 'Tell Me', as well as the Holland/Dozier/Holland classic 'Can I Get a Witness', was the U.S. debut release from what rock band?

Answer: ROLLING STONES

Q1.: SCIENCE - Flowering plants (angiosperms) are divided into two classes based on the number of seed leaves present. Those with one seed leaf have a name with the prefix "mono-", whereas those with two begin with "di-". What four-syllable word completes the names of these two classes?

Answer: COTYLEDON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - British artist Barbara Hepworth's sculpture Single Form, which is on public display in the United Nations Plaza in New York, was commissioned as a memorial to what man, a Swede and friend of Hepworth's who perished in a plane crash in September 1961?

Answer: DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

Q3.: ART - A famous artwork by the artist Hieronymus Bosch has, in the artist's native Dutch, a traditional title that ends with the word lusten ("lusts"). The painting is housed in Madrid's Museo del Prado, where the title ends with the word delicias. In English, the piece's common modern title ends with what two words?

Answer: EARTHLY DELIGHTS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Ntozake Shange's 1982 novel Sassafrass, Cypress, & Indigo is a story of three sisters and the other members of their South Carolina family who belong to what ethnic group, which predominantly inhabits the state's Lowcountry and Sea Islands?

Answer: GULLAH/GEECHEE

Q5.: TELEVISION - On the TV sitcom Parks and Recreation, Ron Swanson's mother and both of his ex-wives share a name that also belongs to the title character of a 2014 film starring Melissa McCarthy. What is that name?

Answer: TAMMY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - According to a rap written by British American documentarian Louis Theroux in 2000, which went viral in 2022 (thanks in part to an appearance on Chicken Shop Date with Amelia Dimoldenberg), his "money don't jiggle jiggle, it" does what instead?

Answer: FOLDS

Q1.: LITERATURE - Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the Bandersnatch, the Mock Turtle, and the Snark are fictional creatures popularized by the work of what author?

Answer: LEWIS CARROLL

Q2.: SCIENCE - The suffix-itishas come to meaninflammation; therefore, by definition, the medical conditionhepatitis is the inflammation of what?

Answer: LIVER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The First and Second Battle of the Marne, the Battle of Asiago, the Battle of Caporetto, and the Monastir Offensive were all operations during what war?

Answer: WORLD WAR I

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In July, 2011, a tribunal review known formally as theLeveson inquirywas established by British Prime Minister David Cameron, and remains in effect today, for the purposes of investigating practices in what industry?

Answer: PRESS/NEWSPAPERS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Give the full name (first and last) of the television character in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: ROGER STERLING

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC -Candide,Trouble in Tahiti, andA Quiet Placeare the three operas composed during the career of what eclectic American musical polymath?

Answer: LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Q1.: TELEVISION - What animated TV series' cast includes J.K. Simmons as Omni-Man, Sandra Oh as Debbie Grayson, and Steven Yeun as Mark Grayson/the title character?
Answer: INVINCIBLE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - According to (likely false) legend, Apple engineer Dave Hyatt named a product in 2003 after a Beach Boys song, the first track on the band's 1962 debut album of the same name. What is the name of that Apple product?
Answer: SAFARI

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Following the Japanese civil war of 1467-77, the country's central authority was dissolved. The emperor and his military commander (shogun) held only nominal authority, and real power was held by feudal lords called what? The first such lord to attempt reunification was the mid-16th-century local ruler Oda Nobunaga, and these lords would subsequently become vassals of the shogun.
Answer: DAIMYO

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the English football (soccer) league system, the top division is the Premier League. What, perhaps counterintuitively, is the name of the second-highest division of the pyramid, to which three Premier League teams are relegated after each season?

Answer: (EFL SKY BET) CHAMPIONSHIP

Q5.: LITERATURE - What color, similar to vermillion or cinnabar, is central to a critically acclaimed 1850 novel that was one of the first books to be mass-produced in the United States?

Answer: SCARLET

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The letter thorn (þ, also known as þorn) was in the alphabets of some historical Germanic languages, including Old Norse and Old English, but lives on today exclusively in the orthography of what modern language?

Answer: ICELANDIC

Q1.: SCIENCE - What metal, the fourth most common element in the Earth's crust, is the most common in the Earth's core (both the inner and outer core)?

Answer: IRON

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Apennine Monte Titano is the home to what European microstate?

Answer: SAN MARINO

Q3.: AMER HIST - Outlaw brothers Frank and Jesse James, as well as most other members of the James-Younger gang, were from which U.S. state, in which the gang was centered?

Answer: MISSOURI

Q4.: TELEVISION - The TV characters Vincent Barbarino, Arnold Horshack, Freddie Washington, and Juan Luis Pedro Felipo de Huevos Epstein were all members of what fictional gang?

Answer: THE SWEATHOGS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The automobile pictured here, from a 1917 newspaper advertisement, was the inspiration for the name of what arena rock band popular in the 1970s/80s?

[Click here](#)

Answer: REO SPEEDWAGON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What distilled alcoholic beverage, native to Mexico, is made from the maguey plant (a type of agave), and is differentiated from tequila by the process and location of production, type of agave used, distillation frequency, and taste?

Answer: MEZCAL

Q1.: SCIENCE - A mechanical system whose name sounds like a pair of fundamentals in American football is commonly used on sailing ships for the lifting of heavy loads. What is that name?

Answer: BLOCK AND TACKLE

Q2.: LITERATURE - A series of interviews conducted from 1963 to 1965 resulted in the posthumous October 1965 publication of the autobiography of whom?

Answer: MALCOLM X

Q3.: ART - The collection of buildings that constitute Russia's State Hermitage Museum includes the Small Hermitage, Old Hermitage, New Hermitage, Hermitage Theatre, and—most prominently—what other building (which, incidentally, does not have "Hermitage" in its name)?

Answer: WINTER PALACE

Q4.: MATH - The symbol known as the cap symbol, such as in the expression $A \cap B$, is used in mathematics to represent the operation most often given what name?

Answer: INTERSECTION

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What perennial, despite (or perhaps because of) the tart flavor of its petioles, is a vegetable commonly used as a primary ingredient in sweet dessert pies—so much so that, in the US, it is nicknamed the "pie plant"?

Answer: RHUBARB

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1733, James Oglethorpe, with a charter from the current British king, brought the first group of about 120 settlers to what colony?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Baseball manager Connie Mack retired in 1950 at age 87 with a total of 3,731 wins, having managed the first 50 seasons of what franchise's existence? His longevity is due in large part to his role as the team's sole owner for the final 13 seasons (team nickname required).

Answer: PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS

Q2.: MATH - The 'lowest' set of numbers that fits the definition of a primitive Pythagorean triplets (3, 4, 5). Which set of three numbers is next lowest?

Answer: 5, 12, 13

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In this photograph, a single word, the name of the game being played, is obscured (in two different places). What is the word?[Click here](#)

Answer: CARROM

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Otto I was the first, in 962, and Francis II was the last, in 1806, to hold what title (which could be argued actually began with Charlemagne in 800)?

Answer: HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR

Q5.: LANGUAGE - This term, from Latin forblood relation, is used to describe words which have a common etymological origin (such as the Englishdrinkand the Germantrinken, or the Frenchlaitand Spanishleche).

Answer: COGNATE

Q6.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film?[Click here](#)

Answer: TRUE GRIT

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The southernmost state of India is, per its name, the land of what people, whose name also refers to the Dravidian language spoken there?

Answer: TAMIL

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Though its founding brothers were born in Glasgow, Scotland, and its long-time (44 years and counting) lead vocalist is from Northern England, near Newcastle, what band was formed in Sydney in 1973 and is (by many measures) the internationally greatest-selling musical act from Australia?

Answer: AC/DC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Joppiesaus, Comeback Sauce, Louis dressing, remoulades, Marie Rose sauce, and Samouraï sauce are all made with what emulsive base?

Answer: MAYONNAISE

Q4.: SCIENCE - The astronomical phenomenon in which distant stars traveling away from the observer are redshifted, while those approaching are blueshifted, is an example of an effect named after what Austrian mathematician and physicist?

Answer: CHRISTIAN DOPPLER

Q5.: FILM - What term fills in the blank in the following excerpt from a 1966 interview of Alfred Hitchcock by François Truffaut? "It might be a Scottish name, taken from a story about two men in a train. One man says, 'What's that package up there in the baggage rack?' And the other answers, 'Oh that's a [BLANK].'"

Answer: MACGUFFIN

Q6.: AMER HIST - The danger of close links between defense contractors and the armed forces, and the damaging effects this unified entity can have on public policy, were outlined in President Dwight Eisenhower's 1961 farewell address, remembered today for its popularization of what three-part term?

Answer: MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Q1.: SCIENCE - Among the various phase transitions in thermodynamics, melting is the transition of a substance from a solid to a liquid. The process known as deposition is the transition of a substance from what to what? (Two answers required, in correct order.)

Answer: GAS, SOLID

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What was the name of the middle and long distance runner, one of the most famous individuals in the history of sport in Finland, who won nine Olympic gold medals during the 1920s, and was known during his time with countrymen Hannes Kolehmainen and Ville Ritola as the 'Flying Finns'?

Answer: PAAVO NURMI

Q3.: LITERATURE - Book VI of Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur* chronicles the quest of the Knights of the Round Table to achieve the Holy Grail. Ultimately, only three achieve the Grail; name any one of the three.

Answer: BORS, GALAHAD, PERCIVAL

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Since 2008, the Miss Teen USA beauty pageant has, oddly, not actually been held in the United States, but rather at a vast mega-resort and waterpark complex in what country?

Answer: THE BAHAMAS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Elvira, Bobby Sue, and (I'm Settin') Fancy Free are among the hits from what country music vocal group?

Answer: THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

Q6.: ART - What is the name of the apple-offerer in these paintings? [Click here](#)

Answer: PARIS

Q1.: THEATRE - Peter Quince, Nick Bottom, Francis Flute, Tom Snout, Robin Starveling, and Snug are Shakespearean characters known collectively as what?
Answer: (RUDE) MECHANICALS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The NHL player who won the league's Hart Memorial Trophy (for most valuable player) in 2017, 2021, and 2023 shares his first name with the NHL player who won the league's Calder Trophy (for rookie of the year) in 2024, and with the player who won the league's Vezina Trophy (for best goaltender) in 2020 and 2024. What is that first name?

Answer: CONNOR

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Although today it commemorates all the servicemembers of Australia and New Zealand, what holiday was originally designated on April 25 in those countries to honor the members of the Army Corps who served in World War I's Gallipoli campaign?

Answer: ANZAC DAY

Q4.: LITERATURE - Some of the stories in a 1981 short story collection by Raymond Carver have influenced or have been adapted into film, including 2014's *Birdman*, whose plot centers on a Broadway production of one of the stories. That story, like the collection itself, is titled "What We Talk about When" what?

Answer: WE TALK ABOUT LOVE

Q5.: SCIENCE - One word is often used to denote fatty acids with only single bonds between carbons in the hydrocarbon chain, whereas another, opposite word denotes fatty acids in which the hydrocarbon chain contains one or more double bonds. What are those two words?

Answer: SATURATED, UNSATURATED

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Matty Tingles is one of several popular YouTubers who specialize in videos with auditory and visual stimuli that, to many of his fans, trigger a sensation commonly known by what four-letter initialism?

Answer: ASMR

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The primary facility in Russia dedicated to the preparation and training of cosmonauts, located in the community of Star City (Zvyozdny gorodok), is named after whom?

Answer: YURI GAGARIN

Q2.: FILM - Of the 13 feature films released by Pixar Animation Studios since 1995, which is the only one -- not including 2012's *Brave*-- to receive no Academy Award nominations (befitting its critical reputation as the studio's worst release)?

Answer: CARS 2

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the Polish dish (and centerpiece of an annual Krakow summer festival) which is roughly the equivalent of the Japanese *gyoza*, Tibetan *momo*, Turkish *manti*, and Korean *mandu*.

Answer: PIEROGI

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The badge pictured here was used for a time in the 1960s and 70s on automobiles manufactured by what maker?[Click here](#)

Answer: FERRARI/FIAT

Q5.: TELEVISION - 'Heartless' by Dia Frampton, 'Fix You' by Javier Colon, 'Roxanne' by Juliet Simms, and 'I Believe I Can Fly' by Jermaine Paul, all singles that reached the *Billboard Hot 100* chart, were studio versions of performances that first appeared on what television program?

Answer: THE VOICE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - There are four U.S. states whose largest city contains the name of the state in the city's name. One is Indiana (Indianapolis); name the other three states.

Answer: NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA, VIRGINIA

Q1.: MATH - In mathematics, the sum of a real number and an imaginary number, expressed typically as $x+iy$ or $a+bi$, is referred to most often as what kind of number?
Answer: COMPLEX NUMBER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What word, defined as a large trunk or suitcase used for traveling, is perhaps better known in its newer, literary sense, as coined and utilized frequently by Lewis Carroll?

Answer: PORTMANTEAU

Q3.: TELEVISION - Lisa Turtle on Saved by the Bell, The Cheetah Girls' Galleria Garibaldi, Buttercup in The Princess Bride, Det. Tony Costas in the straight-to-video Collision Course, and Margaret White in the 1976 film Carrie—all of these roles were portrayed by actors who have first names with what commonality?

Answer: NAMES OF BIRDS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Four teams in college football's highest-level Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) took in zero players through the transfer portal in 2024. One of the four was Clemson. Name any one of the other three, all of which share a particular and unique distinction among FBS teams.

Answer: ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE

Q5.: ART - What type of object appears in Claude Monet's The Gare Saint-Lazare (quite fittingly) as well as René Magritte's Time Transfixed (much less so)?

Answer: TRAIN/LOCOMOTIVE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Traveller (2015), From A Room: Volume 1 (2017), and Starting Over (2021), all of which won the Academy of Country Music Awards Album of the Year, the Country Music Association Awards Album of the Year, and the Grammy Award for Best Country Album, are releases by what artist?

Answer: CHRIS STAPLETON

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The words 'pizza', 'yebat', 'khuy', and 'suka' are profane words, or what language?

Answer: RUSSIAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the most common informal name for the skyscraper at the center of this photograph?[Click here](#)

Answer: THE GHERKIN

Q3.: AMER HIST - The National Voter Registration Act of 1993, enacted by the U.S. Congress primarily to reduce the cost of voting by incorporating voter registration into other citizen/governmental agency transactions, is best known by what rhyming name?

Answer: MOTOR VOTER LAW

Q4.: SCIENCE - The traditional five-kingdom hierarchy of biological classification, first proposed by ecologist Robert Whittaker in the 1960s, includes Monera, Fungi, Plantae, Animalia, and what else?

Answer: PROTISTA

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - This term, derived from the Greek for a reciter of epic poetry, is used to describe a free-flowing, irregular, and often improvisatory musical composition, characterized typically by emotion and spontaneity.

Answer: RHAPSODY

Q6.: ART - Identify the French artist and chess journalist who worked on the piece of art pictured here from 1915 to 1923.[Click here](#)

Answer: MARCEL DUCHAMP

Q1.: LITERATURE - Society hostess Anna Pavlovna Scherer, at a party she is hosting in July 1805, during the era of Napoleonic conflicts, is the first among the nearly 600 named characters to be introduced in what novel?

Answer: WAR AND PEACE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The first human-made object to exit the heliosphere and enter interstellar space, doing so in August 2012, was one of the two probes launched by NASA as a part of what program? The program's other probe entered interstellar space in November 2018.

Answer: VOYAGER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What durable, soft, suede-like leather, a gently brushed and buffed full-grain leather, was once produced from the hides of young deer (hence its name)?

Answer: NUBUCK

Q4.: FILM - Schecky Moskowitz, Robbie Hart, Bobby Boucher Jr., Sonny Koufax, Paul Crewe, Zohan Dvir, Lenny Feder, and Howard Ratner are all characters portrayed in film by what actor?

Answer: ADAM SANDLER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Which of the four railroads on the standard Monopoly game board was inspired by an interurban that ran from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to nearby communities (as opposed to the others, which were named after longer, interstate operators)?

Answer: SHORT LINE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Al-Mamlakah al-Maghribiyah("Kingdom of the West") is the official name of what country?

Answer: MOROCCO

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the university, founded in 1693, which is the oldest institution of higher education in the state of Virginia, and second-oldest in the United States after Harvard University.

Answer: COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Q2.: FILM - The installments from this series of action films were the #6 top grossing film of 1987, #6 of 1989, #5 of 1992, and #10 of 1998.

Answer: LETHAL WEAPON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In what European city is this room located?[Click here](#)

Answer: VERSAILLES

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT -Brassie,Spoon,Jigger,Mashie Niblick, andCleekare all obsolete items formerly used in what sport?

Answer: GOLF

Q5.: LITERATURE - Though his hometown was Rutherford, New Jersey, the epicPatersonwas the crowning achievement of what American poet and physician?

Answer: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What was the stage name of the DJ of the hip hop group Run-D.M.C. (and the only non-eponymous member), who was murdered in a Queens, New York recording studio in October of 2002?

Answer: JAM MASTER JAY

Q1.: TELEVISION - Jazmine Sullivan, H.E.R., and Ne-Yo are among the many artists whose earliest television appearances were as "amateurs" on a series recorded at, and named after, what Uptown Manhattan venue?

Answer: APOLLO THEATER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Which letter of the Greek alphabet was used in antiquity as a symbol for death, presumably because it was the first letter of the Greek word for "death" and also perhaps because it roughly resembles a human skull. Some engravings would avoid the letter's use by showing the letters delta and epsilon in its place.

Answer: THETA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Neoclassicism in music is closely associated with some of the works of what composer, in particular works composed during the period from *Pulcinella* (1920) to *The Rake's Progress* (1951)?

Answer: IGOR STRAVINSKY

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What four-letter word means "son of" in the Kalenjin language, such as in the name of the man who served from 1978 to 2002 as president of Kenya?

Answer: ARAP

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Cryptocurrency (technically, the private keys that provide access to cryptocurrencies) is stored in wallets. What antonyms are most commonly used to distinguish wallets that are connected to the internet and those that are not? (Two answers required.)

Answer: HOT, COLD

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What tree links US President Andrew Jackson, the 1951-52 Indiana high school boys basketball champs in a 1986 film, and the largest city in Catawba County, North Carolina?

Answer: HICKORY

Q1.: SCIENCE - With her husband Pierre, Marie Sklodowska-Curie is generally credited with discovering two elements of the periodic table, one named after her homeland, and the other named after its notable scientific attribute. Identify them both.

Answer: POLONIUM, RADIUM

Q2.: ART - A New York socialite, daughter of a Titanic victim and niece of a famous museum founder, is herself best-known today as a preeminent collector of art (and perhaps also, of men). What is her full name (first and last)?

Answer: PEGGY GUGGENHEIM

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Old Trafford, Stamford Bridge, Craven Cottage, Anfield, and, formerly, Highbury, are all names of what?

Answer: (ENGLISH SOCCER) STADIUMS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What country was formally recognized by the United States government on November 13, 1903 (although not by the government of Colombia until 1921)?

Answer: REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Hitsville U.S.A. was a nickname given to the first headquarters of what American company?

Answer: MOTOWN RECORD CORPORATION

Q6.: FILM - This American would probably prefer to be remembered for her time as one-half of a Grammy-winning comedy duo of the 1950s and 60s, and not as the writer and director of the colossal cinematic flops *Mickey and Nicky* and *Ishtar*.

Answer: ELAINE MAY

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The lyrics to a smash 2024 single by Sabrina Carpenter, the second single from Short n' Sweet, frequently repeat what word (including three times in the title)? The word also appeared frequently, and twice in the title, of a hit released 61 years prior.

Answer: PLEASE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - From its launch in December 2001 until production ceased in June 2020, what was the world's best-selling (but, at 140,000 units, still not really very great-selling) brand of self-balancing, two-wheeled "Personal Transporter"?

Answer: SEGWAY

Q3.: THEATRE - A historical set of six individuals are the central characters of the hit musical Six. Give the first name of any one of the six.

Answer: ANNA, ANNE, CATHERINE, KATHERINE, JANE

Q4.: AMER HIST - Jamaica-born activist Marcus Garvey, founder of the Pan-African UNIA, was also involved in the founding of a shipping line with what name? The name is ostensibly a play on that of the British line whose vessels included the Atlantic, Britannic, and Titanic.

Answer: BLACK STAR LINE

Q5.: SCIENCE - The main types of volcanoes are composite (e.g., Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Fuji), made up of alternating layers of lava and ash; cinder (e.g. Arizona's Sunset Crater), composed of small lava fragments and having steep sides; lava domes (e.g. California's Lassen Peak), which are thick and pasty lava layers; and what fourth type, which have large and broad shapes (hence their name), and which are exemplified by the Hawaiian Islands?

Answer: SHIELD

Q6.: FILM - The hit-and-run manslaughter of a pedestrian is one of the many crimes committed by high schoolers who have descended into chaos in what 1936 anticanabis exploitation film, which has a cult following today despite (or due to) being widely regarded as terrible?

Answer: REEFER MADNESS

Q1.: BUS/ECON -Aldo, Avia, Naot, and Sebago are all companies best known for the manufacturing and selling of what?

Answer: FOOTWEAR

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which establishes a structure of rolling commitments of greenhouse gas emissions reductions for its ratifying nations, is commonly named after what city, where it was adopted initially in December, 1997?

Answer: KYOTO

Q3.: MATH - In geometry, a tetrahedron is a regular polyhedron with four faces (a.k.a. triangular pyramid), and a cube is one with six faces. How many faces does a regular dodecahedron have?

Answer: 12

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the imperial dynasty that ruled China at the start of the first millennium (roughly from 200 BC to 200 AD), and gave its name to what today is China's majority ethnic group?

Answer: HAN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - St. Moritz, Gstaad, and Verbier are major ski resorts in what country?

Answer: SWITZERLAND

Q6.: TELEVISION - Of the 40+ animated television series that have aired on the Nickelodeon channel and produced by the network, which one has been, by far, the longest-running? Over 330 original episodes have aired since the May 1999 premiere, where the title character first landed a job at the fast food restaurant central to much of the series.

Answer: SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - A metonym is a figure of speech in which an entity or concept is referred to by a name closely associated with that entity (e.g., "Wall Street" for the US financial markets). What simple name, formally that of a local authority district of England, is commonly used as a metonym for the United Kingdom's financial-service industries?

Answer: THE CITY (OF LONDON)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Seretse Khama, heir to the chieftainship of the Ngwato, founded the Bechuanaland Democratic Party in 1956, and later became the president of what landlocked republic in southern Africa, from its independence in 1966 until his death in 1980?

Answer: BOTSWANA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Hanshin Electric Railway, ORIX Corporation, Nippon Ham Co., Yakult Honsha Company, and the holding company of the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper are all otherwise unrelated Japanese business enterprises connected by their ownership of entities in an organization known as Nippon Yakyū Kikō, or "Nippon Professional" what?

Answer: BASEBALL

Q4.: TELEVISION - What current ABC News program debuted in 1979 initially to cover the Iran Hostage Crisis (and was in fact titled The Iran Crisis—America Held Hostage), and was anchored from 1980 until 2005 by English-born journalist Ted Koppel?

Answer: NIGHTLINE

Q5.: LITERATURE - The 1933 novel The Case of the Velvet Claw was the first novel by Erle Stanley Gardner and the first to feature what lawyer?

Answer: PERRY MASON

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Mozart's Serenade No. 13 for Strings in G Major is much better known by what three-word German name, provided by the composer himself via a notation he made in his catalog that describes the piece?

Answer: EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In the field of geography, the term cordillera (e.g. American Cordillera, Arctic Cordillera, Cordillera Central) refers specifically to a connected chain of what?

Answer: MOUNTAINS/MOUNTAIN RANGES

Q2.: FILM - The actor James Dean is credited with appearing in exactly three feature films, all in leading roles. Of the three, which was the only one widely released during his lifetime?

Answer: EAST OF EDEN

Q3.: ART - A series of oil paintings by American artist C. M. Coolidge, which was commissioned in 1903 by the publishing company Brown & Bigelow to promote cigars, is best known today for featuring what?

Answer: DOGS PLAYING POKER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the name of this athlete? [Click here](#)

Answer: MCKAYLA MARONEY

Q5.: SCIENCE - Most commonly, the chemical hydrolyzation process called saponification is used in the production of what?

Answer: SOAP

Q6.: POP MUSIC - On December 8, 2004, during a performance by the heavy metal band Damageplan in Columbus, Ohio, guitarist Dimebag Darrell was shot and killed by an audience member while on stage. Darrell was a founding member of what other band, with whom he first achieved fame?

Answer: PANTERA

Q1.: ART - A certain pair of items in the permanent collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art were designed in 1956 and have been available for purchase from Herman Miller continuously since that year. Name the designing couple responsible for this particular set.

Answer: CHARLES AND RAY EAMES

Q2.: FILM - Identify the phrase coined by Lauren Bacall to describe a certain set of actors in the 1950s and the adapted term used by journalist David Blum to describe a separate set of actors in the 1980s. (Two answers required.)

Answer: RAT PACK, BRAT PACK

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In 1349, the future King Charles V of France purchased land which gave its name to the title of the eldest son of the reigning French monarch (until 1830). What was that title?

Answer: DAUPHIN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - One Thomas—Thomas Andrew—was born in 1899 and is remembered as "The Father of Gospel Music". The other, Thomas Francis, was born in 1905, went by "Tommy", and was "The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing". What last name did these two Thomases share?

Answer: DORSEY

Q5.: SCIENCE - Although some fertilizers contain micronutrients, including metals such as zinc and iron, most fertilizers used in gardening and agriculture contain the three basic plant nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus, and what third?

Answer: POTASSIUM

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Whereas Monaco, a small country with an area of less than one square mile, is the most densely populated country in the world, the most densely populated "nonsmall" country in the world is what Asian nation—the eighth-most populous country overall, with around 170 million people within its 57,000 square miles? (Here, we arbitrarily define a "nonsmall" country as one with an area greater than 3,000 square miles, though we could go much lower and keep the same answer.)

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q1.: LITERATURE - Provide the two words that fill in the blank in the following full title of a novel as it was published in the United States on November 14, 1851: Moby-Dick; or, _____
Answer: THE WHALE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Saint Eustachius and Saint Hubertus, the patron saints of hunters, are referenced in what liqueur brand's logo, which consists of a glowing Christian cross between the antlers of a caribou?

Answer: JAGERMEISTER

Q3.: TELEVISION - In 1978, who won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress -- Miniseries or a Movie for her work in the Miniseries Holocaust, which would be the first of a vast multitude of nominations and awards this actress would receive in her career?

Answer: MERYL STREEP

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - According to their official wedding registry of April, 2011 (and per the surnames of the bridegroom's parents), what is the surname of William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge?

Answer: MOUNTBATTEN-WINDSOR

Q5.: SCIENCE - As defined in classical mechanics, speed is a scalar quantity defining how fast an object is moving, while velocity is a vector describing the object's speed and direction. Likewise, as distance is a scalar quantity of length, what is the term for the vector describing distance and direction?

Answer: DISPLACEMENT/POSITION VECTOR

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The White Sea, off the northwest coast of Russia, is the fourth-largest sea in the world (in area) whose name in English is a color. What are the three largest that fit this description?

Answer: RED SEA, BLACK SEA, YELLOW SEA (CORAL also accepted)

Q1.: LITERATURE -The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, The Silver Chair, and The Magician's Nephew are all books set in what mythical realm?

Answer: NARNIA

Q2.: ART - What is the name used for the characters created by American illustrator Rose O'Neill in 1909, as cherub-faced baby characters in magazine illustrations and a comic strip, that became extremely popular and sought after as porcelain and later plastic dolls? Their mythology-derived name is now used for Japan's leading mayonnaise brand, which uses the doll as its emblem.

Answer: KEWPIE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of what small city of around 34,000 residents in Washington State is on a particularly distinctive list that includes a tourist destination with luxury resorts in the Society Islands of French Polynesia, a spa town in far southwestern Germany, the capital of American Samoa, a maximum-security prison in New York's Westchester County, and a Pennsylvania community that hosts the headquarters (and is the namesake) of a convenience-store chain?

Answer: WALLA WALLA

Q4.: SCIENCE - What two-word phrase is the most common colloquial term for carbon dioxide (CO₂) in solid form?

Answer: DRY ICE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The standard recipe for eggs Benedict consists of two halves of an English muffin, each topped with Canadian bacon, a poached egg, and what else (plus perhaps a sprinkled garnish)?

Answer: HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Hacks, back lines, tee lines, and hog lines are all elements of the playing surface during a game of what sport?

Answer: CURLING

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The location photographed here was, according to legend, first memorialized in song in 1936, by whom?[Click here](#)

Answer: ROBERT JOHNSON

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The Dutch language in Belgium, as it is spoken by the majority of its citizens (and nearly everyone in the region adjacent to the Netherlands), is known colloquially by what name?

Answer: FLEMISH

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Beginning with the 1987 French Open, and ending with the same tournament in 1990, this German appeared in a record 13 consecutive tennis Grand Slam finals.

Answer: STEFFI GRAF

Q4.: LITERATURE -Companion to Music, Companion to English Literature, Companion to Food, Companion to Western Art-- these are all partial titles to successful books which begin with what name?

Answer: OXFORD

Q5.: AMER HIST - Sutter's Fort, the final destination of the Donner Party survivors, and abandoned after the discovery of gold (and subsequent rush) at nearby Sutter's Mill, was established in an area that would eventually become what city?

Answer: SACRAMENTO

Q6.: ART - To whom did the head in the bottom right of this painting belong?[Click here](#)

Answer: GOLIATH

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Most commonly, what is the Spanish equivalent of the French's 'il vous plaît?

Answer: POR FAVOR

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In tennis, when the ball hits the net during a serve and lands in the correct service box, the umpire calls out a word and the players replay the point. What is this three-letter word?

Answer: LET

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act of 1883 addressed the "spoils system", in which numerous government employees lost their jobs each time a new president took office. The act was prompted in large part by whose death two years earlier (at the hands of a disappointed government job seeker)?

Answer: JAMES A. GARFIELD

Q4.: FILM - A lion, a hippo, a giraffe, and a zebra are the main characters of what 2005 film (though none of the four species are native to the film's titular location)?

Answer: MADAGASCAR

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The TR-707, TR-808, and TR-909 drum machines, as well as the Juno-106 and D-50 synthesizers, were massively influential electronic musical instruments produced in the 1980s by what manufacturer?

Answer: ROLAND

Q6.: SCIENCE - Histidine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, and phenylalanine are all categorized as what type of acid?

Answer: AMINO ACIDS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - This photograph was taken in what city, where this sort of thing happens around 80 times a year?[Click here](#)

Answer: MILWAUKEE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the national capital city highlighted in red on this map.[Click here](#)

Answer: MOGADISHU

Q3.: SCIENCE - First discovered in 1869, and now a fundamental component in many branches of scientific research, nucleic acids (polynucleotides) are large biological molecules which are plentiful in all living things on earth. All naturally occurring nucleic acids are known commonly by one of two names -- give either name.

Answer: DNA, RNA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoons, what was the trademark catchphrase of Sylvester the Cat?

Answer: SUFFERIN' SUCCOTASH

Q5.: FILM - The last film which featured Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra together was what 1984 film, itself a sequel to a 1981 movie (which featured Sammy and Dean but not Frank)?

Answer: CANNONBALL RUN II

Q6.: LITERATURE - The plot for the John Fletcher and William Shakespeare comedy *The Two Noble Kinsmen* is based on what earlier English work?

Answer: THE CANTERBURY TALES

Q1.: LITERATURE - "Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself, (I am large, I contain [BLANK].)" In this quote from Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself", what word fills the blank?

Answer: MULTITUDES

Q2.: SCIENCE - An eighteenth-century New England farmer and agricultural scientist with the last name of Hanson promoted the use of a particular native European grass to farmers in Great Britain and the American South for pasture grass and hay. The tall grass, occasionally approaching five feet in height, with small, green, "cattail" flower heads two to six inches long, is known by what name, which was Hanson's first name?

Answer: TIMOTHY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Sahara is widely believed to be the largest desert in the world, but to be precise, the largest desert on earth is actually what?

Answer: ANTARCTICA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A semi-secret federation known as the FAI was formed in 1927 to maintain the revolutionary anarchist orthodoxy of the CNT (English: "National Confederation of Labor") amid the CNT's increasing syndicalism. The FAI eventually gained significant influence within the CNT during the period known as the Second Republic. In what country did these events take place?

Answer: SPAIN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The R&A is the name of an organization that serves as a governing body for the game of golf, roughly an international analog to the USGA. According to its namesake, from which the organization spun off in 2004, what do the letters in "R&A" stand for?

Answer: ROYAL, ANCIENT

Q6.: THEATRE - A 1964 drama by Peter Weiss, structured as a play-within-a-play performed by inmates of a French asylum, has a formal name (in English) that is 25 words long but is best known by what much shorter title?

Answer: MARAT/SADE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the Republican who currently represents Missouri's 2nd congressional district in the United States House of Representatives.

Answer: TODD AKIN

Q2.: TELEVISION - This woman has been credited with being the first television psychologist (credentialed by her Ph.D. from Columbia University), as well as the first female television boxing commentator (credentialed by her boxing expertise demonstrated on the game show *The \$64,000 Question*).

Answer: DR. JOYCE BROTHERS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Identify this letter of the Hebrew alphabet.[Click here](#)

Answer: ALEPH

Q4.: ART - This illustration is the work of what well known graphic designer and street artist?[Click here](#)

Answer: SHEPARD FAIREY

Q5.: SCIENCE - The organic compound sucrose is a disaccharide composed of two monosaccharides, which are two of the three dietary monosaccharides (galactose being the third). Name these two monosaccharides, also known as simple sugars?

Answer: GLUCOSE/DEXTROSE, FRUCTOSE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The first solid body electric guitar manufactured and sold by the Gibson Guitar Corporation, in 1952, was named after (and endorsed by) what American guitarist and inventor?

Answer: LES PAUL

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Beginning in 2023, a series of viral videos revolves around a conflict pitting humanoids with TVs, speakers, and cameras for heads against what common everyday objects (but "Skibidi" and with human heads)?

Answer: TOILETS

Q2.: AMER HIST - A legendary wilderness guide and U.S. Army officer of the Wild West era, a hugely popular icon of expansionism and the American frontier during his lifetime, became—10 years before his death in 1868—the namesake of a settlement that is now the capital of what state?

Answer: NEVADA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - From 1932 until the fall of the Soviet Union, the Volga River city of Nizhny Novgorod was named after what writer and Marxist activist who went by the first name Maxim and was born there in 1868? The name is still used for a large park in central Moscow.

Answer: GORKY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Basalt, diabase, and gabbro are among the rock types characterized as mafic. This word, mafic, was invented to describe these rocks, based on the fact that they are rich in what two metallic elements?

Answer: MAGNESIUM, IRON

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the athlete who, as a senior at Cleveland's East Technical High School, entered his first national scholastic track meet in 1933 and set world scholastic records in the 100- and 220-yard dashes and the broad jump.

Answer: JESSE OWENS

Q6.: LITERATURE - "I've got the name for our publishing operation. We just said we were going to publish a few books on the side at [REDACTED]." This quote is from Bennett Cerf's posthumous 1977 memoir, in which he recounts the naming of the publisher he co-founded. What word has been redacted, which is the first word of the publishing firm's name?

Answer: RANDOM (HOUSE)

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The vast war which occupied Europe in the early part of the 18th c., and included the historic Battles of Blenheim, Malplaquet, and Denain, was fought over the inheritance of the monarch of what kingdom?

Answer: SPAIN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The term derived from the colors of their jerseys, the All Blacks are the popular name for the national rugby teams of what nation?

Answer: NEW ZEALAND

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Honeydew, casaba, galia, and cantaloupe are all melons of the species *cucumis melo*, which is better known by what name -- a name which is often used as a synonym for cantaloupe itself?

Answer: MUSKMELON

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - While it was established to govern sections of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Palestinian National Authority has since 2007 controlled only the former, as the Gaza Strip is currently under the control of what political party?

Answer: HAMAS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The Discover Card, the fifth largest credit card brand in the United States (based on purchase volume), was first introduced to the marketplace in 1985 by what retail company?

Answer: SEARS

Q6.: MATH - What number is being represented in the Chinese abacus (suanpan) in this image? [Click here](#)

Answer: 27,091

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A spirited and heated debate in 1964 rejected an option called the Pearson Pennant as well as an existing Red Ensign in favor of a now-iconic design centered on an arboreal emblem of the genus Acer. What is that emblem?

Answer: MAPLE LEAF/CANADIAN FLAG

Q2.: ART - What word is used to describe monuments such as the Wellington Monument in Dublin, the Monument to the People's Heroes in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, and the Washington Monument on the National Mall in DC, while the word itself is used in the names of similar monuments in Stockholm and Buenos Aires?

Answer: OBELISK

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Sad But True" by Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, "Holier Than Thou" by Off!, "The Unforgiven" by Cage the Elephant, "Wherever I May Roam" by J Balvin, "Through the Never" by The Hu, and "Nothing Else Matters" by Phoebe Bridgers are among the songs on a 2021 album recorded as a 30th-anniversary tribute to an album by what band?

Answer: METALLICA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What term was used in a derogatory sense by parliament supporters to describe royalists who fought for Charles I during the English Civil Wars of the 1640s, evoking long-haired, sword-bearing, war-mongering, swaggering courtiers?

Answer: CAVALIERS

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What language, primarily spoken by the inhabitants of Tanzania, Kenya, and Mozambique, is the most widely spoken in the Bantu language family of central and southern Africa?

Answer: SWAHILI

Q6.: FILM - A 2010 movie whose plot revolves around the production of a certain Tchaikovsky work has a title that is the same as a phrase used for rare events, specifically, in recent times, ones that have extreme impact and lead to retrospective explanation. What is this title?

Answer: BLACK SWAN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In August, 2012, three members of what anti-capitalist feminist punk rock group were sentenced by a Moscow court to two years in prison for hooliganism motivated by religious hatred and enmity, sparking international interest and prompting cries of political persecution from human rights groups.
Answer: PUSSY RIOT

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What is the name of the auxiliary, close-quarter combat weapon which was first used in France in the 1600s, and is named after a small city in southwestern part of that country (and not a New Jersey city of the same name)?
Answer: BAYONET

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The New York Stock Exchange ticker symbol HPQ reflects a 2002 merger of what two corporations?

Answer: HEWLETT-PACKARD, COMPAQ

Q4.: THEATRE - A non-existent friend named Bunbury is just one of the underlying conceits in what late 19th c. stage comedy by Oscar Wilde?

Answer: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - This 17th c. classical composer, one of the most celebrated English composers in history, most certainly of the Baroque style, produced a vast oeuvre in his short life, including the opera Dido and Aeneas and semi-operas Dioclesian and The Indian Queen.

Answer: HENRY PURCELL

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What did Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal do eleven times against the Seattle SuperSonics on December 8, 2000, each time unsuccessfully, setting a new NBA record?

Answer: FREE THROW

Q1.: TELEVISION - Ted Allen, the original food and wine connoisseur on Bravo's Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, has hosted what cooking competition reality series since its debut in 2009?

Answer: CHOPPED

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The five members of the 2023-24 All-NBA 1st Team represent five different countries in international competition. One country is the US (represented by Jayson Tatum)—name any one of the other four countries.

Answer: CANADA, GREECE, SERBIA, SLOVENIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - In physics, of the various quantities that characterize a given wave, which is defined as the distance from the equilibrium point of the wave to the highest point of a crest or the lowest point of a trough?

Answer: AMPLITUDE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What three-letter word is defined as a slot or notch cut in wood to receive another piece of wood and is also familiar in the world of carpentry and other trades as the name of a leading manufacturer of caulks and sealants?

Answer: DAP

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - The Bringer of War, The Bringer of Peace, and The Winged Messenger are subtitles of three of the seven movements of what orchestral suite that premiered in 1917?

Answer: THE PLANETS

Q6.: LITERATURE - In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, the "bird of good omen" is what kind of bird?

Answer: ALBATROSS

Q1.: TELEVISION - On the pilot episode of this television series, which first aired on January 10, 1999, the show's main character passes out while barbecuing, having what is later diagnosed to be a panic attack.

Answer: THE SOPRANOS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Considered the five mother sauces of classical French cooking are Espagnole, Velouté, Hollandaise, Tomate, and what other -- a simple milk-based sauce with white roux used in some recipes for croque monsieur, scalloped potatoes, lasagna, and moussaka?

Answer: BECHAMEL

Q3.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the assistant prosecutor assigned to the O.J. Simpson murder case in 1994/95 who famously asked Simpson to try on the bloody gloves?

Answer: CHRISTOPHER DARDEN

Q4.: SCIENCE - Provide the prefix missing in this series: zepto, atto, _____, pico, nano, micro.

Answer: FEMTO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The title of the song in this clip includes the name of what major river?[Click here](#)

Answer: ORINOCO

Q6.: LITERATURE - The suicide note of what Briton, written in 1941 and addressed to her husband Leonard, begins 'I feel certain that I am going mad again,' and ends 'I can't go on spoiling your life any longer. I don't think two people could have been happier than we have been.'

Answer: VIRGINIA WOOLF

Q1.: SCIENCE - A fiercely predatory African fish with extremely large teeth, several species of moth with distinctive patterns and coloration, and a large species of shark notorious for its willingness to eat almost anything (and for its rare attacks on humans) all have names that include the name of what other animal?
Answer: TIGER

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - "Pep-O-Mint" was the first flavor of what confection and mints brand, introduced in 1912 and currently owned by Mars Inc.? The brand has had more than 40 flavors in its portfolio over the years.

Answer: LIFE SAVERS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In August 2024, Russian billionaire Pavel Durov was taken into custody by French authorities on an arrest warrant alleging crimes including drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering, and other offenses on what service, of which Durov is the founder and CEO?

Answer: TELEGRAM

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What word for a magnate or great personage comes from the name of the Muslim dynasty, of Turkish origin with strong Persian influence, that ruled India from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries?

Answer: MOGUL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 20 regions of Italy, Sicily is the largest in area, followed closely by Piedmont. Which of the 20—also large in area and home to the cities of Milan, Brescia, and Bergamo—is by far the most populous?

Answer: LOMBARDY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Bill Monroe, the music legend and "Father of Bluegrass" who essentially created the genre, was a master of what instrument, one of the core instruments of the traditional bluegrass five-piece band?

Answer: MANDOLIN

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What word, meaning 'reign' or 'kingdom' in Hindi-Urdu, is used generally to refer to the period of British colonial rule in India that ended in 1947?

Answer: RAJ

Q2.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film?[Click here](#)

Answer: THE NOTEBOOK

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A private collective of Trappist monasteries called the International Trappist Association currently certifies seven breweries in the world as producers and sellers of authentic Trappist beers. Six of these seven breweries are in what country?

Answer: BELGIUM

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In 1906, an Italian economist observed that 80% of the land in his country was owned by 20% of the population, eventually giving his name to what business rule of thumb which is also referred to as the '80-20 rule' ?

Answer: PARETO PRINCIPLE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Which is the most populous of Canada's three 'Prairie provinces' (and the country's fourth-most populous overall)?

Answer: ALBERTA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - This clip is an excerpt from the last movement of a well known piano sonata. By what name is the movement popularly known? (15 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: RONDO ALLA TURCA

Q1.: TELEVISION - In 2003, the television network TV Land produced an animated special titled The Alan Brady Show, which was a spin-off of what sitcom that premiered 42 years earlier?

Answer: THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A large estate with a manor house in Latin America that was granted to the upper class for profit-making activity (plantations, mines, etc.) was sometimes known in Argentina as estancia, but in Mexico and elsewhere, it was typically known as what? The word has become common in the US in the names of apartment complexes and Mexican restaurants, and it is also an architectural style that mixes Spanish colonial and indigenous Mexican influences.

Answer: HACIENDA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What game, a long-time popular pencil-and-paper game dating back to the early twentieth century under various names, was first released as a board game with plastic boards and pegs by Milton Bradley in 1967?

Answer: BATTLESHIP

Q4.: LITERATURE - In 1936, the American educator and author Dale Carnegie published a book, which eventually sold millions of copies, that (according to its title) instructed its readers on how to do what (five words)?

Answer: WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A river in (and region of) the northwestern United States, within northern Idaho and southeastern Washington, is the source of the name for what popular and distinctive American horse breed, known for its patient disposition and colorful spotted coat pattern?

Answer: APPALOOSA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Tennis legends Rod Laver and Stan Smith were contemporaries and rivals on the court, as well as contemporaries (and perhaps rivals) with eponymous products produced by what company?

Answer: ADIDAS

Q1.: SCIENCE - In photography, the ratio of the length of the photographic lens to the diameter of the lens aperture (entrance pupil) is commonly known as the ___-number. What letter goes in the blank?

Answer: F

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - On August 16, 2012, the foreign ministry of what nation announced that it will grant political asylum to Julian Assange, the editor-in-chief and founder of the media website WikiLeaks?

Answer: ECUADOR

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The musicians Kenny Clarke, Vinnie Colaiuta, Jack DeJohnette, Steve Gadd, and Chick Webb all were/are masters at what instrument?

Answer: DRUMS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The lifting of the ban on the African National Congress, the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, and repeal of apartheid legislation all occurred during the term of what State President of South Africa?

Answer: F. W. DE KLERK

Q5.: BUS/ECON -Capitalism and Freedom, published in 1962 and viewed largely as a rebuttal to the prevailing Keynesian economic policies of its day, was the work of what future Nobel laureate?

Answer: MILTON FRIEDMAN

Q6.: LITERATURE -When old age shall this generation waste, / Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe / Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou sayst, / 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,' - that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know. Who first wrote these lines?

Answer: JOHN KEATS

Q1.: ART - Although he was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1907 and died there nearing the age of 105, architect Oscar Niemeyer is probably most closely associated with what other city, particularly in his collaboration with fellow countryman Lúcio Costa?

Answer: BRASILIA

Q2.: SCIENCE - Ionization and deionization are terms for phase changes between a gas and what other state of matter?

Answer: PLASMA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The title character of Gioachino Rossini's last opera, which premiered in 1829, was Guillaume. What was his last name?

Answer: TELL

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Avignon, now a municipality in southern France, was from 1378 to 1417 home to a rival and schismatic line of "anti" what?

Answer: POPES

Q5.: LITERATURE - Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow features the spirit of a Hessian soldier from the American Revolutionary War who was known as what (though it might've just been that mischievous Brom Bones)?

Answer: HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - An archipelago in the North Atlantic which is an autonomous region of Portugal, and the largest tributary of the Amazon, both take their names from a Portuguese word for "wood." What is that word?

Answer: MADEIRA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Piperrada, pintxo, txangurro, and txipirones are all dishes of what ethnic cuisine?

Answer: BASQUE

Q2.: FILM - One of the main actors had a heart attack, the director lost 100 pounds, another main actor showed up for shooting 90 pounds overweight, principal photography finished over a year behind schedule, and Laurence Fishburne was only 14 years old -- these are among the many notable aspects (true and perhaps apocryphal) of the production of what film?

Answer: APOCALYPSE NOW

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Europe's annual Bayreuth Festival was originally conceived by, and still today performs the works of, what 19th c. composer, who is himself buried in the town (as is his father-in-law, Franz Liszt)?

Answer: RICHARD WAGNER

Q4.: LITERATURE -Euthyphro,Apology,Crito, and Phaedo comprise the first tetralogy in a series of works that are traditionally ascribed to whom?

Answer: PLATO

Q5.: MATH - Solve the following formula for x, giving the exact(not approximate) value of x: $e^x = 100$

Answer: $x = \ln(100)$

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The city of Naypyidaw, founded in 2002, was, three years later, officially named by the military government of what country as its nation's new capital?

Answer: BURMA/MYANMAR

Q1.: TELEVISION - In a climactic scene from a season-three episode of the dramatic TV series *Lost*, the character Charlie, immediately before his death, holds up his hand on which he has written three words. The first two are "Not Penny's"—what is the third?

Answer: BOAT

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What fancy English main course, a signature of chef Gordon Ramsay, is nominally related to nineteenth-century British general Arthur Wellesley?

Answer: BEEF WELLINGTON

Q3.: LITERATURE - "I believe in periods, in capitals, in the occasional comma, and that's it." Name the author of this declaration, who followed it with the lack of quotation marks and semicolons in his 1992 novel *All the Pretty Horses*.

Answer: CORMAC MCCARTHY

Q4.: SCIENCE - What distinctive, gland-filled part of human anatomy has a name that translates from Latin as "little grape" (which, it could be argued, it resembles)?

Answer: UVULA

Q5.: ART - Identify the American artist, born in Greenwich, New York, in September 1860, whose famous works include *Out for the Christmas Tree*(1946), *A Country Wedding*(1951), and *Bennington*(1953).

Answer: GRANDMA (ANNA MARY ROBERTSON) MOSES

Q6.: FILM - The blockbuster film from 2024 that became the highest-grossing R-rated film of all time featured what Marvelous duo?

Answer: DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The name of this dish of Szechuan cuisine, which consists of chicken, vegetables, peanuts, and other ingredients, is derived from the name of a governor of Sichuan Province during the late Qing Dynasty.

Answer: KUNG PAO CHICKEN

Q2.: AMER HIST - The Warren Commission, established in 1963 to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, had among its members what future U.S. President?

Answer: GERALD R. FORD

Q3.: FILM - It has been reported that a screenwriter of this film, one of the highest-grossing of the late 1980s, received a first class upgrade by Qantas Airways in gratitude for the free, positive publicity the film provided the airline.

Answer: RAIN MAN

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The three western-most islands of the Leeward Antilles in the Caribbean Sea, known collectively as the ABC Islands, are all under the jurisdiction of what European country?

Answer: THE NETHERLANDS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Fill in the two blanks in this statement, in correct order: In accounting, the term current ratio is generally accepted to be a ratio calculated by current _____ over current _____.

Answer: ASSETS, LIABILITIES

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Blue Man, a US Army captain during the Vietnam War, a widow named Ruby, Eddie's wife Marguerite, and a young girl named Tala are the title characters of what religiously tinged best-selling novel published in 2003?

Answer: THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN

Q1.: SCIENCE - What Russian word for "east" is included in the name, appropriately enough, of the capital of the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia, and is also the name of the Russian research station in Antarctica that recorded the lowest temperature on Earth (-128.6°F) as well as the Soviet space program that sent the first human into space?

Answer: VOSTOK

Q2.: AMER HIST - What increased steadily in size over the years from its creation until the year 1929, when it was fixed at 435 (where it remains today)?

Answer: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 1984 Madonna song that she performed memorably at the inaugural MTV Video Music Awards and the 1989 Madonna song whose video was condemned by the Vatican both begin with what word?

Answer: LIKE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The United States won the most gold medals and most medals overall in Track and Field events at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris (with 14 and 34 respectively). What nation finished second in both measures, with four gold medals and eleven track and field medals overall?

Answer: KENYA

Q5.: LITERATURE -What's Nextby Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack, which made the New York Times Hardcover Nonfiction Best Sellers list in the summer of 2024, is advertised as a behind-the-scenes look into the creation and legacy of what television series, as told by members of its cast and crew?

Answer: THE WEST WING

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A river that rises in the Czech Republic and flows through Germany to the North Sea has a name that, by changing one letter, becomes the name of a small island off the coast of Italy that achieved a specific historical distinction in the 1810s. Give the name of either.

Answer: ELBE, ELBA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Identify the term from finance which is derived from the Old French for 'death pledge'?

Answer: MORTGAGE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - This is a screenshot from the music video for what song?[Click here](#)
Answer: FLASH

Q3.: ART - Who painted this?[Click here](#)

Answer: DIEGO VELAZQUEZ

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What now-common and important component of the modern military was first used in combat by British forces in WWI at the Battle of the Somme, in September of 1916?

Answer: ARMORED TANK

Q5.: SCIENCE - Named after an English physicist of the 19th c., this derived unit of measure in the International System of Units (SI) is equal to the energy expended by a force of one newton acting through a distance of one meter.

Answer: JOULE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Which country is the second most populous on the South American mainland (after Brazil), and fourth largest in area?

Answer: COLOMBIA

Q1.: SCIENCE - "I will use those dietary regimens which will benefit my patients according to my greatest ability and judgment, and I will do no harm or injustice to them." This is a translation of a portion of text commonly attributed to whom?
Answer: HIPPOCRATES

Q2.: TELEVISION - The Lifetime network television series *Any Day Now* and the BBC/Netflix series *Peaky Blinders* were both set in cities with what name?
Answer: BIRMINGHAM

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the common types of broths used for ramen dishes are Shio, seasoned primarily with salt (as 塩 "shio" = salt), Miso (miso paste), Tonkotsu (pork bone), and Shoyu, which is primarily flavored with what?
Answer: SOY SAUCE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Otis, ThyssenKrupp, KONE, Fujitec, and Kleemann are companies that are among the world's leading manufacturers of what machines? (American English or British English is acceptable.)
Answer: ELEVATOR/LIFTS

Q5.: LITERATURE - *My Brilliant Friend* is the first of the Neapolitan Novels by what Italian author?

Answer: ELENA FERRANTE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The splendiferous French king Louis XIV, who ruled for 72 years beginning in 1643 at the age of four, is remembered for many things during his long reign, including his famous protestation, *L'État, c'est [BLANK]*. (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: MOI

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The United Kingdom's last non-island possession in the Americas was a British crown colony that became self-governing in 1964, and fully independent in 1981. During its colonial era it was known as British Honduras; by what name is it known today?

Answer: BELIZE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Identify the television spinoff from the early 1980s that featured the amorous title characters' adventures as they move down to Chicago and try to make it big in the music business, with ensuing hijinks.

Answer: JOANIE LOVES CHACHI

Q3.: SCIENCE - Of the different layers of the earth's atmosphere, the exosphere is the highest. The lowest, just below the stratosphere, is best known by what term, from the Greek for 'turn' or 'change' (as it is the layer where most weather patterns occur)?

Answer: TROPOSPHERE

Q4.: LITERATURE - An Argument to Prove that the Abolishing of Christianity in England May, as Things Now Stand Today, be Attended with Some Inconveniences, and Perhaps not Produce Those Many Good Effects Proposed Thereby is the full title of an essay written in 1708 by what master of satire, who twenty years later would suggest, in A Modest Proposal, that the Irish could alleviate their struggles with poverty by selling their children as food for the wealthy class?

Answer: JONATHAN SWIFT

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Made in America, American Ride, American Soldier, and Courtesy of the Red, White, & Blue (The Angry American) are all hit singles from what country music star? Hint: He was born in the United States.

Answer: TOBY KEITH

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Hangul is the name of the native alphabet of what language?

Answer: KOREAN

Q1.: MATH - British mathematician Andrew Wiles, born in Cambridge, England, in 1953, will forever be inextricably linked via the Taniyama-Shimura-Weil conjecture with what other mathematician born 346 years earlier?

Answer: PIERRE DE FERMAT

Q2.: FILM - The title of a 1996 Michael Bay action thriller starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage equals the star of the 2015 action thriller San Andreas. What is that 1996 movie?

Answer: THE ROCK

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In an athletic sense, what word is the French equivalent of the Spanish Vuelta and the Italian Giro?

Answer: TOUR

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The marriage of Ferdinand and Isabel in the city of Valladolid in October 1469 was monumental for uniting the two major Spanish kingdoms. Name both of these kingdoms.

Answer: ARAGON, CASTILE

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name of the simple musical scale, also known as the 12-tone scale and often considered the opposite of diatonic, which contains 12 pitches (notes) separated by a semitone in a stepwise scale ?

Answer: CHROMATIC SCALE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Ta-Nehisi Coates's brutal and honest 2015 book Between the World and Me, a thorough and illuminating exploration of America's racial history, is structured as a letter from the author to whom?

Answer: HIS SON

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Though the historical record suggests it was settled previously by Gunnbjørn Ulf-Krakuson and Snøbjørn Galte Holmsteinsson, and perhaps others, it is popularly believed that Greenland was discovered by what Norseman, son of Thorvald Asvaldsson (and himself, with his wife Thjodhildr, the father of another Icelandic explorer/hero)?

Answer: ERIK THE RED

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Berlin's Kaufhaus des Westens, the second largest building of its kind in Europe at 650,000 square feet, is approximately two-thirds the size of what London establishment, the continent's largest of the type?

Answer: HARRODS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the two countries which have a coastline on the Sea of Okhotsk.

Answer: RUSSIA, JAPAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - Of the eight vitamins in the vitamin B complex, the 'lowest' (B1) is thiamin. The 'highest', cobalamin, is what number?

Answer: 12

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Name the fashion designer and icon who, in 1983, was hired as chief designer at the fashion house Chanel, a position he holds to this day.

Answer: KARL LAGERFELD

Q6.: THEATRE - The dark comedy written by Tracy Letts, which won both the Tony Award for Best Drama and Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2008, is set in what Oklahoma county, after which the play is named?

Answer: OSAGE COUNTY

Q1.: THEATRE - In 2000 and again in 2017, the Tony Award for Best Play was won by a play whose title is the name of a national capital city. Name either of these cities, which are just over one hour apart by plane.

Answer: COPENHAGEN, OSLO

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the portmanteau title of William Gibson's seminal and influential 1984 cyberpunk novel, the first (and only) to win the Nebula, Hugo, and Philip K. Dick awards?

Answer: NEUROMANCER

Q3.: ART - An 1872 work by French Impressionist Claude Monet has a title that gave the movement its name. The title begins Impression. What English word, or two French words, completes the title?

Answer: SUNRISE/SOLEIL LEVANT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The photographer Roger Fenton, the nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, and the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson are all, for different reasons, closely associated with what war?

Answer: CRIMEAN WAR

Q5.: TELEVISION - What word was used beginning in the late 1970s and early 1980s to describe television channels such as Atlanta's WTBS and Chicago's WGN, including in their own branding and marketing, as they expanded their local reach to become national broadcasters at the dawn of the cable television era in America?

Answer: SUPERSTATION

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What antioxidant-rich plant, the subject of an 1893 US Supreme Court decision regarding its classification, originated in the Andes region and was cultivated by the Inca and Aztec peoples?

Answer: TOMATO

Q1.: AMER HIST - A fire during a launch pad test of the Apollo 1 lunar mission at Cape Canaveral in February of 1967 killed all three members of the crew. Name any one of these three astronauts.

Answer: GUS GRISSOM, EDWARD WHITE, ROGER CHAFFEE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Shortly before entering national syndication in September of 1986, the morning television talk showA.M. Chicagochanged its name to what?

Answer: THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What other European capital city sits 51 miles (83 km) due south of Helsinki, Finland?

Answer: TALLINN, ESTONIA

Q4.: SCIENCE - With each plant producing up to one billion pollen grains per season, these relatives of the sunflower in the Ambrosiagenus are considered to be the primary cause of seasonal allergies/hay fever.

Answer: RAGWEEDS

Q5.: LITERATURE -The Border Trilogyis the name for a set of novels published from 1992 to 1998 and written by American novelist Cormac McCarthy. Name any one of the three novels in the Border Trilogy.

Answer: ALL THE PRETTY HORSES, THE CROSSING, CITIES OF THE PLAIN

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Alexa Ray Joel, Jack Paris Taubman, and Sailor Lee Cook are all the children of what person?

Answer: CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The interest rate charged by the US Federal Reserve on loans it makes to commercial banks (which is one mechanism for influencing other interest rates) is a rate most commonly known by what name?

Answer: DISCOUNT RATE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In association football (soccer), when the ball is kicked out of bounds behind the goal line by the defensive team, what is awarded to the offensive team to restart play?

Answer: CORNER KICK

Q3.: TELEVISION - The unseen dictator of a 1949 novel provides the name of a television series whose US version debuted in July 2000. What is the name of this series?

Answer: BIG BROTHER

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - The Mexican political party named the National Regeneration Movement (Movimiento Regeneración Nacional) is one of the country's three major political parties and the party of 2024 presidential election-winner Claudia Sheinbaum as well as majorities of both the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. By what abbreviation is this party best known (which also alludes to the country's patron saint, the Virgin of Guadalupe)?

Answer: MORENA

Q5.: FILM - Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning film *The Departed* was a remake of a film made four years earlier that is regarded by many as one of the best action films ever to come out of Hong Kong. By what punny English name is this original Cantonese-language film known?

Answer: INFERNAL AFFAIRS

Q6.: AMER HIST - The "Contract with America", a commitment to curb wasteful spending in the federal government (among other provisions), was spearheaded during the 1994 US congressional election campaign by what Georgia Republican, who was punished by the House for ethics violations three years later?

Answer: NEWT GINGRICH

Q1.: LITERATURE - One section of the 1873 prose and verse collection, titled A Season in Hell (Une Saison en Enfer), describes in transparent detail the author's intimate relationship with a fellow writer. Give the name of either the author, or the Frenchman with whom he was having the famously tempestuous affair.

Answer: ARTHUR RIMBAUD, PAUL VERLAINE

Q2.: MATH - There exactly two two-digit positive prime numbers in the Fibonacci series. One is 13; what is the other?

Answer: 89

Q3.: SCIENCE - Fuel injection technology in automobiles, which was first applied not long after the invention of the automobile itself, and became commonplace by the 1980s, replaces what once-standard device?

Answer: CARBURETOR

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the composer of this piece (43 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: JACQUES OFFENBACH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The royal House of Bourbon that ruled France from 1589 until the First Republic, and subsequent ascent of Napoleon, consisted of five different monarchs, all of whom had one of two first names. Please provide both names.

Answer: HENRI, LOUIS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - There are five cities in Australia with over one million inhabitants, as reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Sydney and Melbourne are two; what are the other three?

Answer: BRISBANE, PERTH, ADELAIDE

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What fellow West Germanic language, still spoken by a small population in Northwestern Europe bordering the North Sea, is generally considered to be the modern language closest to English? While not mutually intelligible with English, its "Old" version was possibly so with the Anglo-Saxon language (Old English).

Answer: FRISIAN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Established in 1908 by medical students in the city then known as Batavia, Budi Utomo was an organization that laid the groundwork for the broader nationalist movement and eventual independence of what country?

Answer: INDONESIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The doughnut-shaped regions of space surrounding the Earth that are rich in charged (and potentially dangerous) particles are belts discovered by, and named after, what eminent physicist and NASA researcher?

Answer: JAMES VAN ALLEN

Q4.: MATH - What term in geometry is defined as the shortest path between two points on a curved surface, such as a sphere (or, as is commonly applied in architecture, a dome)?

Answer: GEODESIC

Q5.: FILM - The name of what childhood home fills the blank in this partial, chronological list: Casino Royale, Quantum of Solace, [BLANK], Spectre, No Time to Die?

Answer: SKYFALL

Q6.: LITERATURE - Jean Rhys's feminist and postcolonialist 1966 prequel to Jane Eyre, which fleshes out the story of Bertha Mason (Antoinette Cosway), uses what body of water—in the story and in the title—to symbolize Antoinette's displacement and turmoil?

Answer: (WIDE) SARGASSO SEA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The cooking pan pictured here is used to make a small French sponge cake, fancied famously by Marcel Proust, and most commonly known as what?

[Click here](#)

Answer: MADELEINE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - There are three primary alliances among the world's passenger airlines. The oldest and largest is Star Alliance, which today includes Lufthansa, United Airlines, Air Canada, and 25 other members. Name either of the other two large alliances.

Answer: SKYTEAM, ONEWORLD

Q3.: WORLD HIST -Princeps, a Latin word which means 'first person', was a Roman title given, first, to what person?

Answer: CAESAR AUGUSTUS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT -Phi Slama Jamawas a nickname given in the early 1980s to the men's basketball team from what university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Q5.: SCIENCE - The toxic rock known as cinnabar is the most common ore of what element?

Answer: MERCURY

Q6.: LITERATURE -Je vais vous faire une proposition que personne ne refuserait. This statement, which inspired one of the most famous lines in movie history, first appeared in what 1835 novel, where it was spoken by the character Vautrin to Rastignac in reference to an offer to kill the brother of a wealthy unmarried woman.

Answer: PERE GORIOT

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In the summer of 2024, the color specified by the Pantone code 3507C, or by the hex code #8ACE00, was a startling and verdant hue widely referred to by what four-letter word?

Answer: BRAT

Q2.: AMER HIST - According to the popular slogan and song used by the Whig Party in the US presidential election of 1840, what was the nickname of candidate William Henry Harrison, who was renowned for his achievements during Tecumseh's War as a military leader and governor of the Indiana Territory?

Answer: (OLD) TIPPECANOE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the tediously numerous and unverifiable origin stories for what cocktail is the claim by bartender Daniel Negrete that he (allegedly) invented it in 1936 at the Garci-Crespo Hotel and named it after his girlfriend?

Answer: MARGARITA

Q4.: ART - Like many gothic cathedrals, the cathedrals of Chartres and Notre Dame de Paris were built with distinctive, external, arched supports (allowing for very tall but relatively thin stone walls) that are commonly known by what two-word term?

Answer: FLYING BUTTRESS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The final 2023 WSL rankings saw Filipe Toledo (BRA) finish ahead of Ethan Ewing (AUS) and Griffin Colapinto (USA) on the men's side, while Caroline Marks (USA) ended in first place over Carissa Moore (HAW) and Tyler Wright (AUS) on the women's. The WSL is the governing body for professionals in what sport?

Answer: SURFING

Q6.: POP MUSIC - While it came to represent the US music publishing industry in general, what term originally referred specifically to a stretch of West 28th Street in Manhattan between Fifth and Sixth Ave. that was once home to Harry von Tilzer Music Publishing Company, Paul Dresser Publishing Company, Shapiro & Bernstein Publishers, and many others?

Answer: TIN PAN ALLEY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The military coup in July of 1952, which overthrew King Farouk and established the Republic of Egypt, was led by general Mohammad Naguib, who would later serve as Egypt's first president. In reality, Naguib was a figurehead, as the movement was truly led by what young army colonel, who would quickly overtake Naguib as President in 1954?

Answer: GAMAL ABDEL NASSER

Q2.: THEATRE - Name the theatrical musical, based on a 2000 film, which premiered in the West End in 2005 and on Broadway in 2008, winning the Best New Musical awards for each (Olivier Award and Tony Award). In the latter case, the three leading actors also won for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical.

Answer: BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL

Q3.: TELEVISION - During the last week of 1986, more than half the population of the United Kingdom watched Den Watts, landlord of the pub The Queen Victoria, hand divorce papers to his alcoholic wife Angie on what television series, during an episode which remains today the most watched series program in UK television history (with the subsequent New Year's Day episode at #2)?

Answer: EASTENDERS

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - This term, a portmanteau coined in 1984 by an anime producer at a science fiction convention in Los Angeles, refers to the act of donning a particular (and often peculiar) wardrobe to represent an idea or fictional character.

Answer: COSPLAY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Identify this artist.[Click here](#)

Answer: AI WEIWEI

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the programming language SQL, this statement is the most commonly used command; it is used to retrieve a record or set of records from one or more tables in a database.

Answer: SELECT

Q1.: FILM - Who directed the 1983 film Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads, a master's thesis project at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts that won a Student Academy Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?
Answer: SPIKE LEE

Q2.: THEATRE - A literary comedy by Aristophanes, produced in 405 BCE, depicts Dionysus descending into Hades to bring Euripides back to improve the quality of Athenian tragedy, but instead he brings back Aeschylus. This play was titled *Batrachoi*, which translates into English as what animals?

Answer: FROGS

Q3.: LITERATURE - What 1905 novel by E.M. Forster has a title taken from a line in Alexander Pope's "An Essay on Criticism" that begins, "Fools rush in...?"
Answer: WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The city of Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte is a national administrative capital and a suburb of what other city?

Answer: COLOMBO

Q5.: SCIENCE - In 2000, researchers confirmed the existence of a fifth taste known by a word first proposed for this usage in the early twentieth century by the chemist Kikunae Ikeda. What is this word?

Answer: UMAMI

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The women's professional golf tournament known as the Chevron Championship, one of the LPGA Tour's major championships, is sometimes referred to by the name of what late television personality—who co-founded the event in 1972 and whose name was included in the tournament's official name until 2000?

Answer: DINAH SHORE

Q1.: SCIENCE - Also known as black coal, hard coal, or black diamond, what is the geological term (and also the most common term) for the highest rank of combustible coal, a lustrous rock with a carbon content over 91% and the fewest impurities of all coal types?

Answer: ANTHRACITE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The French politician Christine Lagarde is the current Managing Director of what global organization, in a role that was held previously by Horst Köhler, Rodrigo Rato, and Dominique Strauss-Kahn?

Answer: INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - There are two instances where a nickname is shared by a team in the National Football League and a team in the National Hockey League. Give the nickname in either instance.

Answer: JETS, PANTHERS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name the album by The Beach Boys, which was intended to be the follow-up to the group's Pet Sounds, and was widely considered the most famous unreleased album of all time, until it was released (in a newly recorded version) by Brian Wilson in 2004.

Answer: SMILE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The Mediterranean Sea is divided into a number of smaller bodies of water, which include the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Aegean Sea, and a sea which connects the Adriatic with the greater Mediterranean. Name this sea, within which are the Greek islands of Corfu, Zakynthos, and Ithaca.

Answer: IONIAN SEA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The German Empire lasted from January, 1871, with the proclamation of the first German Emperor, until November, 1918, and the abdication of the third (and final) Emperor. What name was shared by these two men, the latter the grandson of the former?

Answer: WILHELM

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Circles with a radius of 15 feet (and thus a circumference of 30π feet), of which there are five in total, are a key component in the game play of what sport?

Answer: ICE HOCKEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What adjective used to describe the city and civilization of Carthage is derived from the name of the Semitic civilization that originally founded Carthage as a colony?

Answer: PUNIC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Also known as chapati, what is the name of the flatbread—very common in South Asian cuisines—that is made from whole wheat flour and is unleavened (one of the aspects that distinguishes it from naan)? The name comes from a Sanskrit word for bread.

Answer: ROTI

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Año Nuevo, Día de la Constitución, Natalicio de Benito Juárez, Día del Trabajo, Día de la Independencia, Día de la Revolución, [BLANK]. What Spanish word completes this chronological list of Mexicanías de asueto?

Answer: NAVIDAD

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In the names of the classic American aircraft DC-8, DC-9, and DC-10 (and their so-named predecessors), the "C" stands for "Commercial". The "D" represents the name of the original manufacturer, which merged with another aerospace manufacturer in 1967, and that combined company merged with Boeing in 1997. What does the "D" stand for?

Answer: DOUGLAS

Q6.: TELEVISION - Rwandan-Scottish actor Ncuti Gatwa portrays the fifteenth "official" version of a character from what popular television series?

Answer: DOCTOR WHO

Q1.: SCIENCE - Sir Isaac Newton's first law of motion, as defined in his *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, can essentially be reduced to a single word -- and the law is often referred to by this word, which comes from the Latin for 'untrained' or 'ineffective'. What is the word?

Answer: INERTIA

Q2.: LITERATURE - This literary form, named eponymously after the 'weeping prophet' of the Hebrew Bible, is a prolonged expression of grief, lamentation, and woe, with an evocation of a glorious past, and a prophecy of doom.

Answer: JEREMIAD

Q3.: AMER HIST - An agreement passed in 1820 in the United States Congress prohibited slavery in the former Louisiana Territory north of the parallel 36°30' N, except within the limits of what, after which the agreement is named?

Answer: MISSOURI

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - While largely abolished for the purposes of governmental administration, the country of Northern Ireland has historically been divided into six counties. Name any one of the six.

Answer: ANTRIM, ARMAGH, DOWN, FERMANAGH, LONDONDERRY, TYRONE

Q5.: TELEVISION - In April of 2009, the US Postal Service announced a series of stamps featuring five characters from a popular television series, which was the first such commemoration for a series still in production. Identify the series.

Answer: THE SIMPSONS

Q6.: FILM - Hey girl, who is the only former MMC (Mickey Mouse Club) Mouseketeer to be nominated for an Academy Award for acting?

Answer: RYAN GOSLING

Q1.: FILM - What campy 1989 Patrick Swayze movie, perhaps remembered for its ridiculous fight scenes, was remade into an equally brawly 2024 version with Jake Gyllenhaal in the lead role?

Answer: ROAD HOUSE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - In the lyrics of the 1971 song "Imagine", John Lennon invites listeners to imagine that certain things, ideas, etc., do not exist. What is the first thing he says to imagine there isn't?

Answer: HEAVEN

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the hard, black variety of lignite—a lightweight and carvable gemstone capable of being highly polished—that can be found in North America and continental Europe but is sourced chiefly from Yorkshire, England? Its name is possibly more familiar via an expression used to describe something extremely dark in color.

Answer: JET

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What name for a type of fish would also fit on a list that includes coho, chum, pink, and sockeye?

Answer: CHINOOK

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What word, which in English can be defined as an introductory proposal, took on a new meaning in the mid-seventeenth century for a particular type of musical piece for instruments?

Answer: OVERTURE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Nations and territories that have undergone partition (legally or effectively) in modern history include Germany, India, Ireland, Korea, Vietnam, and what other island country, a member of the European Union since 2004?

Answer: CYPRUS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - In 1887, work by the Polish physician L. L. Zamenhof, in the form of a book titled *Unua Libro*, was published, under his (translated) pseudonym 'Doctor Hopeful'. By what name is this work known today?

Answer: ESPERANTO

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The famous Emma Lazarus poem engraved at the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty references, in its title and opening lines, which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?

Answer: COLOSSUS OF RHODES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I of England?

Answer: ANNE BOLEYN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify this song.[Click here](#)

Answer: OVER THE RAINBOW

Q5.: LITERATURE - So live, that when thy summons comes to join / The innumerable caravan, which moves / To that mysterious realm, where each shall take / His chamber in the silent halls of death, / Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night, / Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed / By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave / Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch / About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams. Thus ends what William Cullen Bryant poem from 1821?

Answer: THANATOPSIS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A ship traversing from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, via the Sea of Marmara and the Aegean Sea, must pass through two straits, known collectively as the Turkish Straits. Give the most common name for both.

Answer: BOSPORUS, DARDANELLES

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Binky, Bongo, Akbar, and Jeff are among the characters in what comic strip and Simpsons precursor created by Matt Groening in the late 1970s? Compilations published in book form have titles with the same last word, and switch out the strip's first word with "Love", "Work", "School", and others.

Answer: LIFE IN HELL

Q2.: SCIENCE - Because of the way they eat their food and the food itself, and perhaps also somewhat due to a general resemblance in appearance and size, manatees and dugongs are sometimes referred to as "sea" versions of what landlubber animal?

Answer: COW

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name of the fairy, both in Irish folklore as well as that of Scotland's West Highlands, who shrieks and wails when a death is imminent in the family to which she is attached?

Answer: BANSHEE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Joy, Triangle, Resurrection, Trial by Fire, Never Too Late, Only the Brave, and Upside Down are 2024 novels by what prolific writer of romance, whose massive oeuvre of over 200 books includes about two dozen that have been adapted into TV movies or miniseries?

Answer: DANIELLE STEEL

Q5.: AMER HIST - Name the man who famously and floridly mocked opponents of US involvement in the Vietnam War as "an effete corps of impudent snobs" and "nattering nabobs of negativism", only to later plead no contest to a charge of income tax evasion, subsequently withdrawing from office and public life.

Answer: SPIRO AGNEW

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A standard deck of 108 Uno cards contains five different types of "special action" cards: Skip, Draw Two, Wild, Wild Draw Four, and what other?

Answer: REVERSE

Q1.: AMER HIST - In the 1912 election for President of the United States, the Republican incumbent William Howard Taft came in third place, in both the popular and electoral vote. Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected President; who came in second?

Answer: THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Complete the following, a famous quote from French ex-president Charles de Gaulle (en français, s'il vous plaît): Comment voulez-vous gouverner un pays qui a deux cent quarante-six variétés de _____.

Answer: FROMAGE

Q3.: SCIENCE - The most abundant organic compound in the earth's atmosphere (and perhaps the most abundant on earth) is what greenhouse gas?

Answer: METHANE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Fillmore East -- June 1971 is a live album by The Mothers, a rock band led by what musician?

Answer: FRANK ZAPPA

Q5.: ART - It is not known who painted this masterpiece, but in 1985 a German art historian announced with certainty that, contrary to previous belief, it was not painted by whom? [Click here](#)

Answer: REMBRANDT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In 2011, Colorado and Utah joined the Pacific-10 Conference to create the Pacific-12 Conference. What two schools joined the Pacific-8 Conference in 1978, creating the Pacific-10 Conference?

Answer: ARIZONA, ARIZONA STATE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Per the guidelines initially set forth by the International Telecommunication Union and its predecessors (and still in place today in nearly all cases), the country dialing codes for European countries should begin with one of two digits. What are those two digits?

Answer: 3, 4

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In banking, the fraudulent activity of depositing and drawing checks between accounts at two or more banks, to take advantage of the time it takes checks to clear (the "float"), is known by what term, evocative of the activity of keeping the transaction from landing?

Answer: KITING

Q3.: POP MUSIC -Ain't Misbehavin'is a Broadway musical tribute to (and named after a song by) what bandleader and virtuoso of the stride piano?

Answer: FATS WALLER

Q4.: SCIENCE - A class of chemical compounds that contain an oxygen-oxygen single bond, often indicated as -O-O-, are known as what (i.e., compounds that contain this bond have this word in their names)?

Answer: PEROXIDES

Q5.: AMER HIST - The American patriotic vow known as the "Pledge of Allegiance", which is recited at certain ceremonies such as those for new citizens, includes a phrase that was added in 1954 (more than 60 years after its original publication date) and has engendered controversy with respect to the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution's First Amendment. What is that phrase?

Answer: UNDER GOD

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1871, to celebrate the opening of the Khedivial Opera House in Cairo, Isma'il Pasha commissioned what opera, for 150,000 francs?

Answer: AIDA

Q1.: FILM - Vanelllope von Schweetz, Taffyta Muttonfudge, Crumbelina DiCaramello, and Rancis Fluggerbutter are all characters from what film?

Answer: WRECK-IT RALPH

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What word means to count in Hebrew, and refers to the quorum of ten Jewish adults required for daily prayers?

Answer: MINYAN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A common name for the sweet treat pictured here references what country (note: it is not the fictional nation of Ho)?[Click here](#)

Answer: SWITZERLAND

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Who was the main commander of the victorious forces in the series of military campaigns which was known contemporaneously as Bello Gallico?

Answer: JULIUS CAESAR

Q5.: MATH - This number is the smallest positive integer which is neither a square number nor a prime number, and the only number that is both the sum and the product of three consecutive positive numbers. What is the number?

Answer: SIX

Q6.: LITERATURE - The communities of Sands Point and Great Neck, NY, are the models for what famous fictional villages of 20th c. American literature?

Answer: EAST EGG, WEST EGG

Q1.: LITERATURE - The Persian wordrubaiyat, such as those written by Omar Khayyam in the 11th and 12th centuries, translates into English as a collection of what (a word for a certain type of poem or stanza)?

Answer: QUATRAIN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What city, today the most populous predominantly Spanish-speaking city on the Pacific coast, was one of the capitals in the Empire of Spain in the New World until the 19th century?

Answer: LIMA, PERU

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What player led the NBA in total rebounds in the 1990s, winning the league's rebounding title seven seasons in a row from 1991 to 1998 despite averaging fewer than seven points per game during the decade?

Answer: DENNIS RODMAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - A period of axial rotation on Mars, which lasts around 24 hours and 40 minutes and is the Martian version of Earth's "day", is known by what other three-letter word?

Answer: SOL

Q5.: FILM - Identify the performer who won an Oscar for her performance in 1961's *West Side Story*, a Grammy in 1973 for her work on the soundtrack to "The Electric Company", a Tony in 1975 for her role as Googie in *The Ritz*, and Emmy Awards in 1977 and 1978 for guest spots on *The Muppet Show* and *The Rockford Files*.

Answer: RITA MORENO

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The battles of St Albans, Northampton, Wakefield, Barnet, Tewkesbury, and Bosworth Field were among the significant engagements in what wars of the Late Middle Ages?

Answer: WARS OF THE ROSES

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Pero es difícil. Tengo 69 años, es difícil aprender un nuevo idioma. This is a quote from a recent press conference of what public official?
Answer: MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the standard atomic weight (a.k.a. relative atomic mass) of oxygen (to the nearest whole number)?
Answer: 16

Q3.: TELEVISION - In 1974, who replaced Lyle Waggoner in the eighth season of The Carol Burnett Show, joining Vicki Lawrence and Harvey Korman in the program's regular repertory cast?
Answer: TIM CONWAY

Q4.: POP MUSIC - 'Hush', 'Black Night', 'Knocking at Your Back Door', and 'Perfect Strangers' are among the hit singles spanning 17 years in the career of what hard rock band?
Answer: DEEP PURPLE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - During its existence, the Soviet Union was commonly referred to in the west as the USSR. What was the four-letter equivalent in Russian (famously featured, among other places, on the country's Olympic uniforms)?
Answer: CCCP

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the region highlighted in this map, which shares its name with one among the top ten in popularity for baby girls in the United States in the late 80s/early 90s.[Click here](#)
Answer: BRITTANY

Q1.: FILM - Names of various roles played by esteemed actor Edward James Olmos over his long career include Jaime Escalante, William Adama, Martin Castillo, and Abraham Quintanilla. Name any one of these four productions in which he appeared.
Answer: STAND AND DELIVER, BATTLESTAR GALACTICA, MIAMI VICE, SELENA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A popular variant of Texas Hold 'Em poker, in which players must use precisely two hole cards (of the four dealt) and three community cards (of the five), is named after what city that sits roughly 700 miles by car from Amarillo?
Answer: OMAHA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The name of what cereal reflects its manufacturer's goal in 1955 to market it as a differentiated, high-protein, low-fat, unique, and health-conscious product (as well as, "initially" speaking, the name of the manufacturer itself)?

Answer: SPECIAL K

Q4.: SCIENCE - A special membrane of skin called the patagium, which stretches from its wrists to its ankles, is the most distinctive feature of what mammal, and is what gives the mammal its namesake ability (although this ability is technically a misnomer)?

Answer: FLYING SQUIRREL

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Bruce Springsteen's was "to Run", Lana Del Rey's was "to Die", and Albert King's was "under a Bad Sign". What was the parallel 1968 Steppenwolf phrase?

Answer: (BORN) TO BE WILD

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The signing of the Munich Pact between Britain and Germany in 1938, followed less than a year later by the German invasion of Poland, infamously led Neville Chamberlain to proclaim that the agreement had procured a notorious four-word phrase with the structure "[BLANK] for [BLANK] [BLANK]". What is that phrase?

Answer: PEACE FOR OUR TIME

Q1.: MATH - In this graphic, what is the geometric term for the lines represented in red? [Click here](#)

Answer: ASYMPTOTES

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - To avoid confusion with the dolphin mammal, the dolphin fish is commonly known in culinary contexts by what Hawaiian name?

Answer: MAHI-MAHI

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Ancient China's Era of Warring States period, which lasted from around 475 BC to 221 BC, culminated in the coronation of unified China's first emperor, and the ascension of what dynasty (perhaps China's most important, etymologically)?

Answer: QIN

Q4.: FILM - G.I. Blues, Kissin' Cousins, Loving You, and Girls! Girls! Girls! are among the top-grossing films starring whom?

Answer: ELVIS PRESLEY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Who is the most famous inmate at Lovelock Correctional Center, located in Pershing County, Nevada, incarcerated for an October, 2008, conviction on robbery, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon charges?

Answer: O.J. SIMPSON

Q6.: LITERATURE - Vivian Gray and Sybil are political novels from what 19th c. Conservative British statesman, who is widely credited as the progenitor of that particular literary genre.

Answer: BENJAMIN DISRAELI

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - There are exactly two European countries whose flags use the color scheme of blue and yellow, with no other colors. Name both of these countries.

Answer: SWEDEN, UKRAINE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Aschenputtel, Schneewittchen, Dornröschen, Rotkäppchen, and Der Froschkönig are all names closely associated with what Germans born in the mid-1780s?

Answer: BROTHERS GRIMM

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What word, not a neologism (as is commonly asserted) but not in frequent use at the time, was popularized by Warren G. Harding in the US presidential election of 1920, in connection with his promise to bring the country back to a calm social and political order after the turmoil of the Wilson years?

Answer: NORMALCY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Ursus maritimus is the scientific name for an animal most commonly known as what?

Answer: POLAR BEAR

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The history of what company began in 1866 as the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company before merging a few decades later with – and adopting the name of – another company, the creator of Farine Lactée infant formula?

Answer: NESTLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Work at a Pizza Place, MeepCity, Piggy, Royale High, Tower of Hell, Brookhaven, and Adopt Me! are among the millions of games available on what online platform popular with younger audiences and launched in 2006?

Answer: ROBLOX

Q1.: BUS/ECON - BM&FBOVESPA, the largest stock exchange in Latin America (in market capitalization), is located in what city?

Answer: SÃO PAULO

Q2.: SCIENCE -Discourse on the Method(Discours de la méthode) is a seminal work in the fields of natural science, philosophy, and analytic geometry, written by whom?

Answer: RENÉ DESCARTES

Q3.: AMER HIST - A cannon boom at 12:00 noon on September 16, 1893, commenced the largest land run in United States history, taking place in unassigned lands which are now within what state?

Answer: OKLAHOMA

Q4.: ART - In what city was this photograph taken?[Click here](#)

Answer: LONDON

Q5.: LITERATURE - Name the somnolent character fromAlice's Adventures in Wonderlandwho, eventually, gets stuffed into a teapot by the Mad Hatter and the March Hare.

Answer: THE DORMOUSE

Q6.: FILM - The end of a marriage, actively sought and cheerfully obtained, provides the foundation for what hit 1934 Ginger Rogers/Fred Astaire movie?

Answer: THE GAY DIVORCEE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What city in northern Alabama, today musically associated with its eponymous "sound" and famous music studios, was named (according to one story) after a feature of the adjacent Tennessee River that was once bountiful with a certain mollusk?

Answer: MUSCLE SHOALS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What word does Pizza Hut use to identify (and describe) its menu item which is a pizza topped with beef, pork, pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, and green peppers? It becomes "Super" with the addition of Italian sausage, ham, and black olives.

Answer: SUPREME

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In stock trading, a simple order to buy or sell a security immediately at the best available price is called a "market order", while an order to buy or sell at a specified price (or better) is best known as what?

Answer: LIMIT ORDER

Q4.: AMER HIST - One of the important routes for settlers moving west during the frontier expansion of the United States ran from Franklin (and later from Independence), Missouri, to what current state capital city (after which the trail is named)?

Answer: SANTA FE

Q5.: MATH - The equation $y^2 = 4ax$ represents what type of conic section, lying symmetrically about the x-axis with its vertex at the origin, the directrix at the line $x = -a$, the focus at $(a, 0)$, and a latus rectum length of $4a$?

Answer: PARABOLA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What English word for a particular type of dwelling or house comes from a Hindi word meaning "belonging to [a particular redacted region of the Indian subcontinent]" (a region where this type of home was common and climate-appropriate)?

Answer: BUNGALOW

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Australian food technologist Cyril P. Callister is widely credited as the inventor of what food, developed after imports of a similar (and similarly named) British item were interrupted following WWI?

Answer: VEGEMITE

Q2.: ART - Identify the English-born, Los Angeles-based pop artist who is best known for his prodigious and influential artistic output in various media beginning in the 1960s, and is also known for his controversial investigations into the use of optics and camera obscura techniques by the Great Masters.

Answer: DAVID HOCKNEY

Q3.: SCIENCE - The work of what 19th c. English engineer and mathematician on what he called a Difference Engine and Analytical Engine, which are considered today among the first mechanical computers, has earned him the moniker 'Father of the Computer'?

Answer: CHARLES BABBAGE

Q4.: AMER HIST - Two years to the day after the violent end to the siege of the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas, another monumental event in American history took place, in what city?

Answer: OKLAHOMA CITY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The Mabel Boll, President Vargas, Jonker, and Cullinan are all names for various what?

Answer: DIAMONDS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - She's Like the Wind and Hungry Eyes are tracks from an album which opened with what other song, which went on to win Oscar, Grammy, and Golden Globe awards during the late 1980s (Note: name the opening track, not the album)?

Answer: (I'VE HAD) THE TIME OF MY LIFE

Q1.: SCIENCE - In 5W-30 motor oil, the W stands for "winter", as the 5 indicates a certain characteristic of the oil in winter performance, while the 30 indicates this characteristic at high temperatures. This characteristic—the oil's thickness and resistance to flow—is most commonly known by what word?

Answer: VISCOSITY

Q2.: AMER HIST - "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." This famous quote was written by U.S. Navy Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry in a dispatch reporting victory in a battle on what body of water, which has not seen significant military action in its waters in the 200+ years since?

Answer: LAKE ERIE

Q3.: LITERATURE - My Man [BLANK], The Inimitable [BLANK], Very Good, [BLANK], Thank You, [BLANK], Right Ho, [BLANK], Carry On, [BLANK], and Much Obliged, [BLANK]: The name of what highly competent, unflappable, and resourceful fictional Englishman fills in all the blanks in these titles?

Answer: JEEVES

Q4.: ART - The Lion of Belfort in Belfort, France, the Vercingétorix Monument in Claremont-Ferrand, and two eponymous fountains in Washington, DC, and Lyon, France, are well known works by the French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, but his best known work by far is known by what name?

Answer: STATUE OF LIBERTY/LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD

Q5.: FILM - American author Annie Proulx, a Pulitzer-winner in 1994 for *The Shipping News*, published the 1999 collection *Close Range: Wyoming Stories* which contained a short story that—like *The Shipping News*—was adapted to film. What is the title of that short story and subsequent film?

Answer: BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Give the four words that complete this statement, as uttered on television by Tyra Banks on hundreds of occasions from 2003 to 2018: "You're still in the running towards becoming [REDACTED]."

Answer: AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL

Q1.: THEATRE - With his first in 1920, and his third in 1928, this American dramatist was awarded three of the first ten Pulitzer Prizes for Drama.
Answer: EUGENE O'NEILL

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Identify this musical group.[Click here](#)
Answer: ONE DIRECTION

Q3.: AMER HIST - In 1972, Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey, Connecticut Senator Abraham Ribicoff and Minnesota Senator Walter Mondale all declined offers which were eventually (but temporarily) accepted by what Missouri Senator?
Answer: THOMAS EAGLETON

Q4.: SCIENCE - The machine pictured here was a terminal for a communications network service that was first operational in Germany in the 1930s, and peaked in popularity in the 1970s. By what name was this service best known?[Click here](#)
Answer: TELEX

Q5.: LITERATURE - Give thefirst and lastnames of the author of the arguably feminist 1848 novelThe Tenant of Wildfell Hall(or, her pseudonym).
Answer: ANNE BRONTË/ACTON BELL

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the city in this photograph.[Click here](#)
Answer: VENICE

Q1.: LITERATURE - A severed pig's head is the titular object in what classic novel published in 1954?

Answer: LORD OF THE FLIES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was declared in August 1990 as the 19th province of Iraq?

Answer: KUWAIT

Q3.: ART - A work of digital art by the artist Mike Winkelmann titled Everydays: The First 5000 Days was sold (specifically, its associated NFT was sold) in 2021 for 42,329 Ether. By what moniker is Winkelmann better known, taken from the name of an interactive plush toy sold in the 1980s?

Answer: BEEPLE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A stripped-down version of a Grammy-nominated song by Nine Inch Nails was recorded by a country music legend in 2002, one year before his death. Name both the title of this song, and the artist who performed this highly acclaimed cover version.

Answer: HURT, JOHNNY CASH

Q5.: TELEVISION - What were Tag Winbury (played by Liev Schreiber) and Greer Garrison Winbury (Nicole Kidman), at least according to the title of their 2024 Netflix miniseries based on Elin Hilderbrand's 2018 novel?

Answer: THE PERFECT COUPLE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Un molcajete y tejolote se usa comúnmente en los restaurantes mexicanos para preparar ¿qué plato popular de aguacate que se suele servir con totopos?

Answer: GUACAMOLE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In the current composition of the United States Senate, for the 112th Congress (in effect since January 3, 2011), 51 members are affiliated with the Democratic Party, and 47 with the Republicans, accounting for 98 of the 100 members of the upper chamber. Give the names of both of the Senators who are not formal members of either party.

Answer: JOSEPH LIEBERMAN, BERNIE SANDERS

Q2.: TELEVISION - This is the theme song from what television series (22 seconds)?

[Click here](#)

Answer: THE ROCKFORD FILES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The split of the Muslim community into Sunni and Shi'a branches is rooted in the succession to Muhammad; Sunnis hold Abu Bakr as the rightful successor, while Shias regard what man as the first imam and rightful successor? One name, by which he is best known, is sufficient.

Answer: ALI

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the anatomical term for the lower half of the human brainstem, situated at the top of the spinal cord, controlling breathing, circulation, and cardiac functions?

Answer: MEDULLA (OBLONGATA)

Q5.: FILM - 1934's *Triumph of the Will* is the most famous work of what innovative filmmaker?

Answer: LENI RIEFENSTAHL

Q6.: BUS/ECON - As Apple was founded by the pair Jobs and Wozniak, Microsoft by Gates and Allen, and Hewlett-Packard by Hewlett and Packard, what company was founded by the pair Filo and Yang?

Answer: YAHOO!

Q1.: POP MUSIC -Memory Lane;Time, Tequila, & Therapy;Happy Endings; and an eponymous LP are the most recent albums by what chart-topping and award-winning country band, which formed in 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee, but is named after the state of Virginia, where the band members have a connection?

Answer: OLD DOMINION

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1963, a machine called the Bunn-O-Matic was introduced that revolutionized the making of what product? In the 1970s, a smaller model was developed and sold for home use, and such machines are still extremely common today.

Answer: COFFEE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Emiko, the central character in Paolo Bacigalupi's 2009 dystopian science fiction novel, is a genetically engineered humanoid designed for servitude known as what type of girl, as referenced in the book's title?

Answer: WINDUP

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In October 2024, US officials confirmed that what country had recently sent troops to Russia to join in its fight against Ukraine, a move that was described both as a serious escalation and also a sign of desperation?

Answer: NORTH KOREA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Computer scientist Katie Bouman led the development of the algorithm that, in 2019, helped produce the first-ever image of what time dilator?

Answer: BLACK HOLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Although it now calls a different area of London home, what football (soccer) team was founded in 1886 in the southeast London district of Woolwich, by a group of workers at a local munitions factory?

Answer: ARSENAL

Q1.: SCIENCE - The four largest of Jupiter's 67 moons, known collectively as the Galileans, are named after four subjects of Zeus's (Jupiter's) seduction. Of the four, which one was a teenage boy?

Answer: GANYMEDE

Q2.: AMER HIST - On November 1, 1800, John Adams became the first U.S. President to take residence in the White House. However, that was not where President Harry Truman was living exactly 150 years later, when an assassination attempt was made on his life. Where was he living temporarily, where the attempt took place?

Answer: BLAIR HOUSE

Q3.: ART - What is the Italian term used in visual arts and art history to describe the pose used by the subjects in this montage?[Click here](#)

Answer: CONTRAPPOSTO

Q4.: FILM - The actions of Iris 'Easy' Steensma, a 12-year-old child prostitute, and Betsy, an aide to New York Senator Charles Palantine, are plot drivers in what 1970s film?

Answer: TAXI DRIVER

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What song is the reference for this flow chart?[Click here](#)

Answer: TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART

Q6.: LITERATURE - In the mid to late 1960s, author Arthur Hailey published two simply named novels, which each explored the operation and politics of a single specific location/establishment (different in each novel), and both of which inspired film adaptations (and one a television series). Name both novels.

Answer: AIRPORT, HOTEL

Q1.: SCIENCE - What word, which for centuries had a military connotation, is now commonly used in computer programming to describe a data structure that stores multiple elements of the same data type in a sequential memory space? In Ruby, an example can be found in the following line of code: numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Answer: ARRAY

Q2.: ART - Perhaps the best-known work by the graffiti artist Banksy is a series of stencil murals, the first of which appeared on London's Waterloo Bridge in 2004, depicting a young girl extending her hand toward what object?

Answer: (HEART-SHAPED) BALLOON

Q3.: TELEVISION - Asylum, Coven, Freak Show, Hotel, and Roanoke are subtitles of some of the seasons of what anthology television series that debuted in 2011?

Answer: AMERICAN HORROR STORY

Q4.: THEATRE - Bryan Cranston won a Tony Award for Best Actor in 2019 for his portrayal of news anchor Howard Beale in what play, which was adapted for the stage by British playwright Lee Hall?

Answer: NETWORK

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - In 1986, an African country formally declared that it would no longer recognize non-French translations of its name, and requested that its French name be used in all languages. What is this French name?

Answer: CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Dr. Seuss famously wrote Green Eggs and Ham using only 50 words. Of those 50, 49 are one syllable, none are two syllables, and one is three syllables. What is the (unhyphenated) three-syllable word?

Answer: ANYWHERE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the man, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood political organization, who won the election to become President of the Arab Republic of Egypt in June of 2012.

Answer: MOHAMED MORSI

Q2.: TELEVISION - This is a screenshot from what television series?[Click here](#)
Answer: ADVENTURE TIME

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Give the last name shared by the two men who have held the title of Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland?

Answer: CROMWELL

Q4.: SCIENCE - $6 \text{ CO}_2 + 6 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6 \text{ O}_2$ -- this is the simplified formula (missing an important energy source) for the fundamental organic process known as what?

Answer: PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Q5.: THEATRE - Over a span of six years beginning in 2003, one Broadway star was nominated for four Tony awards for acting, in four different categories (Best Featured Actor in a Musical, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Featured Actor in a Play, and Best Actor in a Play) for *Taboo*, *Company*, *The Homecoming*, and *Speed-the-Plow*, respectively. Name the actor.

Answer: RAÚL ESPARZA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Ngaliema is the Congolese name for the mountain, the third-highest in Africa, which is better known by what other name, after a famous Welsh-American explorer and journalist?

Answer: MOUNT STANLEY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The battle in 31 BCE that ended the Roman Republic, led to Octavian's ascension to the title of Augustus and the beginning of the Roman Empire, and was followed shortly thereafter by the deaths of Mark Antony and Cleopatra by suicide, was a naval engagement fought near what Greek city, after which the battle is named?

Answer: ACTIUM

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The sixth millennium BCE eruption of Mount Mazama in the southern Cascade Range, a blast estimated to have been over 40 times greater than the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, created the deepest body of fresh water in the US, which is named what?

Answer: CRATER LAKE

Q3.: MATH - Much of the groundwork for human understanding of geometry and mathematical logic was laid in a book written by Euclid around 300 BCE. What is that book's name (in English)?

Answer: ELEMENTS

Q4.: FILM - Name the man who was nominated for an Academy Award in 1974 for The Sting, in 1981 for Ordinary People, and in 1995 for Quiz Show.

Answer: ROBERT REDFORD

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In elections held in October 2024, the Liberal Democratic Party coalition in what country lost its majority in the 465-seat lower house, ending the party's nearly uninterrupted 69-year rule?

Answer: JAPAN

Q6.: ART - An iconic and famous 1932 photograph, once credited to Charles C. Ebbets but now attributed to "unknown" by the Rockefeller Archive, captures, as its title suggests, a group of workers eating "Lunch atop a" what (a relatively new word in that particular context)?

Answer: SKYSCRAPER

Q1.: LITERATURE - The final line from African-American poet Paul Laurence Dunbar's 1899 poem 'Sympathy' provides the title for what bestselling 1969 autobiography?
Answer: I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The use of the alloy known as amalgam is banned in Scandinavia (and is controversial in many other countries) due to the toxicity of what element, which is the primary element in the alloy?

Answer: MERCURY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - During World War I, the control over a disputed region in Africa known as South-West Africa was transferred from Germany to South Africa, and the region was under South African mandate until 1966. Under what name did the region ultimately achieve independence, in 1990?

Answer: NAMIBIA

Q4.: ART - Name the American artist who is generally credited as the founder of the art movement known as the Hudson River School, by virtue of work such as the painting pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: THOMAS COLE

Q5.: THEATRE - The most famous song from Stephen Sondheim's 1973 musical *A Little Night Music* became a hit single for Judy Collins in 1975 and 1977, and has been recorded by dozens of other artists, including Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand. Name the song.

Answer: SEND IN THE CLOWNS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In August of 1920, a man named Ray Chapman earned the tragic distinction of being the first -- and still only -- person to be killed while doing what?

Answer: PLAYING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the thousands of islands that make up the land area of Japan, the four largest are considered "mainland Japan". The largest of these four is Honshū. Name one of the other three.

Answer: HOKKAIDŌ, KYŪSHŪ, SHIKOKU

Q2.: TELEVISION - Provide the concluding two words from the following tagline of a pioneering reality TV series that debuted in 1992: "Find out what happens when people stop being polite... and start [BLANK]."

Answer: GETTING REAL

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Major League Baseball franchise that called Philadelphia home from 1901 to 1955 and Oakland home from 1968 until its ignominious departure in 2024 called what other city home in that intervening period in the 1950s and 60s?

Answer: KANSAS CITY

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - While virtually non-existent in the United States (and unavailable for purchase), one car has been Europe's best-seller since 2017 for retail sales (at least according to its manufacturer's own press release). Identify the Renault-owned Romanian make of this low-cost vehicle, or its model name.

Answer: DACIA SANDERO

Q5.: SCIENCE - The work of biochemist Jennifer Doudna and microbiologist Emmanuelle Charpentier is primarily credited with the development of a groundbreaking technology known by what six-letter acronym? This technology most commonly uses a protein called Cas9, which is often appended to its name.

Answer: CRISPR

Q6.: AMER HIST - While its utility has mostly been replaced by other words in the English-speaking world, what word, originating from one used in Anglo-Saxon England for a high-ranking official, is still used today for elected municipal representatives in cities such as St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Chicago?

Answer: ALDERMAN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - While most mozzarella cheese produced globally is made from cow's milk, a higher end variety, originating in Italy (where it is given special protected geographic status) is made from the milk of what animal?
Answer: WATER BUFFALO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Senior Supervisory Special Agent David Rossi (played by Joe Mantegna) replaced Senior Supervisory Special Agent Jason Gideon (played by Mandy Patinkin) in Season 3 of what television drama series?

Answer: CRIMINAL MINDS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the composer of the work excerpted here. (30 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A common English idiom, synonymous with passing a point of no return, references what northeastern Italian river?

Answer: RUBICON

Q5.: FILM - Characters played by Robert Wagner, Robert Vaughn, and Richard Chamberlain all meet their untimely ends in what star-studded disaster film, the top-grossing film of 1974?

Answer: THE TOWERING INFERNO

Q6.: WORLD HIST -A Framework for the Conclusion of a Peace Treaty between Egypt and Israel was an accord signed by Egypt President Anwar Sadat and Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin, which led to the men's receipt of the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize. This agreement was negotiated and signed at what famous vacation spot?

Answer: CAMP DAVID

Q1.: TELEVISION - What compound word, referring to the individual responsible for the day-to-day operations of a television series, was first used in 1989 in reference to Neil Marlens and Carol Black of The Wonder Years and has more recently been applied to Vince Gilligan of Breaking Bad, David Chase of The Sopranos, Phoebe Waller-Bridge of Fleabag, and many others?

Answer: SHOWRUNNER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - According to Apple, the most downloaded free app on iPhones in 2023 was the shopping app, subtitled "Shop Like a Billionaire", for what Chinese online marketplace?

Answer: TEMU

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the town in Greece, roughly 25 miles or so northeast of Athens, that was the site of a famous 490 BCE battle in which the Athenians and their Plataean allies defeated the invading Persians?

Answer: MARATHON

Q4.: FILM - Tiger Style, Crane Style, Monkey Style, Snake Style, and Mantis Style are different martial arts techniques featured in what 2008 movie (and its sequels)?

Answer: KUNG FU PANDA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What African country, the smallest on the mainland and one of only two on the continent to border exactly one other country (Senegal on three sides), is among the small number of countries in the world with a definite article in its common name?

Answer: THE GAMBIA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - In the name of the restaurant chain PFK, which has several locations throughout the province of Quebec, what word does the letter "P" stand for?

Answer: POULET

Q1.: ART - While the genre encompasses the works of numerous 20th c. artists, the avant-garde art movement known as Cubism is most widely regarded to have originated with what two artists?

Answer: GEORGES BRAQUE, PABLO PICASSO

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What is the stage name of the third-wealthiest individual in the foreground of this photograph? [Click here](#)

Answer: LUDACRIS

Q3.: AMER HIST - The first significant Union victories in the U.S. Civil War were the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson in Tennessee, by forces which would come to be known as the Army of the Tennessee. These troops were under the command of what brigadier general, who was elevated to major general by President Lincoln after the Confederate surrender?

Answer: ULYSSES S. GRANT

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Of all the countries in the world with a population over 15 million (a list which is about 65 countries long), what country has the lowest population density? It is the sixth-largest in area, overall.

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q5.: SCIENCE - The logarithmic scientific unit that represents the ratio of a physical quantity or power relative to a reference level, used commonly in acoustics and other fields of science and engineering, is named after what man?

Answer: ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Name the pediatrician and mega-best-selling author who, as a Yale student, won an Olympic gold medal in rowing at the 1924 games in Paris.

Answer: BENJAMIN SPOCK

Q1.: LITERATURE - What name sometimes used in literary or poetic contexts to refer to Great Britain comes from the Latin word for "white", referring to the chalky Cliffs of Dover?

Answer: ALBION

Q2.: THEATRE - The Greasers and the Socs are the rival gangs in what Tony-winning Broadway musical, its 1983 predecessor movie, and the 1967 novel from which both were adapted?

Answer: THE OUTSIDERS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 2004 album Barrio Fino, considered one of the most influential and pivotal in the history of reggaeton music, was released by what Puerto Rican artist, whose real name is Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez?

Answer: DADDY YANKEE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A decree issued in 196 BCE by the priests of Memphis in honor of Ptolemy V was discovered in Egypt in 1799, in the port city near the mouth of the Nile known as Rashid. By what other name is this city also known today?

Answer: ROSETTA

Q5.: TELEVISION - Milwaukee's Shotz Brewery was the employer of the protagonists in what 1970s/80s television series (as well as the show's occasional setting)?

Answer: LAVERNE & SHIRLEY

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - The 29 European countries that have abolished passport control and other forms of border control, allowing the free movement of goods, services, and people across their mutual borders, are known as what "Area", named after the town in Luxembourg where the defining agreement was signed in 1985?

Answer: SCHENGEN AREA

Q1.: LITERATURE - What 42-page 1915 novella tells the story of traveling salesman Gregor Samsa, and the unexplained odd circumstance that leads to his unemployment, banishment, and death.

Answer: THE METAMORPHOSIS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In this slightly edited image, the red box (with the question mark) is hiding the logo of what corporation? [Click here](#)

Answer: UNILEVER

Q3.: THEATRE - The efforts of director Julian Marsh to stage a musical extravaganza in the 1930s, first with aging star Dorothy Brock, then with freshly arrived chorus girl Peggy Sawyer, form the plot of what successful Broadway show?

Answer: 42ND STREET

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Ashis the traditional name of the letter (technically, agrapheme) which is formed by the joining of what other two letters?

Answer: A, E

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - A genre of dance music popular in Cuba in the 19th c. called contradanza became internationally popular by what other name, which is also a common name for a famous aria in the opera Carmen (as Georges Bizet composed the aria in the style)?

Answer: HABANERA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Who is the current holder of a title whose former titleholders include Red Byron, Ned Jarrett, Cale Yarborough, and Alan Kulwicki?

Answer: BRAD KESELOWSKI

Q1.: LANGUAGE - To promote international cooperation (kunlaboron) and world peace (mondpacon), what did Polish physician (pola kuracisto) L. L. Zamenhof invent in 1887?

Answer: ESPERANTO

Q2.: SCIENCE - In electrical engineering, what's the most common (and precise) term for the property of a conductor or circuit, measured in farads (F), that is defined as its ability to store and release electric charge?

Answer: CAPACITANCE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Who is the most famous person today to have earned a doctorate in physics from the Academy of Sciences of the GDR in East Berlin in 1986, working for a time as a researcher before she decided to shift careers a few years later?

Answer: ANGELA MERKEL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In their six Super Bowl wins, the New England Patriots defeated five other franchises. Name the one franchise that the Patriots defeated twice. Note, only the team name (e.g., "Patriots") is needed—the team's location is not required.

Answer: (ST. LOUIS/LOS ANGELES) RAMS

Q5.: LITERATURE - What idealized land of rural contentment, literally a mountainous district in the southern Greek Peloponnese, provides the title for Sir Philip Sidney's 1590 prose romance and Tom Stoppard's 1993 stage play?

Answer: ARCADIA

Q6.: FILM - The 2019 movie *The Irishman* was the fourth cinematic appearance of what acting duo with that movie's director? They previously appeared together in his movies in 1980, 1990, and 1995. (Note: Name the acting duo.)

Answer: ROBERT DE NIRO, JOE PESCI

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the word, derived from the Latin forseize, that distinguishes, for example, the tails of South American monkeys from those of African and Asian monkeys?

Answer: PREHENSILE

Q2.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film?Click here

Answer: I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name of the corporate academy in Oak Brook, Illinois, owned and operated by McDonald's Corporation for the training of its management personnel?

Answer: HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY

Q4.: AMER HIST - What is the best known U.S. political speech given in the 1950s that is commonly named after a dog?

Answer: CHECKERS SPEECH

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The 2012 NBA Draft marked the first occasion where the top two draft picks played college basketball together at the same school. Name that university.

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Q6.: ART - Who painted this (edited very slightly)?Click here

Answer: CLAUDE MONET

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Mairéad Carlin, Muirgen O'Mahony, Órla Fallon, Éabha McMahon, Méav Ní Mhaolchatha, and Hayley Westenra are all current or former members of what musical ensemble and public television staple founded in Dublin in 2004?

Answer: CELTIC WOMAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A secure storage facility for the world's crop seeds known as the Global Seed Vault is located on the island of Spitsbergen, the largest island in an archipelago governed by Norway and located halfway between the country's mainland and the North Pole. What is the name of this island group?

Answer: SVALBARD

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The "Space Command" remote control was an innovation of what television manufacturer, whose slogan was "The quality goes in before the name goes on", and which was the last major company to produce TVs in the US when it ceased production in the 1990s?

Answer: ZENITH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A scoreline such as 14.11 (95), indicating 14 goals, 11 behinds, and 95 points, is typical in what sport? (Note, please give the full three-word name by which the sport is widely known.)

Answer: AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Q5.: SCIENCE - The two most common strains of cannabis have Latin names—indica, meaning "from India", and what other, meaning "cultivated"?

Answer: SATIVA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In a historical sense, the man who served as General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party from 1982 to 1987, Hu Yaobang, is now closely associated—especially his death—with what iconic Chinese landmark built in the 17th century?

Answer: TIANANMEN SQUARE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on January 27, 1756, in what city?

Answer: SALZBURG

Q2.: TELEVISION - Main characters in what television sitcom are from the town of Bug Tussle (probably in Missouri or Arkansas, though it is never explicitly stated)?

Answer: THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - This image shows the (semi-official) emblem of what organization, which was in existence from January of 1920 until April of 1946?[Click here](#)

Answer: LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The majority of the land which makes up the Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area is located in what U.S. state (after which one of the two lakes is named)?

Answer: KENTUCKY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - On November 17, 2012, an estimated 10-12,000 individuals marched the streets of Dublin, Ireland, honoring the memory of Indian-born Savita Halappanavar, and protesting laws regarding what?

Answer: ABORTION

Q6.: THEATRE - Give the name of the title character of the musical Funny Girl, and the name of the actress who originated the role on Broadway.

Answer: FANNY BRICE, BARBRA STREISAND

Q1.: TELEVISION - The television series "Toast of the Town" debuted on CBS on the evening of Sunday, June 20, 1948, and remained in its time slot until its final episode on March 28, 1971, after being renamed in 1955 (after its long-time host) to what?

Answer: THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - At dog shows sanctioned by the American Kennel Club and by the UK's Kennel Club, dogs are exhibited in seven different groups. While the group names and breeds within the groups do not match exactly, for both organizations, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Rottweilers, and Saint Bernards are all categorized within what group?

Answer: WORKING GROUP

Q3.: ART - A 19th-century man named Alexander Brun owned a villa he named "Louisiana" after his three wives, all of whom were named Louise. Many years later, this property was purchased and is now home to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, which is located in what country?

Answer: DENMARK

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Which of the Olympic track and field events is the only one in which competitors run more than 10 but fewer than 20 laps around a standard-length outdoor track?

Answer: 5000 METERS

Q5.: LITERATURE - A classic example of the use of simile is the first line (and title) of an 1804 poem by William Wordsworth, in which he writes, "I wandered lonely as a" what?

Answer: CLOUD

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Works by Friedrich Nietzsche and Richard Strauss were inspired by what prophet and worshipper of Ahura Mazda?

Answer: ZARATHUSTRA (ZOROASTER)

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 22 member states of the Arab League, which country has the largest percentage of Christians (at roughly 40%, with the majority of those being members of the Maronite Church), giving it the largest percentage of Christians among all Middle Eastern nations?

Answer: LEBANON

Q2.: LITERATURE - The comics anthology magazineRaw, published in eleven issues from 1980 to 1991, is probably best remembered today for its original serial publication of what Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel?

Answer: MAUS

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The product first introduced in 1911 as Heinz Beefsteak Sauce, selling for 25 cents, is now known as what?

Answer: HEINZ 57 SAUCE

Q4.: AMER HIST -Go Quietly...Or Elseis the memoir of what American politician, who also penned a novel,The Canfield Decision, about a Vice President 'destroyed by his own ambition' (and which was, actually,nota memoir).

Answer: SPIRO AGNEW

Q5.: THEATRE - The musical dramaFiddler on the Roofis based on stories about Tevye the Milkman, first published in the late 1800s. The stories are set in the native Ukraine of their Yiddish author who went by what salutational pseudonym?

Answer: SHOLEM ALEICHEM

Q6.: TELEVISION -He flies through the air and brings toys to all the children of the world.These words are spoken by the character Linus in a 1966 television special, referencing what mythical being (who is not Santa Claus)?

Answer: THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Q1.: SCIENCE - Developed to combat vitamin A deficiency, what is the name of genetically modified rice that produces beta-carotene by inserting genes (initially from daffodils, later from corn) and a bacterium into the rice genome?

Answer: GOLDEN RICE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Italian cleric who was elected pope of the Roman Catholic Church in the conclave that ended on August 26, 1978, took what papal name, becoming the first in over 1,000 years to adopt a name that had never previously been used? (Please note, though he used a regnal number, a number is not required, as he was the first.)

Answer: JOHN PAUL (I)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - While the radio station serving the southeastern Oklahoma community of Hartshorne and environs at 94.3 on the FM dial is proudly called "McAlester's Christian Music Station", its call letters evoke by name what other, distinctly different genre?

Answer: KPOP

Q4.: ART - In sculpture, what term, taken directly from the French, is used for a small-scale preliminary model or prototype used as a preparatory tool to visualize and plan the final full-scale piece?

Answer: MAQUETTE

Q5.: FILM - The name of what 1998 film fills in the blank in this quote from the movie? "Someday we might look back on this and decide that [BLANK] was one decent thing we were able to pull out of this whole godawful shitty mess."

Answer: SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The rise of sea levels around 7,000 years ago created what is now known as Cook Strait (Te Moana-o-Raukawa), separating two theretofore connected land masses of what country?

Answer: NEW ZEALAND/AOTEAROA

Q1.: FILM - What actor appeared in the films *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Wayne's World*, *Spiceworld: The Movie*, and *Fight Club*?

Answer: MEAT LOAF

Q2.: SCIENCE - One broad class of pharmaceuticals is commonly known by the abbreviation NSAIDs. What does the first in NSAIDs stand for?

Answer: STEROIDAL

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Who played the title character -- and was the title character -- in the 1931 series of movie shorts titled *The Galloping Ghost*?

Answer: HAROLD 'RED' GRANGE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who was the last in a line of officeholders that included Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej and Ștefan Foriș and the first in a line that includes Ion Iliescu and Traian Băsescu.

Answer: NICOLAE CEAUŞESCU

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Give the first name of either of the sisters of His Serene Highness Albert II, the Sovereign Prince of Monaco.

Answer: CAROLINE, STÉPHANIE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The brigade de cuisine system, by which most large, modern, upscale restaurant kitchens are organized, was developed by what French culinary titan and author of *Le Guide Culinaire*?

Answer: AUGUSTE ESCOFFIER

Q1.: THEATRE - In theatre, the planning of actors' movements, positions, and interactions within a scene is known by what term, derived from what directors used to represent actors on a miniature stage model in an early theatrical practice?

Answer: BLOCKING

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 2005, a shape referred to as a crystal joined two other symbols of the same color (adopted formally in 1864 and 1929, respectively) as emblems of certain international societies. Identify these other two symbols. (Two answers required.)

Answer: (RED) CROSS, CRESCENT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The chart-topping 2007 hit song "Crank That" was recorded by what artist, whose name was also the song's parenthetical subtitle as well as its accompanying viral dance?

Answer: SOULJA BOY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What ice cream flavor is widely believed to have been invented in 1929 by William Dreyer, who chopped up marshmallows and walnuts and mixed them into chocolate ice cream, playfully naming the concoction in acknowledgment of the harsh challenges faced during the Great Depression?

Answer: ROCKY ROAD

Q5.: LITERATURE - What was the last name of the character who accompanied the Frenchman Passepartout on a famous literary circumnavigation in the autumn of 1872? (Please note, per the wording of this question, the first name is not required, but answers with incorrect first names will be marked incorrect in accordance with LL official rules.)

Answer: (PHILEAS) FOGG

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Turkish-language form of the name of the country of Turkey begins "Tür". Correctly spell the remaining letters in that Turkish-language name, as it was adopted for international use by the country in December 2021.

Answer: KİYE (TÜRKİYE)

Q1.: POP MUSIC - According to various news reports, on November 24, 2012, the music video for what song overtook 'Baby' by Justin Bieber as the most viewed YouTube video of all time, with over 816 million views (it is now approaching 1 billion)?
Answer: GANGNAM STYLE

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the Russian, one of the 20th century's masters of classical and modern ballet, who defected to the West while on tour with the Kirov Ballet in Paris in 1961 (just as Mikhail Baryshnikov would do while touring with the Kirov in Canada 13 years later).

Answer: RUDOLF NUREYEV

Q3.: AMER HIST - Identify the man speaking in this audio clip (39 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: HARRY S TRUMAN

Q4.: TELEVISION - Army Captain Duke Forrest is one of the three main characters in a novel that inspired a popular film, and in the film that spawned a popular television series, but was dropped completely from the TV series. Name the series.

Answer: M*A*S*H

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What is the pen name of the author, journalist, and syndicated newspaper columnist Judith Martin?

Answer: MISS MANNERS

Q6.: FILM - What is the most distinguishing characteristic shared by the actors Warwick Davis, David Rappaport, Kenny Baker, and Peter Dinklage?

Answer: DWARFISM

Q1.: LITERATURE - Naguib Mahfouz, widely regarded as the father of the Arabic novel, produced a body of work that primarily reflects life in what city, where he was born in 1911?

Answer: CAIRO

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Englishmen Ronnie O'Sullivan, Kyren Wilson, Judd Trump, and Mark Selby are currently among the most successful and popular players on the professional circuit in what cue sport?

Answer: SNOOKER

Q3.: AMER HIST - The famous American frontierswoman Martha Jane Burke, known for her horseback riding and shooting skills, is said to have warned that any man who attempted to woo her would be met with what type of disastrous event (hence her nickname)?

Answer: CALAMITY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2024, YouTubers Logan Paul, KSI, and MrBeast introduced what prepackaged lunch kit, competing in the same market segment as Oscar Mayer's Lunchables, with products from the influencers' existing brands?

Answer: LUNCHLY

Q5.: FILM - A Zamundan royal aide named Semmi, a barber named Morris, and an energetic preacher named Reverend Brown are among the film characters portrayed by what actor and comedian?

Answer: ARSENIO HALL

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the Hindi word for "province" or "state", as in the names beginning with Uttar("Northern") and Madhya("Central")?

Answer: PRADESH

Q1.: MATH - In mathematics, what is the term for the type of number defined as any real number that cannot be represented as a simple fraction x/y (where x and y are integers)? While almost all real numbers fit the description, the better known include π , e , and the square root of two.

Answer: IRRATIONAL

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the woman who won two gold medals and one silver medal in track and field at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, an AAU basketball championship in 1931, and was a founding member of the LPGA, in a sport that she would dominate in the 1940s and early 50s.

Answer: BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - There are seven European countries whose names begin with the same letter as their capital cities. Five are tiny states whose capitals include the name of the country (Andorra, Luxembourg, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City); name the other two countries.

Answer: BELGIUM, SWEDEN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The assault phase of the invasion of Normandy, consisting of the Normandy landing operations that began on June 6, 1944, was known by the codename Operation Neptune. What was the codename for the overall Allied invasion of northwest Europe, which began with Operation Neptune and continued to the crossing of the Seine by Allied forces two months later?

Answer: OPERATION OVERLORD

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the man in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: YVES SAINT-LAURENT

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What Arabic term common in the West translates to English as 'the base'?

Answer: AL-QAEDA

Q1.: TELEVISION - The fictionalized and anachronistic Hulu comedy-drama series The Great is based on the rise of what long-reigning 18th-century monarch?
Answer: CATHERINE (THE GREAT)/CATHERINE II

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Cullinan Diamond, the largest diamond ever discovered at more than 3,100 carats, is the source of one of the largest cut diamonds in the world—the 530-carat Star of what (referring to the location of the Cullinan's discovery)?
Answer: AFRICA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - A British linguist renowned for his work in phonetics and the development of the International Phonetic Alphabet, a Welsh composer and contemporary of Dylan Thomas who composed thirteen symphonies, and a North Carolina native and recent New York Giant all share what first and last name?
Answer: DANIEL JONES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The 18th-century Spanish province of Las Californias was split in 1804 into two new California—Baja California, which is coterminous with the modern Mexican states of Baja California and Baja California Sur, and what other "opposite" California, which included all of the present-day US states of California, Nevada, and Utah, as well as parts of Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Colorado?
Answer: ALTA (CALIFORNIA)

Q5.: ART - "Energy and Atmosphere", "Water Efficiency", and "Materials and Resources" are among the categories assessed in a framework for the certification of sustainable and environmentally responsible buildings, which is recognized internationally and managed by the US Green Building Council. This certification is commonly known by what four letters?

Answer: LEED

Q6.: SCIENCE - What Latin word was first used in a physics context by Johannes Kepler in 1617 and defined in principle by Isaac Newton in his first law of motion toward the end of that century?

Answer: INERTIA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the man, a Congolese independence fighter and his country's first elected Prime Minister, who was executed by a Belgian-commanded firing squad in January of 1961.

Answer: PATRICE LUMUMBA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Who is the author (and appears topless on the cover) of the 1993 novel *Pirate*?

Answer: FABIO

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the country highlighted in this map.[Click here](#)

Answer: MOLDOVA

Q4.: TELEVISION - This television series premiered on NBC in 1989 and was cancelled after one lackluster season, but (after a syndication re-start in 1991) quickly became one of the top-rated shows in the U.K., Germany, France, Australia, and elsewhere, with a reported estimate of 1 billion viewers per week.

Answer: BAYWATCH

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Identify the composer of the song in this clip (35 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: HERBIE HANCOCK

Q6.: SCIENCE - The Dutch tradesman and scientist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is widely credited today as the inventor -- or, at least, an early adopter and technical pioneer -- of what scientific instrument?

Answer: MICROSCOPE

Q1.: TELEVISION - A beloved Cartoon Network series that ran from 1999 to 2009 featured three preteen boys who lived on a suburban cul-de-sac and all had the same first name. Give any one of the three ways their names were indicated in the show's title.

Answer: ED, EDD, N EDDY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the commonly used acronym for the council, founded by Joseph Stalin in 1949 and dominated by the USSR, for the purpose of mutual economic assistance among the Soviet Union and nearly a dozen other states in Europe and Asia, established to counteract the political and financial power of the West?

Answer: COMECON

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What Spanish dance is the basis (and the name) of a repetitive and extremely popular orchestral work written by Maurice Ravel in 1928?

Answer: BOLERO

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What term, also familiar at the local pharmacy, is used for trading in stocks other than through a stock exchange (as the companies are often too small to be listed)?

Answer: OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC)

Q5.: ART - A Florentine from the Gherardini family, who was the wife of a silk merchant named Francesco del Giocondo, is widely believed to be the inspiration for a work most commonly known by what name?

Answer: MONA LISA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2023, what Mexican beer ended Bud Light's 22-year run as the best-selling beer in the US?

Answer: MODELO (ESPECIAL)

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - While Japan comprises over 6,500 islands, the majority of its people live on four main islands. Of these four, the largest and most populous is Honshu; name any one of the other three.

Answer: HOKKAIDO, KYUSHU, SHIKOKU

Q2.: FILM - The lives of authors John Kennedy Toole and J.D. Salinger inspired the plot of what 2000 film, which is not actually about a dog being the man, now?

Answer: FINDING FORRESTER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Founded and still today headquartered in a university town 60 miles northwest of London is what international organization, a confederation of networked agencies founded during WWII to combat poverty and injustice?

Answer: OXFAM

Q4.: LITERATURE -Correctly spell(in English or the original German) the character from the Brothers Grimm fairy tale who had special skills in spinning straw into gold, but was less skilled in personal hygiene and name concealment.

Answer: RUMPELSTILTSKIN/ RUMPELSTILZCHEN

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The world's best-selling Scotch whiskey and best-selling deluxe blended Scotch whiskey are the 'Red' and 'Black' labels, respectively, of what brand?

Answer: JOHNNIE WALKER

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Give the first and last names of the man pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: BASHAR AL-ASSAD

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In 1986, The Economist introduced a tool for analyzing the purchasing power parity of currencies by comparing the prices in different countries of what food item, after which the "Index" is named, and which is standardized and available worldwide?

Answer: BIG MAC

Q2.: THEATRE - The plot of Harold Pinter's ambiguous and unconventional "comedy of menace" that was first staged in 1958, and which was initially met with decidedly mixed reviews (though it is acclaimed today), centers on what type of organized celebration?

Answer: BIRTHDAY PARTY

Q3.: SCIENCE - A quantity of Mg(OH)₂ in a liquid suspension with various inactive ingredients (and no other active ingredients) is a laxative and antacid known by what name?

Answer: MILK OF MAGNESIA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Although it occurs at least once (and often many times) in many Division I games today, what was officially banned in NCAA college basketball prior to the 1967-68 season (after Lew Alcindor/Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sophomore year at UCLA) until 1976?

Answer: SLAM DUNK

Q5.: AMER HIST - During his one campaign for US president, what long time senator's slogan was "In your heart, you know he's right"—a sentiment apparently shared by only 38.5% of voters?

Answer: BARRY GOLDWATER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - EDM musician Skrillex (Sonny John Moore), with his hits "Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites" and "Bangarang", was probably the most successful artist in what subgenre of EDM, which originated in the underground scene of South London in the late 1990s and early 2000s and was coined as a term in 2002?

Answer: DUBSTEP

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - France is divided into 27régions, which are divided into 101départements, which are further divided into 342 districts known by what term?
Answer: ARRONDISSEMENTS

Q2.: LITERATURE - Thanks to his famous literary depiction, who is the best known king to have ruled the ancient Sumerian city of Uruk (outpacing Lugalbanda, Enmerkar, and Dumuzid, among others)?

Answer: GILGAMESH

Q3.: FILM - The seminal 1984 comedy filmStranger Than Paradisewas the first major work from what acclaimed independent filmmaker?

Answer: JIM JARMUSCH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The items in this photograph are used primarily (and quite importantly) in what sport?Click here

Answer: CRICKET

Q5.: SCIENCE - The largest vein in the human body, which returns deoxygenated blood from the lower part of the body into the heart, is known specifically as what (three words)?

Answer: INFERIOR VENA CAVA

Q6.: POP MUSIC -Flaming Pie, Run Devil Run, Driving Rain, Chaos and Creation in the Backyard, Memory Almost Full, and Kisses on the Bottomare the six most recent rock studio albums (and, strictly speaking, numbers 10-15 overall) released by what solo artist?

Answer: PAUL McCARTNEY

Q1.: MATH - What mathematical term was coined by British statistician Karl Pearson in his 1894 lecture "The Scientific Aspect of Monte Carlo Roulette", and are the two words that fill in the blank in the following quote from the lecture: "[F]or every type of experiment there is a numerical quantity, depending partly on the chance of the single event succeeding, and partly on the total number of the trials of it, which we may term the [BLANK]"?

Answer: STANDARD DEVIATION

Q2.: FILM - Hollywood legend and multiple-Oscar winner Rick Baker has been credited with several "below-the-line" roles in films. A typical one is the following, from 1981's *An American Werewolf in London*, in which one word is redacted: Special [REDACTED] effects designer and creator. What is that redacted word?

Answer: MAKEUP

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What word is often used for the effigies burned in the UK on the evening of November 5, the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot? It has come to be roughly synonymous with "men".

Answer: GUYS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - "The Drive", "The Fumble", a controversial 1996 relocation drama, and a 17-year playoff drought beginning in 2003 are among the countless heartaches suffered by fans of what NFL franchise (location and team name required)?

Answer: CLEVELAND BROWNS

Q5.: SCIENCE - What bird, a native of the northern hemisphere and member of the grouse family, has a name that begins with an unetymological consonant pair—as the bird's original Gaelic name just begins with the letter "T", and a Greek-influenced silent letter was added at the beginning in the 17th century?

Answer: PTARMIGAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify (in English) the lake, the largest of the European Alpine lakes, which straddles the border between southwest Switzerland and southeast France, and is known in French as Lac Léman?

Answer: LAKE GENEVA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Identify the Roman emperor who, in 330 AD, moved the imperial capital from Rome to the eastern Greek city of Byzantium, which he then dubbed Nova Roma.

Answer: CONSTANTINE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What name is shared by a 1969 album by the Bee Gees, an ex-Nazi organization popularized in a 1970s novel and subsequent film, and the third most populous city in the Ukraine?

Answer: ODESSA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In the 1930s, Elsa Schiaparelli, Madeleine Vionnet, and Main Rousseau Bocher (Mainbocher) were among the most famous and successful professionals in what field?

Answer: FASHION DESIGN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - This is a screenshot from a 2007 music video by what American pop punk band? [Click here](#)

Answer: PARAMORE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Per the definitions formalized in August of 2006, the International Astronomical Union currently classifies eight celestial bodies in our solar system as planets, and five as dwarf planets. One of the dwarf planets is Pluto; name any one of the other four.

Answer: CERES, ERIS, HAUMEA, MAKEMAKE

Q6.: LANGUAGE - This German portmanteau, which was coined in the 19th century, became known in the United States during the Nixon administration (through its policies relating to China and to the Arab-Israeli war). It refers generally (and with varying connotations) to diplomacy based on practical factors and considerations, vs. ideology and ethical principles.

Answer: REALPOLITIK

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Excluding accent marks, exactly one independent continental South American country's common one-word name is spelled differently in English and its prevailing official language. What is that country?

Answer: BRAZIL/BRASIL

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 2003 book *The Meaning of Everything*, by London-born author Simon Winchester, tells the story of what other work, which was first published in 1884, and formally under its current title since 1933?

Answer: OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY (OED)

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The retail establishment widely cited as the first legitimate department store opened its doors to provide a "good bargain" to local Parisians in 1838. What was the name of this store?

Answer: LE BON MARCHÉ

Q4.: TELEVISION - Christian Slater played the title character of what television series that aired on the USA Network from 2015 to 2019, playing an enigmatic anarchist who leads a group of hacktivists aiming to take down the multinational "Evil Corp"?

Answer: MR. ROBOT

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A popular but surely false etymology for the name of what cut of beef, taken from between the lower ribs of the animal and the rump, regards England's King James I, who appreciated the cut so much he elevated it to knighthood?

Answer: SIRLOIN

Q6.: SCIENCE - What gland, named for its shape and located deep in the brain near the corpus callosum, synthesizes the hormone melatonin, and thus plays a significant role in biological rhythms such as the sleep-wake cycle?

Answer: PINEAL GLAND

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the country highlighted in red in this image.[Click here](#)
Answer: OMAN

Q2.: LITERATURE - The novels *At Swim-Two-Birds*, *The Butcher Boy*, *Amongst Women*, and *Dracula* were all written by authors of what nationality?
Answer: IRISH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - England's official separation from the Catholic Church began in 1534, during the reign of King Henry VIII and the establishment of the Church of England, but any chance of Catholicism becoming formally re-established in England truly ended in early 1689, with the ascension to the throne of whom?
Answer: WILLIAM AND MARY

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - A common term for the chord progression here is named after what man (and his late 17th c. composition)?[Click here](#)
Answer: JOHANN PACHELBEL

Q5.: FILM - Euphegenia is the first name of what title character from a hit 1993 comedy film set in San Francisco?
Answer: MRS. DOUBTFIRE

Q6.: SCIENCE - Fill in the blanks, in order, from the following basic law of physics (two answers required): The gravitational force between any two objects is proportional to the _____ of their masses, and inversely proportional to the _____ of the distance between them.

Answer: PRODUCT, SQUARE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - A legendary military tactician of the 2nd and 3rd centuries BCE, a charming but terrifying psychiatrist introduced in a 1981 novel, and the first vice-president of the United States from the present-day Republican Party all shared what first name?

Answer: HANNIBAL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the airline that serves as Spain's flag carrier (but, notably, and perhaps counterintuitively, not Portugal's, which is TAP)?

Answer: IBERIA

Q3.: ART - Trieste-born American Leo Castelli spent most of his life in what profession, of which he was perhaps the most influential figure of the 20th century?

Answer: ART DEALER

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In blues legend John Lee Hooker's classic song and tale of woe from 1966—first recorded by Amos Milburn and later by George Thorogood and the Destroyers—he finds solace in one each of a trio of drinks. What are those three drinks, in order?

Answer: BOURBON, SCOTCH, BEER

Q5.: FILM - Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren are the inspiration for what film series, whose namesake debut introduced the duo in 2013 and whose latest installment, released in 2021, is subtitled *The Devil Made Me Do It*?

Answer: THE CONJURING

Q6.: LITERATURE - A #1 New York Times best-selling 2018 novel by American author Madeline Miller is a nuanced retelling of the story of what Greek sorceress, who transformed most of Odysseus's crew into swine in Homer's *Odyssey* and then hosted them for a year on her island of Aeaea?

Answer: CIRCE

Q1.: AMER HIST - The Ashmun Institute, which was founded in 1854 near the southeastern Pennsylvania town of Oxford, is generally considered today to be the first historically black university in the United States. In 1866, it changed its name to what -- a name which it retains to this day?

Answer: LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The type of code pictured here is most commonly referred to by what two letters?[Click here](#)

Answer: QR

Q3.: LITERATURE - The 1886 novellaThe Death of Ivan Ilyichis, arguably, the third-best known work of what writer?

Answer: LEO TOLSTOY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Which chemical element, an alkaline earth metal essential to most living organisms, is fifth-most-abundant element by mass in the Earth's crust, and the most abundant metal in the human body?

Answer: CALCIUM

Q5.: MATH - This term is used in mathematics to express the number of elements in a set -- e.g., if $A = \{1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9\}$, A has a _____ of six.

Answer: CARDINALITY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "Scream & Shout" is the title of a current hit song by The Black Eyed Peas co-founder will.i.am, and featuring what other pop star?

Answer: BRITNEY SPEARS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The sturdy-heeled Deba, the versatile Santoku, the delicate Usuba, and the narrow Yanagiba are all different Japanese types of what?

Answer: KNIVES

Q2.: MATH - In a regular polyhedron, all faces are congruent regular polygons. There are five such solids: the cube, tetrahedron, octahedron, icosahedron, and what other?

Answer: DODECAHEDRON

Q3.: SCIENCE - What saturated fatty acid, a waxy solid commonly found in lard and beef tallow (its name comes from "tallow" in Greek) but also present in plant oils such as shea butter and cocoa butter, is widely used in the production of soaps and candles and has extensive pharmaceutical and industrial applications?

Answer: STEARIC ACID

Q4.: TELEVISION - The nickname given by a stalker named Martha to her target named Donny is the title of what award-winning and critically lauded Netflix miniseries?

Answer: BABY REINDEER

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In early 2002, the euro replaced the schilling, franc (three different ones), markka, deutschmark, drachma, pound, guilder, escudo, and peseta. One currency is missing from this list—what is its name?

Answer: LIRA

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What term is used for the religious movements, primarily found in Melanesia since the late 1800s and during the period of Western colonization, in which adherents believe that the arrival of a supernatural shipment of goods sent by spirits will signal a new paradise?

Answer: CARGO CULTS

Q1.: SCIENCE - According to NASA, what phenomenon reached its largest size during a period in late September, 2006, covering a region larger than the continent of North America (or, more directly, nearly double the size of Antarctica)?

Answer: OZONE HOLE

Q2.: FILM - The 1984 film [A Passage to India](#) was the final film released in the storied career of what legendary British film director and virtuoso of the historical epic?

Answer: DAVID LEAN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The U.S. cities of Texarkana (in Texas and Arkansas) are named after the states which they straddle, along with nearby Louisiana. What is the thematically similar name given to the peninsula on the east coast of the U.S. in this image?[Click here](#)

Answer: DELMARVA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is this gentleman's first name?[Click here](#)

Answer: JARED

Q5.: WORLD HIST - This civilization is believed to have been the first in the Americas, with cities that lay primarily in the Valley of Mexico and the Gulf lowlands, and a culture -- marked by large stone head carvings and square step-pyramids -- that began around 1200 BC and prospered until its precipitous decline in the 4th c. BC.

Answer: OLMEC

Q6.: TELEVISION - Olivia Kendall, Lieutenant Martin Kendall, Pam Tucker, and Dr. Elvin Tibideaux were important (but secondary) characters during the latter half of the run of what successful television sitcom?

Answer: THE COSBY SHOW

Q1.: ART - In September 1925, what 18-year-old suffered multiple serious injuries while riding a bus that slammed into a speeding electric trolley car, and revisited the setting in 1929's *The Bus*, a painting currently housed at the Museo Dolores Olmedo.

Answer: FRIDA KAHLO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name for the type of musical composition, such as famous works by Frederic Chopin and John Field, that are often languid, meditative, and lyrical, evoking the period of time after which they are named?

Answer: NOCTURNE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1972, Atari released an arcade version of a simple game similar to one originally invented by William Higinbotham, an Instrumentation Head at Brookhaven National Laboratory who (maybe foolishly) did not patent it when he created it 14 years earlier. What was the name of this revolutionary and lucrative Atari game, which was even more directly inspired by a similar game on the Magnavox Odyssey?

Answer: PONG

Q4.: SCIENCE - What chemical element, in the halogen group on the periodic table just below chlorine and above iodine, is notable for being one of only two elements that is liquid at room temperature (along with mercury), and for having a particularly sharp and unpleasant odor (its name comes from the Greek for "stench")?

Answer: BROMINE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Despite holding his current rank since his introduction in 1963, what seafaring brand mascot with disembodied eyebrows only began wearing sleeves with the appropriate four bars in July 2023?

Answer: CAP'N CRUNCH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Marshall McLuhan, the 20th-century media theorist and author of *The Gutenberg Galaxy* and *Understanding Media*, is credited with coining in the first chapter of that latter work the expression "the medium is the [BLANK]" (fill in the blank).

Answer: MESSAGE

Q1.: ART - This sturdy young woman is the work of what Dutch master? [Click here](#)
Answer: JAN VERMEER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Give the term from economics, a portmanteau coined in a 1965 speech to the British parliament, used to illustrate a scenario where prices are increasing at a high rate, economic growth slows, and unemployment remains at a steady high level.

Answer: STAGFLATION

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The most produced variety of sweet cherry in the United States is a cultivar which goes by what name, after the Chinese foreman who worked for the orchardist who created it in 1875?

Answer: BING

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Which is the only NFL franchise to have won championships in three different cities? The first two were won in Cleveland and Los Angeles, the third in the team's current home city, in 1999.

Answer: ST. LOUIS RAMS

Q5.: THEATRE - A collection of figurines kept lovingly on the shelf of an introverted young woman named Laura Wingfield provides the title for what classic play of American theatre?

Answer: THE GLASS MENAGERIE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - A pair of wars were fought in the mid-19th c. between China and the British Empire over restrictive Chinese trade laws, and specifically the trade of what product, in very high demand in China at the time?

Answer: OPIUM

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In September 2024, Argentinian Mauricio Pochettino was named the new head coach for a team widely known by what five-letter abbreviation/initialism?
Answer: USMNT

Q2.: LITERATURE - The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL. D., considered by many to be the finest biography ever written in the English language, is a work by what Scottish lawyer, who was himself the subject of a similarly titled 1999 biography? His work is so highly regarded that his surname has become a general term for a dedicated admirer and chronicler of another's life and deeds.

Answer: JAMES BOSWELL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What hit 1984 song begins with a memorable saxophone riff, followed by a softly delivered reflection of shame and sadness, and a subsequent chorus in which the singer asserts that he is never going to dance again in a certain way?

Answer: CARELESS WHISPER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Identify the narrow peninsula that was settled by the Moors in 711, taken by Spain in 1462, and ceded to Great Britain in 1713.

Answer: GIBRALTAR

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What is the honorific in Sanskrit-rendered in the Devanagari script as श्री and perhaps familiar in a geographic context—that roughly corresponds to the English "Mr.", and is more accurately translated as "Honorable" or "Respected"?

Answer: SRI

Q6.: MATH - The abbreviations for trigonometric functions (sin, cos, tan, etc.), when represented with an "h" at the end (sinh, cosh, tanh, etc.), become those for what other set of functions?

Answer: HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In the 2012 election for President of the United States, of the ten states that hold 15 or more electoral votes, President Barack Obama won seven. Of the three won by Mitt Romney, one was Texas; name either of the other two.
Answer: GEORGIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Q2.: SCIENCE - Based on the late 16th c. data (but not the conclusions) gathered by Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe, what German developed laws of planetary motion published in 1609 and 1619 which showed that planets orbit the sun elliptically; that they move faster when closer to the sun; and that the distance from a planet to the sun and the time to complete the planet's orbit is a mathematical relationship.

Answer: JOHANNES KEPLER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Give the name of the Provençal soup pictured here, whose name comes from the Occitan verbs *forboil* and *simmer* (correct spelling applauded but not required). [Click here](#)

Answer: BOUILLABAISSE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The often disputed and currently divided geographic area of Europe known as Karelia is currently within the boundaries of what two countries?

Answer: FINLAND, RUSSIA

Q5.: TELEVISION - Alexis Faith, Hannah Joy, Aaden Jonathan, Collin Thomas, Leah Hope, and Joel Kevin were the names (first and middle) of six castmembers of what hit reality series (and, essentially, the show's *raison d'être*)?

Answer: JON & KATE PLUS 8

Q6.: MATH - What is the name for the number represented as 1027 in the short scale number naming system (used in most English speaking countries), and 1048 in the long scale (used in most of continental Europe)?

Answer: OCTILLION

Q1.: LITERATURE - 1) The priestess of Greek legend who was the lover of Leander. 2) The Alexandrian mathematician who devised the formula for expressing the area of a triangle using its sides (one name for him, at least). 3) A falsely accused Shakespearean bride-to-be. These three all share what name?

Answer: HERO

Q2.: AMER HIST - Charles Conrad, Alan Bean, Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, David Scott, James Irwin, John Young, Charles Duke, Eugene Cernan, and Harrison Schmitt are ten members of an exclusive group of twelve. Name either of the two missing members.

Answer: NEIL ARMSTRONG, EDWIN/BUZZ ALDRIN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Mkhedruli is the name of a writing script used primarily for a language which belongs to the Kartvelian family of languages, which are primarily spoken in what country?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Songs from 2024 by Lainey Wilson and from 2025 by Travis Scott both include what vehicle type/mathematical expression in their titles?

Answer: 4X4

Q5.: SCIENCE - A mammal native to Africa and South Asia, distinctive for its coloration—dark brown to black with a pale yellowish-grey stripe extending from the top of its head along its back—as well as for its fearlessness, is known as a ratel but is better known as what?

Answer: HONEY BADGER

Q6.: BUS/ECON - November 2021 saw the grand opening of a store in the Metro Manila city of Pasay that encompasses 65,000 square meters (700,000 sq ft), making it the company's largest. It surpassed a 55,000-square-meter facility that first opened in 1965 in a shopping area called Kungens Kurva, which translates to "The King's Bend" in English. What is the company?

Answer: IKEA

Q1.: TELEVISION - The stark and brutal intimacy in what six episode television series, written and directed by Ingmar Bergman and first broadcast in Sweden in 1973 (before achieving global popularity), is said to have been the primary driver for a subsequent increase in that country's divorce rate?

Answer: SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Give the first and last names of the author of the realist novel, first published in serialized form in 1871-72, which describes the lives of various characters in the fictional central England town of Middlemarch (real name or pen name acceptable).

Answer: GEORGE ELIOT/MARY ANNE EVANS

Q3.: SCIENCE - Pholidota, from the Greek for "scaly" (pholidotos), is a genus of orchid so named after its scaled perianths, and is also an order of mammals whose species are all found in tropical regions of Africa or Asia, and are best known as what?

Answer: PANGOLIN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 2012 baseball season, Detroit Tigers third baseman Miguel Cabrera won the American League Triple Crown, leading the league in home runs, runs batted in, and batting average, becoming the first player to achieve the feat since what Boston Red Sox player did so in 1967?

Answer: CARL YASTRZEMSKI

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the world's fourth-most populous country, after China, India, and the United States?

Answer: INDONESIA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the composer of this piece. (64 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: ANTONIO VIVALDI

Q1.: LITERATURE - Rachel Carson's groundbreaking 1962 work *Silent Spring* is widely credited as a contributing factor to the establishment of what U.S. federal regulatory body in 1970?

Answer: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What Major League Baseball franchise modified its team name in 2008? The change may not have been due to criticism from Christian groups, but it was immediately followed by a dramatic change in the team's results. Note, location and team name (current or former) required.

Answer: TAMPA BAY (DEVIL) RAYS

Q3.: FILM - What word appears in the titles of a 2025 film based on a bestselling graphic novel by Dav Pilkey, a 2021 Western drama directed by Jane Campion, and a 1975 crime drama classic directed by Sidney Lumet?

Answer: DOG

Q4.: ART - The bowler-hatted gentleman in 1964's *The Son of Man* is a self-portrait of what Walloon?

Answer: RENÉ MAGRITTE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What landlocked country located at the southern end of the Great Rift Valley shares its name with the lake that forms much of its eastern border?

Answer: MALAWI

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The individual of greatest international historical significance with the first name Syngman served from 1948 to 1960 as the president of what country?

Answer: SOUTH KOREA/REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Identify the term used in the United States for what may be referred to in Great Britain as a biro.

Answer: BALLPOINT PEN

Q2.: ART - In this image are the first and last of a series of eight paintings from the 1730s by William Hogarth; the series is known by what name?[Click here](#)

Answer: A RAKE'S PROGRESS

Q3.: FILM - The transition of silent film stars to the new world of "talkies", and accompanying hijinks, underpin the story in what 1952 comedy, considered today one of the greatest musical films ever?

Answer: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the English translation of the Hindi wordaloo, as used in Indian dishes such as aloo gobi and aloo gosht?

Answer: POTATOES

Q5.: AMER HIST - In the first half of the 17th c., England established New World colonies that formed a line from the Chesapeake Bay to present-day southern Maine, broken only by the Dutch in the Hudson Valley, and a colony on the lower Delaware River in present-day Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Fort Christina was the name of the first settlement in this latter colony, which was formed by settlers from what country (after which the colony was named)?

Answer: SWEDEN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Identify the individual on the right in this photograph (the one who, while against suicide, is not sartorially expressing that view at the moment).[Click here](#)

Answer: ANDREW RIDGELEY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1916, Irish republicans launched an armed uprising intended to end British rule and establish an independent Irish Republic. This particular rebellion, which was suppressed by British forces after six days, was initiated immediately after what holiday?

Answer: EASTER

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the common name given to the standard code that was developed in America in 1963 and used for information interchange by encoding the letters A-Z, digits 0-9, punctuation marks, and other characters in binary form? This code was later extended by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Answer: ASCII

Q3.: THEATRE - A certain system and approach to acting is associated with the techniques originated by the Russian Konstantin Stanislavsky, and came into wider use in the mid-20th century thanks in large part to Lee Strasberg and others at New York's Actors Studio. What is the best-known term for this emotionally immersive approach to acting?

Answer: METHOD ACTING

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The year 622 CE marks the beginning of what lunar 12-month calendar? This calendar follows a cycle of each year having 354 or 355 days, with (in its tabular variation) leap years that include the additional day in 11 out of 30 years.

Answer: ISLAMIC (HIJRI) CALENDAR

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Hungarian-born conductor George Szell received international acclaim during his time from 1946 until his death in 1970 as the musical director of the symphony orchestra in what US city? At the start of his tenure, the city was near its peak population of 915,000 (today, it's less than half of that).

Answer: CLEVELAND

Q6.: ART - Oslo's National Museum of Norway is home to the most famous version of what 1893 painting, which is widely regarded as the most famous painting by a Norwegian?

Answer: THE SCREAM

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Professional sports teams which have the respective nicknames of "Lions" and "Whitecaps" call what city home?

Answer: VANCOUVER, BC

Q2.: ART - Camille Corot, Théodore Rousseau, and Jean-François Millet are all closely associated with what school of painters, who often painted loosely brushed landscapes and rural scenes around the French village that gave the school its name?

Answer: BARBIZON

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What is the economic term used to describe the degree to which a given asset or security can be converted quickly to cash without affecting the asset's value?

Answer: LIQUIDITY

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - On February 27, 2013, former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel was sworn in as United States Secretary of Defense, replacing whom?

Answer: LEON PANETTA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In June of 1992, representatives from 178 countries attended a UN conference known as the firstEarth Summit, where treaties were signed pledging to curb global warming and conserve biological diversity. In what city was this summit held (after which the event is often referred)?

Answer: RIO DE JANEIRO

Q6.: SCIENCE - Give the name for the biological process which is a special type of cell division producing reproductive cells, resulting in four genetically unique haploid cells (and not exact copies of the parent cell).

Answer: MEIOSIS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What microstate is notable for having Europe's highest capital city in elevation, for having no airport or railway station, and for being the only country in the world to have Catalan as its sole official language?

Answer: ANDORRA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Sticks of dough that are fried, coated in sugar, and sometimes dipped in chocolate – this describes numerous desserts all over the world, but in Spain and Latin America, they're often known by what name, purportedly after a breed of Spanish sheep with ridged horns?

Answer: CHURROS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In 1977, it was the second single released from Fleetwood Mac's Rumours LP; in 1986, the second single during Van Halen's Sammy Hagar era; and in 1992, the debut single by the Irish band The Cranberries. What is this one-word title?

Answer: DREAMS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the committee of the US House of Representatives established in 1938 to investigate disloyalty and subversion among federal government employees, before finally being abolished in 1975? (Full name or common 4-letter abbreviation acceptable.)

Answer: UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (HUAC)

Q5.: LITERATURE - The period of Roman literature during which Virgil, Ovid, and Horace flourished, and an era of English literature with which Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift, and John Dryden are associated, are both known as what "Age"?

Answer: AUGUSTAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In competitive platform and springboard diving, there are diving positions based on four distinct shapes of the body, categorized by the letters A through D. A is "Straight" position and D is "Free" position—what positions do B and C represent? (Two answers required, in either order.)

Answer: PIKE, TUCK

Q1.: SCIENCE - In all electrochemical devices, negatively charged ions move toward the anode, flowing away from the opposite charged electrode known by what term?

Answer: CATHODE

Q2.: ART - For much of its existence, the annual (or biannual) art exhibition held in Paris by the Académie des Beaux-Arts was considered the premiere art event in all of Europe. The exhibition, which was first held in 1725 and exists today in various evolved forms (e.g. des Independants, d'Automne), was best known by what name?

Answer: SALON

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Name the legendary American industrialist who first built his fortune in shipping (starting his own ferry service in New York Harbor in 1810, at age 16), but achieved even greater wealth -- and legacy -- as the nation's first great railroad entrepreneur.

Answer: CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "You Rock My World", "Cry", and "Butterflies" are singles from which Michael Jackson album?

Answer: INVINCIBLE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In February of 2013, The University of Leicester in England announced that a skeleton found in 2012 during a local archaeological dig is that of what 15th c. English king (name and number required)?

Answer: RICHARD III

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Salamis, a critically important naval engagement in the early history of western civilization, saw an alliance of Greek city-states decisively defeat the fleet of the Achaemenid Empire led by what Persian king?

Answer: XERXES

Q1.: WORLD HIST - By way of 1800's Third Treaty of San Ildefonso, in exchange for territories in Tuscany, Napoleon Bonaparte (re-)acquired what North American territory, which he subsequently sold three years later?

Answer: LOUISIANA

Q2.: SCIENCE - While minor sources include anglesite, cerussite, and litharge, the main ore of what metallic element is the sulfide galena?

Answer: LEAD

Q3.: LITERATURE - Published in 1637, Discourse on the Method was the first major work of what "father of modern philosophy"?

Answer: RENÉ DESCARTES

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What word, derived etymologically from Latin and earlier Greek words relating to turning, refers to a terrestrial boundary where the sun appears to "turn back" after reaching its maximum distance from Earth's equator?

Answer: TROPIC

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What company, listed on the Nasdaq Copenhagen, saw its market capitalization surpass Denmark's gross domestic product in August 2023?

Answer: NOVO NORDISK

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Justin and Trent are the first names (though they don't go by those names) of brothers and multi-year NFL All-Pro defensive players whose last name is what?

Answer: WATT

Q1.: LITERATURE - The 2003 Pulitzer Prize-winning Master of the Senate, by Robert Caro, is the third volume of a mammoth biography of what American?
Answer: LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Q2.: FILM - The 32-song soundtrack to what film, released in July 1994 and filled with American artists such as Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, The Mamas & the Papas, Bob Seger, and Aretha Franklin, peaked at #2 on the Billboard chart, and was ultimately certified 12x platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America?
Answer: FORREST GUMP

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The only blemish in what thoroughbred racehorse's 21-race career was a place at the 1919 Sanford Memorial Stakes in Saratoga Springs, New York, behind a horse named, appropriately enough, Upset?

Answer: MAN O'WAR

Q4.: SCIENCE - The scientific field of nuclear physics was born, one could argue, in 1896, when radioactivity was discovered by what Frenchman, for which he shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics with his doctoral student Marie Skłodowska-Curie and her husband Pierre?

Answer: HENRI BECQUEREL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran who was ousted in August of 1953, in a coup d'État orchestrated by intelligence agencies of the United States and United Kingdom.

Answer: MOHAMMAD MOSSADEGH

Q6.: MATH - What is the most common term in mathematics for the type of number that is the sum of a real number and an imaginary number, typically expressed as $x+iy$, where i is the square root of negative 1?

Answer: COMPLEX NUMBER

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The title of Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP) was held by what individual who oversaw the post-World War II occupation of Japan from 1945 until his dismissal by President Harry S. Truman in 1951?

Answer: DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Laverie Automatique, located on Place du Marché Saint-Honoré in Paris's First Arrondissement near the Jardin des Tuileries, is one of many places that could reasonably be described using the name of what renowned restaurant in Napa Valley's wine country?

Answer: FRENCH LAUNDRY

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A 1969 Bob Fosse-choreographed number featuring Gwen Verdon, titled "Mexican Breakfast", clearly inspired the music video for what chart-topping, award-winning song from 2008, taken from the album I Am... Sasha Fierce?

Answer: SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What word refers to the highest category of roads in the UK's "Strategic Road Network"? Roads in this category are designated with a prefix or suffix that matches this word's first letter.

Answer: MOTORWAYS

Q5.: LITERATURE - Derived from a word meaning "to stride over" (or perhaps "to leap over"), what term in poetry describes the continuation of a sentence or phrase from one line to the next without punctuation or pause?

Answer: ENJAMBMENT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What term refers to the sugary fluid, up to 90% sucrose in some species, that flows through the phloem of plants to store and transport carbohydrates produced during photosynthesis?

Answer: SAP

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The English translation of what U.S. city's name isstrait, as the city's namesake 28-mile river is a passageway between two larger bodies of water?
Answer: DETROIT

Q2.: ART - In May of 2010, the work of art pictured here sold for over \$53.3 million (US). It is the work of what France-based Italian painter and sculptor, a one-time protégé of Constantin Brâncuși?Click here
Answer: AMEDEO MODIGLIANI

Q3.: AMER HIST - Name the social activist and Women's Movement leader who defeated a seven-term incumbent to earn the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives from Manhattan's West Side (and thus the election), holding office until 1976 when she was defeated in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate by Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Answer: BELLA ABZUG

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - In this delicious image (your opinion may vary), which represents custom in the United States, what name from the Old Testament is obscured by the red box?Click here

Answer: HAM

Q5.: SCIENCE - What commonly used strong acid is, by far, the industrial chemical produced in the U.S. in greatest quantity (at over 40 million metric tons), for its use in metal refining and processing, water treatment, petroleum refining, automobile batteries, and -- most of all -- agricultural fertilizers?

Answer: SULFURIC ACID

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The office building located at 1619 Broadway in Manhattan, home to more than 150 music companies for a time in the 1960s, is better known by what name?

Answer: BRILL BUILDING

Q1.: MATH - What mathematical term, which may have an astrological homophone depending on one's accent, refers to a surface formed by revolving a circle around an axis in its plane?

Answer: TORUS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - A certain marmot named Phil is linked to a tradition that may or may not involve three fortnights. In what US state does this soothsayer reside?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The historical game jeu de paume, which originated in France and evolved over centuries, is today known as the "court", "royal", or "real" version of what sport?

Answer: TENNIS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the Monegasque district on the Mediterranean coast founded in 1856 by and named after Charles Grimaldi (Prince Charles III)?

Answer: MONTE CARLO

Q5.: LITERATURE - Mary Norton's Borrowers and Alice near the beginning of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland—after imbibing from the "Drink Me" bottle—share a notable characteristic with what Hans Christian Andersen heroine, who marries the flower-fairy prince?

Answer: THUMBELINA

Q6.: SCIENCE - In internal combustion engine vehicles, metals like platinum, palladium, and rhodium are most commonly found in what component?

Answer: CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Anschluss is a term that is generally used to refer to the 1938 occupation and annexation into Nazi Germany of what country, a re-unification (of sorts) in specific violation of the Treaty of Versailles?

Answer: AUSTRIA

Q2.: SCIENCE - While also an important component of the human body's immune system, the part of the body known as the alimentary canal has, as its primary purpose, what function?

Answer: DIGESTION

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Eleutherian Mills is the name of a gunpowder mill on the Brandywine Creek, near the Pennsylvania/Delaware border, which was the birthplace of what corporation in 1802?

Answer: DU PONT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - This musician and composer, widely considered the "Father of the Blues" (which is the name of his 1941 autobiography), signaled the emergence of urban blues with his first hit "Memphis Blues" in 1912, and also wrote the blues standard "Saint Louis Blues".

Answer: W.C. HANDY

Q5.: TELEVISION - The title duo in what currently running television sitcom are waitresses working to start their own cupcake business in Brooklyn. Hilarity ensues.

Answer: 2 BROKE GIRLS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the gentleman at the center of this photo (in blue). [Click here](#)

Answer: CARMELO ANTHONY

Q1.: FILM - What film series saw releases in 1979, 1981, 1985, 2015, and 2024, with the first film made on a budget of approximately \$350,000 and the most recent costing \$168 million?

Answer: MAD MAX

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Often compared to Ellis Island in the U.S., the historic site Pier 21 is located in what Canadian city and provincial capital, known for having one of the world's largest and deepest natural harbors?

Answer: HALIFAX

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - In music, the masculine form of this Italian word denotes a fast or lively tempo. In medicine, the feminine form is a popular brand name for fexofenadine. Give either form of this word in question.

Answer: ALLEGRO, ALLEGRA

Q4.: THEATRE - In London theatre, "off-West End" is a rough equivalent to New York's "off-Broadway", but there's no true "off-off-West End" to match "off-off-Broadway". Instead, what word is often used for this category, its use originating in the late 1940s via an offshoot of the annual Edinburgh International Festival?

Answer: FRINGE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Stephanie Abrams, Mike Bettes, Jen Carfagno, Dr. Greg Forbes, and Jim Cantore are all known for their work on what television network?

Answer: THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The historic city of Petra, settled by the Nabataeans in the 4th century BCE and later conquered by Rome in the 2nd century CE, is located in what present-day country?

Answer: JORDAN

Q1.: AMER HIST - In October of 2010, what city's Michigan Avenue Bridge was renamed in honor of Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a Haitian of African and French descent who is considered the city's first non-native permanent settler?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The South Korean electronics company GoldStar, founded in 1958, merged with the chemical and plastics concern Lak-Hui to form a conglomerate which, in 1995, changed its name to what?

Answer: LG CORPORATION

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Evan Williams, Elijah Craig, Ezra Brooks, Johnny Drum, and George Dickel are all names of what?

Answer: WHISKEY BRANDS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - This map shows the administrative subdivisions of what country?

[Click here](#)

Answer: NEPAL

Q5.: ART - This painting technique, Italian for "mixture" and prominent in abstract expressionism, most commonly refers to laying on paint or pigment so thickly that it stands out from the surface, and the brush or knife strokes are visible, with no attempt for it to look smooth.

Answer: IMPASTO

Q6.: TELEVISION - The vast majority of the action in this television sitcom, which aired on ABC from 1975 to 1982, took place in the detectives' squad room of the fictional 12th Precinct station in New York's Greenwich Village, or in the adjacent office of the show's title character.

Answer: BARNEY MILLER

Q1.: TELEVISION - What television series has been produced by United Plankton Pictures Inc. since the company's founding in 1998 by former marine science educator Stephen Hillenburg?

Answer: SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

Q2.: SCIENCE - If a molecule is repelled by water, it is termed hydrophobic. What is the corresponding opposite term for a molecule attracted to water?

Answer: HYDROPHILIC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - On the weekend of the first Saturday every May, revelers in Louisville, Kentucky, ritualistically consume over 1,000 pounds of fresh foliage from what perennial?

Answer: MINT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The following classic songs all include what word in their titles? A 1934 standard by Rodgers and Hart, recorded by The Marcels and by Elvis Presley; a 1940 standard by Morgan Lewis and Nancy Hamilton, performed by Les Paul & Mary Ford and by Ella Fitzgerald; a 1954 standard by Bart Howard, sung by Frank Sinatra and by Tony Bennett; and a 1961 standard by Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer, sung by Audrey Hepburn and by Andy Williams.

Answer: MOON

Q5.: AMER HIST - The US-based website VOTE411.org, which provides candidate and election information based on a user's location, is run by what nonpartisan and nonprofit political organization founded in 1920 (a year which, in a technical sense, one might argue is the earliest this nationwide organization could theoretically have existed)?

Answer: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What seven-letter mnemonic acronym related to coordinating conjunctions is also, unrelatedly, the title of a 2009 movie about a group of Star Wars enthusiasts (and a word that describes them)?

Answer: FANBOYS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - There have been three men who have served as President of the Russian Federation since its formation in 1991. Please name all three.

Answer: BORIS YELTSIN, DMITRY MEDVEDEV, VLADIMIR PUTIN

Q2.: TELEVISION - "Brian: Portrait of a Dog", "He's Too Sexy for His Fat", "North by North Quahog", "The Giggity Wife", and "The Big Bang Theory" are all episodes from what comedy television series?

Answer: FAMILY GUY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Grand Duke Henri Albert Gabriel Félix Marie Guillaume is the head of state of what European nation, the world's only remaining grand duchy?

Answer: LUXEMBOURG

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the two-word term from chemistry for an atom or group of atoms, usually highly reactive, with an unpaired electron in one of the outer shells that forms chemical bonds. The term is also common in human biology, as they have damaging effects on cells.

Answer: FREE RADICALS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - One measure used in financial analysis to assess the value of a company's stock is the P/E ratio. What do the letters P and E stand for?

Answer: PRICE, EARNINGS

Q6.: FILM - The master electrician is the person responsible for implementing the lighting design for a theatrical production. What is the equivalent term, derived from the name of a large tool used for moving overhead lighting equipment, for that same role in a motion picture or television production?

Answer: GAFFER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The approximately 10,000-foot mountain known as Haleakalā rises near the center of—and forms the majority of the land area of—what island?

Answer: MAUI

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Treaties of Nanjing (1842) and Tianjin (1858) ended wars named after what dried extract?

Answer: OPIUM

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Viber, Telegram, WeChat, and iMessage are all global competitors in a certain market category, but what service leads them all with well over two billion active users—more than four times the number it had when Facebook (now Meta) acquired it in 2014?

Answer: WHATSAPP

Q4.: LITERATURE - A jovial and extroverted merrymaker named Mr. Fezziwig is a character, and a counterpoint of sorts, in what story from 1843?

Answer: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Q5.: FILM - Exploring the aftermath of King T'Challa's death, the 2022 sequel to Black Panther was one of that year's top-grossing films. By what two-word subtitle is this film commonly known?

Answer: WAKANDA FOREVER

Q6.: TELEVISION - Jerry Seinfeld played "Jerry Seinfeld" in Seinfeld, and Will Smith played "Will Smith" in The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. The same convention (star's name = character's name) was used in a 1995–2004 sitcom set in Ohio, starring what actor?

Answer: DREW CAREY

Q1.: LITERATURE - The superlative literary amphibian who goes by the name of Dan'l Webster hails from where, specifically?

Answer: CALAVERAS COUNTY

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the operatic superstar of Maori descent, born Claire Mary Teresa Rawstron in New Zealand in 1944, who sang from Handel's Samson at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

Answer: KIRI TE KANAWA

Q3.: AMER HIST - Which U.S. state's flag references an unrecognized sovereign state that held no real authoritative power, and existed for less than a month in mid-1846?

Answer: CALIFORNIA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Ashmore and Cartier Islands, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and Norfolk Island are all territories of what nation?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q5.: TELEVISION - What was the first name of Edith's no-nonsense and ultra-liberal cousin on the television series All in the Family?

Answer: MAUDE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the term, originating in the south of England, that is both a beverage (historically, a mulled cider with spices) and a custom of singing and drinking to the health of apple trees to promote a fruitful harvest.

Answer: WASSAIL

Q1.: TELEVISION -Here's the Story: Surviving [REDACTED] and Finding My True Voiceis a 2008 book by Maureen McCormick that recounts her life during and after her time playing what memorable television character, whose name has been redacted from the title? (First and last name required.)

Answer: MARCIA BRADY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The famous heptad that includes the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Pharos of Alexandria, and the Great Pyramid of Giza, also includes a statue by Phidias of whom?

Answer: ZEUS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What distinctively odorous substance, invented in the 1930s to clean coal residue from wallpaper, has been manufactured since 1991 by Hasbro, who trademarked its scent in 2016?

Answer: PLAY-DOH

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A viral four-word phrase that originated in August 2024 in a satirical video by TikTok content creator Jools Lebron has "very" as its first and third words. What are both of the other two words in this phrase?

Answer: DEMURE, MINDFUL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Give the modern name of either of the straits that lie at opposite ends of the sea known in classical antiquity as Propontis.

Answer: BOSPORUS, DARDANELLES

Q6.: FILM - George Burns (as Mr. Kite), Frankie Howerd (Mean Mr. Mustard), Peter Frampton (Billy Shears), and Sandy Farina (Strawberry Fields) appeared in what poorly received 1978 musical pastiche film?

Answer: SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - "Dennis and the Menace" was a headline to a photo in the March 1, 2013 edition of the New York Post, referencing an odd meeting between two men. Name them both.

Answer: DENNIS RODMAN, KIM JONG-UN

Q2.: LITERATURE - Of the six famous odes composed by the English poet John Keats in 1819, five of them were written in the spring, while the sixth was written, fittingly, in September. Give the name of this sixth ode.

Answer: TO AUTUMN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - With an average annual temperature of -2.4°C (27.7°F), this Asian city of 1.2 million people is considered the world's coldest national capital city.

Answer: ULAN BATOR

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the composer of the music excerpted here. (50 seconds)
[Click here](#)

Answer: PHILIP GLASS

Q5.: ART - Identify the artistic technique, invented in the 16th c. by Giulio Campagnola and related etymologically to the Dutch word forspot, which creates a pattern with gradients and shadows simulating varying degrees of shading by using small dot strokes.

Answer: STIPPLING

Q6.: FILM - Jewish gambling handicapper Ace Rothstein, his volatile wife Ginger, and Mafia capo Nicky Santoro are central characters in what 1995 picture?

Answer: CASINO

Q1.: FILM - While four of the five films (so far) in the Rambo series include the name "Rambo" in the title, the first film did not--though its title proved fitting nonetheless. What was the title of that first film?

Answer: FIRST BLOOD

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - On a standard traditional Scrabble board, what words appear in the bonus squares on the outer edges positioned at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock? (Note, this three-word phrase appears in multiple locations on the board.)

Answer: TRIPLE WORD SCORE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A hit 1995 hip hop anthem by 2Pac featuring Dr. Dre celebrates (per its title) their shared love for what, though 2Pac himself was born in New York City?

Answer: CALIFORNIA

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Gianduja, a creamy and smooth confection from Italy's Piedmont region, traditionally blends chocolate with what other ingredient, which also provides the primary flavor in the Piedmontese liqueur Frangelico?

Answer: HAZELNUTS/FILBERTS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Who was born to Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg in 1921 on the island of Corfu?

Answer: PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Q6.: LITERATURE - What 1956 Saul Bellow novella, whose title is an English translation of a famous Latin phrase, follows a pivotal 24-hour period in the misfortune-filled life of Tommy Wilhelm, an unemployed divorcé and struggling actor facing personal and financial crises?

Answer: SEIZE THE DAY

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the cooking utensil in this photograph, whose name comes from that of a musical instrument.[Click here](#)

Answer: MANDOLINE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Measured by Nielsen ratings, this program is the most successful series in U.S. television history, since moving to a new timeslot in 1975 (where it remains today). It finished in the top ten in ratings 23 seasons in a row, and at #1 for five seasons (second only to *American Idol* for most ever).

Answer: 60 MINUTES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who, from 1925, served as the second (and essentially final) President of Weimar Germany, and is perhaps best remembered today as the man who appointed Adolf Hitler as Chancellor in 1933 (and also for his namesake class of passenger craft).

Answer: PAUL VON HINDENBURG

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - A presidential election will be held no later than April 4, 2013 in what country, according to Article 233 of its current constitution, which was adopted in late 1999?

Answer: VENEZUELA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What was the appropriately named final studio album by the rock band Led Zeppelin, the band's ninth, released two years after the death of drummer John Bonham in 1980?

Answer: CODA

Q6.: LITERATURE - This illustration is from what children's book series?[Click here](#)

Answer: DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Q1.: FILM -Young Mr. Lincoln(1939),The Grapes of Wrath(1940),My Darling Clementine(1946), andFort Apache(1948): Combining the first name of a star of all of these films with the last name of the director of these films results in the name of what industrialist? (First and last name required.)

Answer: HENRY FORD

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - According to a UK Parliament act from July 1993, only a tweed that is "handwoven by the islanders at their homes in the Outer Hebrides, finished in the Outer Hebrides, and made from pure virgin wool dyed and spun in the Outer Hebrides" can have what name, taken from an island in (unsurprisingly) the Outer Hebrides?

Answer: HARRIS TWEED

Q3.: TELEVISION - The total pool of prize money during the first season of what TV show, which premiered in September 2021, ultimately amounted to ₩45.6 billion?

Answer: SQUID GAME

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the world of professional sports, Doug Harvey, Bill Klem, Joe West, Jim Joyce, Bruce Froemming, Don Denkinger, and Ángel Hernández all held what occupation?

Answer: (BASEBALL) UMPIRE

Q5.: SCIENCE - A term for a severe weather condition associated with blizzards is a homophone of a certain brand of error-corrector. What is that term?

Answer: WHITEOUT/WITE-OUT

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What piano-like instrument, in which metal plates or bars are struck with felt hammers when its keys are pressed, traditionally produces the twinkling sounds that represent the fairy in Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy"?

Answer: CELESTA

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Johannes Brahms's Opus 49, No. 4, which he titled "Wiegenlied", is most widely known today in English by what name?

Answer: LULLABY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Identify the country in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: CUBA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Kix and Ronnie are the first names of what country music duo, who had a total of 20 number one and 39 top ten hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart before splitting in 2010?

Answer: BROOKS & DUNN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Baltusrol Golf Club (seven-time US Open host and 2005 & 2016 PGA Championship host) and the Pine Valley Golf Club (which frequently tops lists of World's Best Golf Courses) are both located in which U.S. state?

Answer: NEW JERSEY

Q5.: FILM - In the history of the Oscars, the only film to receive four acting nominations for women is 1950's All About Eve (two for Best Actress, two for Best Supporting Actress). Name any two of the four women who received these nominations.

Answer: BETTE DAVIS, ANNE BAXTER, CELESTE HOLM, THELMA RITTER

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - This is a screenshot from what popular (and seminal) video game?

[Click here](#)

Answer: THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

Q1.: SCIENCE - Twenty "short" hundredweights equal 2,000 pounds (a "short" ton), and twenty "long" hundredweights equal 2,240 pounds (a "long" ton). In between those is 2,204.62 pounds, which equals what other kind of ton (tonne)?
Answer: METRIC TON

Q2.: TELEVISION - Since the launch of The Great British Bake Off(also known as The Great British Baking Show), one judge has remained throughout. This judge's last name is also the name of what famous neighborhood?

Answer: HOLLYWOOD

Q3.: FILM - In his Oscar-winning role in The French Connection(1971), Gene Hackman played a character with what nickname—also shared by a famous comic strip character who first appeared in 1929 before becoming popular in animated shorts and other media?

Answer: POPEYE

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - While he serves as the country's president, Xi Jinping is considered the de facto paramount leader of China because he leads two key entities: the CCP and the CMC. What is the full English name of either of these?
Answer: CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION

Q5.: ART - What word meaning "eye" refers to the circular opening at the top of a dome, such as the one in Rome's Pantheon?

Answer: OCULUS

Q6.: AMER HIST - Over the course of the American Civil War, four men held the title of Commanding General of the United States Army, the Army's highest-ranking officer. The last was Ulysses S. Grant. Give the last name of any one of the preceding three.

Answer: SCOTT, MCCLELLAN, HALLECK

Q1.: LITERATURE - Mr. Riah, the amiable Jewish manager of a money-lending business in Charles Dickens's *Our Mutual Friend*, is widely seen as an apology for Dickens's negative portrayal of Jews via the character Fagin, from what previous novel?
Answer: OLIVER TWIST

Q2.: TELEVISION - 485 Mapleton Drive, and then later 211 Pine Street, were the addresses of the title character and his family on what television sitcom, which began its six-season run of 234 episodes on the day Sputnik 1 was launched into space.

Answer: LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

Q3.: AMER HIST - The first public speech of which U.S. President, who had been sworn in one month earlier following the death of James Garfield, occurred during a ceremony celebrating the centennial of the Surrender of Yorktown, which ended the American Revolutionary War?

Answer: CHESTER A. ARTHUR

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - This photograph was taken in a province of what nation?[Click here](#)
Answer: ECUADOR

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Give the name of the German who is the three-time defending Formula One World Drivers' Champion, and is driving in 2013 for Infiniti Red Bull Racing, or name the Spaniard who finished 2nd overall in 2012 while driving for Scuderia Ferrari.

Answer: SEBASTIAN VETTEL, FERNANDO ALONSO

Q6.: THEATRE - "Kansas City", "On Broadway", "Yakety Yak", "There Goes My Baby", and "Love Potion #9" are songs from the successful Broadway revue *Smokey Joe's Café*, which showcases the hits of what songwriting duo?

Answer: JERRY LEIBER, MIKE STOLLER

Q1.: FILM - The 2020 film subtitled Mugen Train is based on a popular Japanese anime and manga series and became the highest-grossing anime film of all time. In the story, Tanjiro adopts what two-word role after the slaughter of his family and transformation of his sister? This role is also the primary title of the film and series.

Answer: DEMON SLAYER

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The tangy brown pulp extracted from the pods of what tropical tree is a staple in South Indian and Goan cuisine—flavoring curries, chutneys, and lentils—and is produced in greater quantities by India than any other country in the world by far?

Answer: TAMARIND

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In 1970, Women's Wear Daily coined what two-word term (originally written as one word) for a fashion item the magazine later described as "tight-fitting short shorts made from a variety of fabrics, including velour, corduroy, and leather"?

Answer: HOT PANTS (HOTPANTS)

Q4.: ART - What is the English title of the 1931 painting often accurately described as "the one with the melting clocks"?

Answer: THE PERSISTENCE OF MEMORY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - American actress Riley Keough is the sole owner and trustee of what mansion, declared a National Historic Landmark in March 2006?

Answer: GRACELAND

Q6.: WORLD HIST - More than 50 years after its failed attempt at secession, what historical region of Nigeria still today maintains significant local support for independence through separatist groups like IPOB and MASSOB?

Answer: BIAFRA

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The relationship demonstrated in this economic chart has become most closely associated with (and named after) what economist and adviser in the administration of President Ronald Reagan? [Click here](#)
Answer: ARTHUR LAFFER

Q2.: FILM - The most noteworthy legacy of the 1990 cinematic flop *Joe Versus the Volcano* is its inaugural pairing of what acting duo?
Answer: TOM HANKS, MEG RYAN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - David Trimble, Ian Paisley, and Peter Robinson are the three men who have thus far served as First Minister of what government?
Answer: NORTHERN IRELAND

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - It has been over 30 years since a married woman won the Wimbledon Ladies' Singles championship. Name the woman who most recently accomplished this feat, defeating Czech Hana Mandlikova in 1981.
Answer: CHRIS EVERT-LLOYD

Q5.: MATH - In Euclidean geometry, what is the one-word term for a Platonic solid with exactly four faces?
Answer: TETRAHEDRON

Q6.: POP MUSIC - This image (slightly edited) is of a postage stamp issued in January of 2010 by the Royal Mail in the UK, celebrating an album released 37 years earlier by what artist? [Click here](#)
Answer: MIKE OLDFIELD

Q1.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of a song that currently shares the record for most weeks at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, "There's a party downtown near 5th Street, everybody at the bar" doing what?

Answer: GETTIN' TIPSY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 1973 agreement among North and South Vietnam and the United States was officially named the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet Nam, but is colloquially better known as "Peace Accords" named after what city, where the agreement was signed?

Answer: PARIS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The prefix "petro-", used in words such as petroleum and petrology, comes from Latin and earlier Ancient Greek words for what?

Answer: STONE/ROCK

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the last name of the sisters Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, and Lydia in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice?

Answer: BENNET

Q5.: SCIENCE - Remains of a subspecies of Homo erectus found in northern China starting in the 1920s are known as what "Man", a term now often used for all Homo erectus fossils from China?

Answer: PEKING MAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Mario, Pikachu, Kirby, Donkey Kong, Sonic, Ryu, Sora, Link, Pac-Man, and Wii Fit Trainer are among the characters that have appeared in what Nintendo fighting game series?

Answer: SUPER SMASH BROS.

Q1.: TELEVISION - Name the comedian at the far left in this screenshot.[Click here](#)
Answer: MICHAEL PALIN

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 2011 erotic romance novel *Fifty Shades of Grey* is the first installment of the *Fifty Shades* trilogy. The titles of the second and third books both start with the words "Fifty Shades" and end with a third word -- give either of these final words that conclude these titles.

Answer: DARKER, FREED

Q3.: AMER HIST - Georgia-born Alexander Stephens, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives and briefly as his state's Governor, is best known to history for serving in what other position?

Answer: VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Akosombo Dam in southeastern Ghana, which forms the largest reservoir in the world, dams what river? The reservoir is the namesake of the river, as was (until 1984) a neighboring country.

Answer: VOLTA

Q5.: SCIENCE - The metalloid element germanium was used in 1958 by engineer Jack Kilby in the invention of a revolutionary object (for which he won the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physics). Soon afterwards, germanium was replaced by another element, which is still used for this purpose today. Name this element.

Answer: SILICON

Q6.: ART - Identify the man on the right in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: JEAN MICHEL BASQUIAT

Q1.: LITERATURE - In Robert McCloskey's beloved 1948 children's book, a girl named Sal is picking and eating fruit with her mother when they encounter a mother bear and her cub doing the same. What fruit are they picking?

Answer: BLUEBERRIES

Q2.: AMER HIST - Beginning in 1778, Polish engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko led the design and construction of fortifications at what site of critical importance during the American Revolution, which remains a key military location today?

Answer: WEST POINT

Q3.: SCIENCE - What Latin word meaning "hollow" appears in the names of the two main veins in the human body, which carry deoxygenated blood to the heart from the upper and lower body?

Answer: CAVA

Q4.: FILM - What is the name of the famous Hollywood stock sound effect first recorded for the 1951 film Distant Drums? Named after a character who was shot with an arrow in the 1953 film The Charge at Feather River, this "Scream" has been used in countless movies, including Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Toy Story.

Answer: WILHELM SCREAM

Q5.: THEATRE - Opening on Broadway on the unlucky date of March 5, 2020, before reopening in 2022, the jukebox musical Girl from the North Country features the music of what artist? This artist was certainly from an area that could be called the North Country, but was not a girl (the title comes from his 1963 ballad of the same name).

Answer: BOB DYLAN

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What magazine, once the most widely read in the U.S. by some measures, was a nationwide Sunday newspaper supplement known for features like James Brady's celebrity interviews, Marilyn vos Savant's "Ask Marilyn" column, and its annual "High School All-American" teams? It published its final print edition in November 2022.

Answer: PARADE

Q1.: ART - Who painted this?[Click here](#)

Answer: HENRI MATISSE

Q2.: AMER HIST - Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution's 25th Amendment, which was adopted in February of 1967, has been invoked exactly twice. Name both men who received the appointments resulting from these invocations.

Answer: GERALD FORD, NELSON ROCKEFELLER

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the term, from the Greek for "new life," used by geologists to denote the current era in the geologic history of the earth, following the Paleozoic and Mesozoic?

Answer: CENOZOIC

Q4.: FILM - This is the iconic promotional poster (with the title redacted) for what film?[Click here](#)

Answer: ANATOMY OF A MURDER

Q5.: THEATRE - Secondary characters in what play include a forgetful aristocrat named Pozzo (who goes blind between the first and second acts), and his slave Lucky?

Answer: WAITING FOR GODOT

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - On March 6-7, 2013, U.S. Senator and Tea Party Republican Rand Paul engaged in a 13-hour filibuster to block the voting on President Barack Obama's nominee to fill what position?

Answer: DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The first battle of the Mexican-American War was fought in May 1846 among the "tall timber" (or in the "high stick" area) near present-day Brownsville, Texas—not near what northern California city the battle's name might evoke?

Answer: PALO ALTO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Woody Paige, Tim Cowlishaw, Bill Plaschke, Kevin Blackistone, and Jackie MacMullan are frequent panelists on what ESPN daytime show, hosted by Tony Reali since 2004?

Answer: AROUND THE HORN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The most recent iteration of what fictional character, first created in 1921 by the company known today as General Mills, is a composite based on 75 real women of various demographics?

Answer: BETTY CROCKER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The statesman Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a central figure in the founding of what modern-day nation?

Answer: PAKISTAN

Q5.: LANGUAGE - If 1,000 millivanilli equal one vanilli, and 1,000 vanilli equal one kilovanilli, then one trillion (10^{12}) vanilli equal one what?

Answer: TERAVANILLI

Q6.: ART - One word is the name of an American automaker founded in the early 1900s. Another describes a playing card discarded from the top of a deck. Together, and separated by "and", they form the name of a classic darkroom technique, now used in digital photo editing, to brighten or darken parts of an image. What is this phrase?

Answer: DODGE AND BURN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The port of this city, which sits on the North Sea at the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt delta, is the largest port in Europe and one of the busiest ports in the world (thebusiest until 2004, when it was overtaken by Shanghai's).

Answer: ROTTERDAM

Q2.: SCIENCE - NaClO is the formula for sodium hypochlorite, a chemical compound which (in solution form) is most commonly known as what?

Answer: BLEACH

Q3.: TELEVISION - Selma Hacker, Florence Kleiner, Rusty Burrell, Petri Hawkins-Byrd, and Roz Russell are names of television characters (real or fictional) who have held what job?

Answer: BAILIFF

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT -Correctly spellthis Winnipegger's last name, which rhymes with "saves".[Click here](#)

Answer: TOEWS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - TheTonton Macouteswere a paramilitary organization created in 1959 by the dictatorial government of what nation?

Answer: HAITI

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1991, the incumbent music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra retired, ending his 22-year tenure in the position. Name this outgoing maestro, or the conductor who replaced him (and himself served until 2006).

Answer: GEORG SOLTI, DANIEL BARENBOIM

Q1.: FILM - What two long-time friends and acting legends (and recipients of the Order of the British Empire) starred together in the first X-Men film in 2000 and later reunited on stage in Waiting for Godot productions in both the West End and on Broadway?

Answer: IAN MCKELLEN, PATRICK STEWART

Q2.: AMER HIST - The 1836 Battle of San Jacinto was the decisive battle in the revolution that resulted in the creation of what republic?

Answer: REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Q3.: TELEVISION - The 1980s TV characters Sam from Cheers and Tony from Who's the Boss had very different occupations, but shared what former occupation, which was also the former occupation of the actor who played George on Mr. Belvedere?

Answer: BASEBALL PLAYER

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Cup, flange, accordion, beehive, and tiered are different types of what tool that is commonly found in many households?

Answer: PLUNGER

Q5.: SCIENCE - NASA's Dragonfly mission, set to launch in 2028, will land a rotorcraft in 2034 on what moon—Saturn's largest and the only world besides Earth known to have standing liquid on its surface?

Answer: TITAN

Q6.: LITERATURE - The title of a hugely popular book series by Jeff Kinney confers what epithet upon its protagonist, Greg Heffley?

Answer: WIMPY KID

Q1.: AMER HIST - The first recorded post-Revolutionary land battle fought overseas by United States forces occurred in 1805, and resulted in the first raising of the U.S. flag in victory on foreign soil. The event is commemorated in the lyrics to the official hymn of the United States Marine Corps; where did the event take place?

Answer: TRIPOLI

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the boxer who defeated James Braddock in June of 1937 to claim the World Heavyweight boxing title, which he would hold for nearly twelve years until losing his 26th title defense, against Ezzard Charles.

Answer: JOE LOUIS

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the brightest star (actually a multiple star with five components) in the constellation Ursa Minor?

Answer: POLARIS / NORTH STAR / LODESTAR

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In his "Here begynneth the chorle and the byrde" the 15th c. monk-poet John Lydgate wrote, "All is not golde that outward shewith bright". This sentiment was surely not shared by a shopper in the first line of what classic rock song?

Answer: STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Known widely as a prime Arabian Seaside tourist destination on the subcontinent's western coast, this state of India is the country's smallest (in area) and richest (in GDP per capita).

Answer: GOA

Q6.: LITERATURE - The collection of fifteen short stories by James Joyce, first published in 1914, which describes various lives of members of the poorer classes of Ireland, is known by what title?

Answer: DUBLINERS

Q1.: AMER HIST - The first recorded post-Revolutionary land battle fought overseas by United States forces resulted in the first raising of the U.S. flag in victory on foreign soil, in 1805, where?

Answer: TRIPOLI

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In his illustrious career, Joe Louis would ultimately lose three professional bouts (against 66 wins and one No Contest). Name two of the three fighters who defeated Louis in his career.

Answer: MAX SCHMELING, EZZARD CHARLES, ROCKY MARCIANO

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the star, also known as Beta Orionis, which is the brightest star in the constellation Orion?

Answer: RIGEL

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In his "Here begynneth the chorle and the byrde" the 15th c. monk-poet John Lydgate wrote, "All is not golde that outward shewith bright". This sentiment was surely not shared by a woman in the first line of what famous song?

Answer: STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 28 states of India, which is the smallest (in area) and richest (in GDP per capita)?

Answer: GOA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Identify the title of the novella, first published as a part of James Joyce's 1914 short story collection Dubliners, which has been adapted into a 1987 film and a 1999 Broadway musical?

Answer: THE DEAD

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The foundation of modern macroeconomics was established to a significant degree by the 1936 publication of a seminal work by John Maynard Keynes. Its title begins with The General Theory of and goes on to list three fundamental economic factors that influence an overall economy. Name any one of those three words.

Answer: EMPLOYMENT, INTEREST, MONEY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Three pounds of cut-up, bone-in chicken, four ounces of lean bacon cut into lardons, and three cups of Burgundy, Beaujolais, Côtes du Rhône, or Chianti are among the ingredients called for in Julia Child's classic recipe for what dish, from Mastering the Art of French Cooking?

Answer: COQ AU VIN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The West African city originally named Christopolis, founded by the American Colonization Society in 1822, was changed to what new (and current) name in 1824?

Answer: MONROVIA

Q4.: THEATRE - What three-word phrase refers to the areas of a theatre open to the public—such as the lobby, box office, and auditorium—and is also used in restaurants to refer to spaces accessible to diners?

Answer: FRONT OF HOUSE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the former MLB star who is currently tied for fourth all-time in home runs in Los Angeles Angels history, and is also second all-time in home runs in St. Louis Cardinals history.

Answer: ALBERT PUJOLS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the thin membrane that lines the eyelid and covers the front of the eye, or the term for the inflammation of this membrane?

Answer: CONJUNCTIVA/CONJUNCTIVITIS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - "The _____ Problem Simplified" (title redacted) is a controversial article by music scholar Deryck Cooke, from 1969, which brought to light the issues and complications surrounding the various contrasting versions of the symphonic oeuvre of what mid- to late-19th c. Austrian composer, a friend of Richard Wagner and rival of Johannes Brahms?

Answer: ANTON BRUCKNER

Q2.: FILM - The title of what 1949 film (as well as its preceding novel and subsequent television series) references a certain practice for calling out enemy aircraft positions during a military bombing mission?

Answer: TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Also known as the Ulus of Jochi or Kipchak Khanate, what is the common name in English for the Mongol state established in the 13th c. that eventually included most of present-day European Russia, from the Carpathian Mountains to the Urals? The colorful name is also used as the name for the invading Mongol army itself.

Answer: GOLDEN HORDE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Name the company founded in this Palo Alto, California, garage in 1939.[Click here](#)

Answer: HEWLETT-PACKARD

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the common current name of the disease which has been identified for centuries, having been called "too great emptying of the urine" during the early days of the pharaohs, "honey urine" during the equivalent era in India, and diarrhea urinosain ancient Rome? The English translation of the disease's name in Japanese, Korean, and Chinese is "sugar urine disease".

Answer: DIABETES MELLITUS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the Baltic republics (as defined presently), in order, from most populous to least populous.

Answer: LITHUANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - "The Bruckner Problem Simplified" is an article from 1969 which brought to light the issues and complications surrounding the various contrasting versions of the symphonic oeuvre of 19th c. Austrian composer Anton Bruckner. Name the distinguished music scholar and BBC broadcaster who wrote this controversial article.

Answer: DERYCK COOKE

Q2.: FILM - At the start of WWII, the doctrine of the U.S. Army Air Forces included daylight precision bombing of enemy targets without fighter escort, the realities of which were highlighted in a 1949 film (as well as its preceding novel and subsequent television series). Identify the title of this film.

Answer: TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Also known as the Ulus of Jochi or Kipchak Khanate, what is the common name in English for the Mongol state established in the 13th c. that eventually included most of present-day European Russia from the Carpathian Mountains to the Urals?

Answer: GOLDEN HORDE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Identify the company founded at the location pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: HEWLETT-PACKARD

Q5.: SCIENCE - While identified (and mostly understood) for many centuries, effective treatment for this disease did not exist until a discovery by Canadian

medical scientists Frederick Banting and Charles Best in the early 1920s (for which the former was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine). Name the disease.

Answer: DIABETES MELLITUS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the largest city, by population, in the Baltic republics that is nota national capital?

Answer: KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Among the companies that have been granted trademark protection for signature colors under the Lanham Act are Tiffany & Co.'s proprietary blue, UPS's "Pullman Brown", and Owens Corning, which registered the name for their trademark color with the US Patent and Trademark Office in all caps. What is that color?

Answer: PINK

Q2.: WORLD HIST - French diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps is most closely associated—both for success and failure—with what type of transportation infrastructure?

Answer: CANAL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Dance, Dance, Dance (Yowsah, Yowsah, Yowsah)", "Le Freak", and "Good Times" are tracks from a 1991 compilation album covering the early career of what R&B and disco band?

Answer: CHIC

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the economist and politician, a former goalie for Harvard University's ice hockey team, who served as the governor of the Bank of Canada from 2008 to 2013 and in the same role for the Bank of England from 2013 to 2020.

Answer: MARK CARNEY

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What 1875 opera by Georges Bizet begins at the Royal Tobacco Factory in Seville, Spain, and ends outside a plaza de toros?

Answer: CARMEN

Q6.: LITERATURE - A celebrated 1985 novel centers on the romance between Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza, young sweethearts who are reunited in their twilight years at the end of the novel after the death of Fermina's husband, Dr. Juvenal Urbino. Dr. Urbino was a prominent physician dedicated to combating an epidemic of what disease that ravaged their Caribbean port city?

Answer: CHOLERA

Q1.: SCIENCE - Rather than follow the 80486 microprocessor with the next numerical model (80586), chip maker Intel followed in 1993 instead with its new family of chips marketed under what brand name?

Answer: PENTIUM

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In what town was this photograph taken?Click here

Answer: WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Kangxi, the longest-reigning emperor of Chinese history, serving from 1661 to 1722, was the fourth emperor of which dynasty?

Answer: QING

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Give the names of the two rival European soccer (association football) clubs which are known collectively as the Old Firm.

Answer: CELTIC, RANGERS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Quiche Lorraine, which is generally regarded as classic standard quiche, becomes quiche Alsacienne via the addition of what versatile vegetable (occasionally as a confit)?

Answer: ONION

Q6.: LITERATURE - Under the pen name of Sophie Kinsella, the English "chick lit" author Madeleine Wickham has published a series of novels from 2000-2010 that are collectively known by what name (as each title in the series includes this word)?

Answer: SHOPAHOLIC

Q1.: SCIENCE - What was the name of the last microprocessor produced by chip maker Intel to be identified primarily by number -- first produced in 1989, and the last in line before the launch of the Pentium family of chips in 1993.

Answer: 80486 (i486)

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In what town was this photograph taken?Click here

Answer: WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Identify the Chinese era name of the man, the fourth emperor of the Qing Dynasty serving from 1661 to 1722, who holds the distinction of being the longest-reigning emperor in the history of China?

Answer: KANGXI

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the common collective name for the Glasgow-based professional soccer clubs Celtic and Rangers?

Answer: OLD FIRM

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the Italian casserole-like dish, consisting usually of baked pasta, potatoes or rice, with eggs or cheese, and other various filling ingredients (meat, fish, vegetables), which takes its name from the French word for a specific symphonic instrument?

Answer: TIMBALLO

Q6.: LITERATURE - The English "chick lit" author Madeleine Wickham, author of a best-selling series of novels about (initially) journalist Rebecca Bloomwood, publishes under what pen name?

Answer: SOPHIE KINSELLA

Q1.: FILM -Everything Everywhere All at Once,Civil War,Uncut Gems, andLady Birdare among the top-grossing films of what independent film and television production company, whose alphanumeric name derives from an Italian motorway?

Answer: A24

Q2.: SCIENCE - A small, silvery commercial fish of the herring family found in the North Atlantic has a name that is also the surname of a lipophobic nursery rhyme character. What is that fish?

Answer: SPRAT

Q3.: ART - In photography, the overall brightness of an image is determined by the "exposure triangle" of aperture, shutter speed, and a third factor which is a measure of the sensitivity of the camera's sensor (or the film) to light. This third factor is known as what?

Answer: ISO/FILM SPEED

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Carl and the Passions was reportedly an early name for what band, which later released an album by that name? Despite that name, it's likely that most fans would credit Brian as the group's creative leader.

Answer: THE BEACH BOYS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name either of the teams that officially joined the Southeastern Conference for the 2024 college football season.

Answer: TEXAS, OKLAHOMA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Tenth-century Anglo-Saxon king Æthelstan is usually regarded as the first king of a unified England, but what earlier king—his grandfather—claimed kingship over all Anglo-Saxons and thus may also have some claim to the title? He is (so far) the only native English monarch known as "The Great".

Answer: ALFRED

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The late 2008/early 2009 war, known by one side as Operation Cast Lead and by the other side as the Battle of al-Furqan, is best known internationally by a name that references what geographical territory?
Answer: GAZA/GAZA STRIP

Q2.: SCIENCE - For most of the 20th c., the body of water known as the "World Ocean" was divided into four oceans, but a 2000 decision by the international organization responsible for standards and specifications in the field of hydrography (IHO) defined (though has not yet ratified) a fifth ocean. Give the name for this fifth ocean, as determined by the IHO.

Answer: SOUTHERN OCEAN

Q3.: ART - This painting is the work of what French artist of the Barbizon school?
[Click here](#)

Answer: JEAN-FRANÇOIS MILLET

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The possessions of the British Crown include three nearby islands known formally as Crown dependencies. Name any one of these three Crown dependencies.

Answer: GUERNSEY, JERSEY, ISLE OF MAN

Q5.: TELEVISION - What was the superheroic alter ego of the cartoon character known, a bit misleadingly, as "Shoeshine Boy"?

Answer: UNDERDOG

Q6.: THEATRE - Mudge is a rarely heard last name of the title character, and Oliver the rarely heard first name of another main character, from what 1977 Broadway musical?

Answer: ANNIE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What is the best known name, in English, for the State of Israel's internal security and intelligence agency, taken from the two-letter abbreviation of the organization's full Hebrew name?

Answer: SHIN BET

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Answer: PACIFIC, ATLANTIC, INDIAN, SOUTHERN, ARCTIC

Q3.: ART - What is the title of the painting pictured here?
[Click here](#)

Answer: THE ANGELUS

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Q5.: TELEVISION - Cad Lackey was the henchman of what cartoon villian, the main antagonist of humble and lovable superhero Underdog?

Answer: SIMON BAR SINISTER

Q6.: THEATRE - What are the first name and last name, respectively, of Annie and Daddy Warbucks from the 1977 musical Annie(i.e. fill in the blanks: Annie _____, _____ Warbucks)?

Answer: MUDGE/BENNETT, OLIVER

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Which of the 24 official languages of the European Union is unique for being in the Semitic branch of the Afro-Asiatic family (the other 23 are Indo-European or Uralic), though it's written in the Latin alphabet and heavily influenced by English and Italian?

Answer: MALTESE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - "Times Gone By" is an idiomatic translation of the Scots-language title of what poem by Robert Burns, written in 1788 and popularized in a new context by Guy Lombardo in the 1920s?

Answer: AULD LANG SYNE

Q3.: LITERATURE - The greatest success of American poet and novelist Edgar Lee Masters's was a series of monologues, spoken by deceased residents of a fictional small Midwestern town and compiled as an Anthology named after the town. What is the name of that town (or the waterway the town's named after)?

Answer: SPOON RIVER

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Allegheny, Augusta, Vandalia, and Kanawha were among the names considered (and discarded) for what US state, which eventually became the 35th to be admitted to the union in 1863?

Answer: WEST VIRGINIA

Q5.: MATH - The symbol used for a certain mathematical concept was introduced by Leibniz in the 1680s and is based on the long "s" in Latin script, resembling the phonetic symbol for the "esh" sound. By what word is this mathematical concept most commonly known?

Answer: INTEGRAL

Q6.: TELEVISION - For good reasons, the word RELENTS will likely never be the solution in the Bonus Round of what game show that debuted on NBC in 1975?

Answer: WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - On February 20, 2013, Billboard magazine revamped its Hot 100 chart methodology to incorporate U.S. YouTube video streaming data. On account of the change, that very week, what song debuted at #1 on the chart -- despite having no official video of its own, and despite most versions excerpting only the song's first 30 seconds?

Answer: HARLEM SHAKE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Waiting to be Heard is the recently published memoir of what American student and former prisoner?

Answer: AMANDA KNOX

Q3.: SCIENCE - The smallest species of bird, known in Cuba (where it is endemic) as the Zunzuncito, is a member of the family of small birds that are known commonly by what name?

Answer: HUMMINGBIRDS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify either of the two spirits that make up the cocktail, normally served in a snifter, known as aB & B?

Answer: BRANDY/COGNAC, BÉNÉDICTINE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Name the Austrian who, in 1970 through 1975 and again in 1980, won the professional contest that was won from 1984 through 1991 by American Lee Haney, 1992 through 1997 by Englishman Dorian Yates, and 1998 through 2005 by American Ronnie Coleman (and he remains today by far the best-known person to have won this contest).

Answer: ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Q6.: THEATRE - "Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! Because I lie and sign myself to lies! Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang! How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name!" This is a quote from a character named John Proctor in what classic play of American theatre?

Answer: THE CRUCIBLE

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Answer: CASSOWARY

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Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Before achieving a minor measure of success as an actress and author, Texas-born Rachel McLish first achieved significant professional success in what field?

Answer: BODYBUILDING

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what character?

Answer: JOHN PROCTOR

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The West Indies are generally considered to include three island groups: the Greater Antilles, the Lesser Antilles, and the Lucayan Archipelago. The Lucayan Archipelago, located north of the Greater Antilles, includes the British Overseas Territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the islands of what independent country?

Answer: THE BAHAMAS

Q2.: ART - In classical architecture, acaryatidis a support column sculpted in the shape of what, in contrast to forms such as atelamon?

Answer: FEMALE FIGURE/WOMAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - Organic compounds containing the -SH group known asthiols, which are also called mercaptans, are found widely in nature, including in their relation to what animal in the family Mephitidae with which they're most closely associated?

Answer: SKUNK

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Name the two individuals who served as speaker of the United States House of Representatives during Donald Trump's first term as president.

Answer: PAUL RYAN, NANCY PELOSI

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Spent brewer's yeast, a byproduct of beer production, has a number of applications, including nutritional supplements, livestock feed and pet food, soil fertilizer, cosmetics, biofuel, and what food product manufactured by Australia's Bega Group?

Answer: VEGEMITE

Q6.: LANGUAGE - In the Middle Ages, this term referred generally to townspeople who were neither peasants nor nobles, while in Marxism it refers specifically to individuals who control the means of production, and do not live directly by the sale of their labor. What is this term?

Answer: BOURGEOISIE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Located in the Canadian Rockies, the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site consists of four contiguous national parks. Name any one of the four.

Answer: BANFF, JASPER, KOOTENAY, YOHO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Identify this man.[Click here](#)

Answer: BEAR GRYLLS

Q3.: AMER HIST - Warren Burger, Harry Blackmun, Lewis Powell, and William Rehnquist were all U.S. Supreme Court justices appointed by which President?

Answer: RICHARD NIXON

Q4.: LITERATURE - The 1994 album Angels and Demons, with cover art by renowned ambigramist John Langdon, was the work of what singer-songwriter?

Answer: DAN BROWN

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Identify the cigarette brand, introduced in 1968 as a female-oriented spinoff of the Benson & Hedges brand, which was famously marketed to women and girls with the slogan "You've come a long way, baby."

Answer: VIRGINIA SLIMS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What new word, allegedly coined in 2005 by Berkeley, California chef, author, and "community supported kitchen" co-founder Jessica Prentice, was the 2007 word of the year in the Oxford American Dictionary?

Answer: LOCAVORE

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Q3.: AMER HIST - David Josiah Brewer, Henry Billings Brown, George Shiras, Jr., and Howell Edmunds Jackson were all U.S. Supreme Court justices appointed by which President?

Answer: BENJAMIN HARRISON

Q4.: LITERATURE - Robert Langdon is the main character in four works by renowned American novelist Dan Brown. Name all four novels.

Answer: ANGELS & DEMONS, THE DA VINCI CODE, THE LOST SYMBOL, INFERNO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Identify the cigarette brand, introduced in 1971 and still produced today as competition for the Virginia Slims brand, which has been marketed to women and girls with slogans such as "The first truly feminine cigarette -- almost as pretty as you are"?

Answer: EVE

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Q1.: SCIENCE - The smallest constellation in the sky, one of the most distinctive and certainly one of the most vexillologically significant, has what name?

Answer: CRUX/SOUTHERN CROSS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - O.R. Tambo International Airport, recently surpassed by Cairo International Airport as Africa's busiest, is located near what city—its country's largest city and, by many measures, the continent's wealthiest?

Answer: JOHANNESBURG

Q3.: FILM - What tagline was used as the title of the Oscar-winning 1952 Cecil B. DeMille film set in a circus, and starring Charlton Heston, Betty Hutton, Cornel Wilde, and James Stewart?

Answer: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 2D platformer video game Celeste, the game's heroine is actually named Madeline. What is Celeste? Other games' equivalents include Gagazet in Final Fantasy X, Chiliad in the GTA series, and Coronet in Pokemon Diamond/Pearl/Platinum.

Answer: A MOUNTAIN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What ubiquitous party anthem was Billboard magazine's #1 pop single of 2010, predating a certain social media app by about six years?

Answer: TIK TOK

Q6.: AMER HIST - What American folk hero battled a steam drill in a rock-crushing contest, won, and then died?

Answer: JOHN HENRY

Q1.: LITERATURE -The Secret of the Old Clock,The Hidden Staircase,The Bungalow Mystery, andThe Mystery at Lilac Inn, all published in 1930, are the first four titles in the mystery book series featuring what feisty amateur sleuth?

Answer: NANCY DREW

Q2.: FILM - Roles in 1936'sBorn to Danceand 1978'sThe Magic of Lassiewere the only two musical roles in the film career of what Hollywood legend? He, upon the flop of the latter, would semi-retire from acting, though he would finish his career as Wylie inAn American Tail: Fievel Goes West.

Answer: JAMES STEWART

Q3.: ART - The largest collection of Renaissance paintings in the world is held in what museum, the most popular museum in Florence, Italy?

Answer: UFFIZI

Q4.: WORLD HIST - 26 January is the official national day of what country, honouring the events that took place on that date in the summer of 1788?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q5.: TELEVISION - The American television network ABC came under the control of what company in August of 1995, when the company purchased the ABC's parent (Capital Cities/ABC) for \$19 billion?

Answer: WALT DISNEY CO.

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A festival common among the Igbo people of Nigeria is theIwa ji, celebrating what vegetable, an extremely vital crop in the area (where 3/4 of the world's crop is harvested)? It should not be confused with the similar but unrelated and more colorfulIpomoea batatasof the morning glory family.

Answer: YAM

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Answer: NANCY DREW MYSTERY STORIES

Q2.: FILM - Hollywood legend James Stewart appeared in only two musical roles in his illustrious film career (i.e. roles in which he would sing). Name either film.

Answer: BORN TO DANCE, THE MAGIC OF LASSIE

Q3.: ART - The sculpture in this photograph, which was taken in London's Tate Modern gallery, is the work of what artist?[Click here](#)

Answer: CARL ANDRE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A day of protest known as theDay of Mourning, first held in 1938 and held every year on 26 January (concurrent with an official national holiday) is an event organized and held by what group of people?

Answer: ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS

Q5.: TELEVISION - The American television network ABC came under the control of the Walt Disney Co. in August of 1995, when Disney purchased the network's parent company for \$19 billion? This parent company was formed back in 1985 when what other company purchased ABC, for \$3.5 billion?

Answer: CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS

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Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What "king of chefs and chef of kings" created the kitchen brigade system and is widely credited with modernizing French haute cuisine?
Answer: AUGUSTE ESCOFFIER

Q2.: TELEVISION - What television series aired its "Day One" episode at 10:00pm ET on Thursday, September 22, 1994, and remained in that time slot on NBC until its final episode, "And in the End...", on April 2, 2009?
Answer: ER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Vietnam's Bến Hải River, which flows generally from west to east for approximately 100 km in the center of the country, is closest to what consequential circle of latitude?

Answer: 17TH PARALLEL (NORTH)

Q4.: LITERATURE - What poet, who died at age 30 in 1963, was awarded the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for The Collected Poems?
Answer: SYLVIA PLATH

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Since early 2022, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has served as the chairman of what center-right political party, which was led by Angela Merkel for 18 years beginning in 2000?

Answer: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (CDU)

Q6.: THEATRE - What Agatha Christie play broke the record for the longest-running show in the history of British theatre in April 1958, and maintains the record today (probably worldwide) as it approaches its 30,000th performance in 2025?

Answer: THE MOUSETRAP

Q1.: TELEVISION - Name the actress who played Abby, the step-mom of the eight Bradford kids, in seasons 2-5 of the television series *Eight Is Enough*.

Answer: BETTY BUCKLEY

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the lively philosophical text, a series of dramatic dialogues, written by Plato around 380 BC on the nature of love (and from which comes the term platonic love)?

Answer: SYMPOSIUM

Q3.: SCIENCE - Identify the branch of continuum mechanics whose name is derived from an aphorism from the 6th c. philosopher Simplicius that translates to English as "everything flows", and which is the study of, essentially, the deformation and flow of unusual materials (i.e. non-Newtonian fluids).

Answer: RHEOLOGY

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Among the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, three constitute the ministration known as the "last rites": Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist/Viaticum, and what else?

Answer: PENANCE

Q5.: AMER HIST - The Portolá Expedition, led by Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portolá, is the first recorded European exploration of area which is what present-day U.S. state?

Answer: CALIFORNIA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The major league baseball franchise known today as the Orioles moved to Baltimore in 1954 after playing the previous 52 years in what home city?

Answer: ST. LOUIS

Q1.: TELEVISION - On the television series *Eight Is Enough*, three of the eight Bradford children were male. Give the first names of all three.

Answer: DAVID, TOMMY, NICHOLAS

Q2.: LITERATURE - The lively philosophical text *Symposium*, a series of dramatic dialogues written by Plato around 380 BC on the nature of love (and from which comes the term platonic love), is set at the home of what prominent tragedian, who is celebrating his first dramatic festival victory?

Answer: AGATHON

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Answer: RHEOLOGY

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Answer: PENANCE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, EUCHARIST/VIATICUM

Q5.: AMER HIST - Correctly spell the term used for an individual -- Spanish-speaking, Latino and/or Roman Catholic of any race -- born in California from the first European exploration of the area in 1769 to the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848.

Answer: CALIFORNIO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - During its first year of existence, the major league baseball franchise currently known as the Baltimore Orioles played in what home city, and had what nickname?

Answer: MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - "Motorrad" (which translates to "motorcycle" in English, derived from "motor" and "rad" for wheel) is a brand and division of what automaker?

Answer: BMW

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - A love triangle of sorts, among the Cowgirl, Head Wrangler, and Rancher's Daughter, provides the storyline for the first section of what 1942 ballet?

Answer: RODEO

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the myriad curses that have existed in sports history, one of the more famous lasted from December 1919 until October 2004 and is best known by what name (a phrase not actually popularized until 1990, in a namesake book by Dan Shaughnessy)?

Answer: CURSE OF THE BAMBINO

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A knee kicker, seam iron, tack strips, and special utility knife are all tools often used for the installation of what?

Answer: CARPET

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The two largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea by land area, by a large margin, are Sicily and Sardinia. Name any one of the next three largest, which are similar in size to one another and which all begin with the same letter.

Answer: CYPRUS, CORSICA, CRETE

Q6.: ART - Sculptures like the Parthenon Marbles and Trajan's Column, where figures are only slightly raised from the background, are examples of "low raised" sculpture known by what name? This name is typically hyphenated but is sometimes expressed as two words without the hyphen.

Answer: BAS-RELIEF

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The Gulf of Lion is an arm of the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of what country?

Answer: FRANCE

Q2.: ART - Identify the Rotterdamian humanist depicted in this painting from 1523 by Hans Holbein the Younger [Click here](#)

Answer: ERASMUS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What is the term -- taken straight from the Latin -- for a type of tax, incurred through the ownership of an asset, that is based on the monetary worth of the asset taxed.

Answer: AD VALOREM

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the former Indiana Hoosiers point guard who is the only member of the class of the 1981 NBA Draft to have been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Answer: ISIAH THOMAS

Q5.: FILM - This hit 2012 film was the first since [Reds](#) in 1981 to receive Oscar nominations in all four of the acting categories.

Answer: SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The individual with the given name of Tenzin Gyatso is better known as what?

Answer: DALAI LAMA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The French city of Marseille is the chief port on what gulf of the Mediterranean Sea?

Answer: GULF OF LION

Q2.: ART - One of the most important and influential events in the earliest days of the European Renaissance was a 1401 competition to design the doors to the Baptistry of St. John in Florence. Name the sculptor who won this commission.

Answer: LORENZO GHIBERTI

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Give the common acronym for the financial term which is a calculation, defined as: the ratio of the ending value to beginning value of an investment, raised to the power of 1 over the number of years being considered (e.g. 1/3 for a three-year period), with 1 subtracted from the resulting number.

Answer: CAGR

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Indiana University point guard Isiah Thomas was the second pick of the 1981 NBA Draft; what small forward from DePaul University was picked first?

Answer: MARK AGUIRRE

Q5.: FILM - The 2012 film [Silver Linings Playbook](#) received nominations in all four of the acting categories for the 2013 Oscars; until then, what film was the most recent to achieve that feat?

Answer: REDS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What is the given religious name (first and last) of the 14th (and current) Dalai Lama, born Lhamo Dondrub?

Answer: TENZIN GYATSO

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What archaeological site at the northern tip of Newfoundland was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, nearly 1,000 years after its establishment as a Norse settlement?

Answer: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The two most massive Trans-Neptunian Objects (TNOs) that are currently known are Eris (formally designated 136199 Eris) and what other body? This other body is slightly larger than Eris (though less massive) and is itself the largest Kuiper Belt Object (unless one considers Triton a KBO).

Answer: PLUTO

Q3.: FILM - A film franchise with six installments from 2010 to 2024, including two prequels that focus on a set of side characters and on the main character's path to villainy, has become by some measures the highest-grossing animated franchise of all time. What is the franchise (or its first film, which gives the franchise its name)?

Answer: DESPICABLE ME

Q4.: LITERATURE - "We tell ourselves stories in order to live" is the famous opening line of "The White Album", the title essay in a critically acclaimed 1979 collection by what journalist, novelist, playwright, memoirist, and (with her husband) screenwriter?

Answer: JOAN DIDION

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What word, originally American slang for a remarkable or wonderful person or thing, was adopted by musician Perry Farrell for the usage with which it is most associated today?

Answer: LOLLAPALOOZA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Sixteen dice, arranged in a 4x4 grid, and each with a unique set of six letters (or in one case, "QU"), are distinctive characteristics of what game first published by Parker Brothers in 1972?

Answer: BOGGLE

Q1.: ART - Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal won the a Pulitzer Prize in 1945 for a photo he took earlier that year, where?

Answer: IWO JIMA (MOUNT SURIBACHI)

Q2.: LANGUAGE - While most moth species are nocturnal, some are crepuscular, meaning they are active when?

Answer: TWILIGHT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In December of 1970, George Harrison became the first former Beatle to reach number one on the Billboards singles chart as a solo artist, with a song off of his album All Things Must Pass. What was the title of this song, which bore a noticeable resemblance to The Chiffons' hit "He's So Fine"?

Answer: MY SWEET LORD

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Cabinda, an exclave province of the African nation of Angola, sits outside the borders of Angola, bordering two other countries (along with the Atlantic Ocean). Name either of these two countries.

Answer: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Q5.: TELEVISION - Upon the conclusion the television series M*A*S*H, the actors playing Father Mulcahy, Corporal Klinger, and Colonel Potter (who had all voted that the series continue) were spun off into a new series, which had what name?

Answer: AFTERMASH

Q6.: WORLD HIST - While he founded the Mughal Empire (a name derived from Mongol) in 1526, Babur himself was a Turk, and descendant of what other Turkic conqueror and Muslim ruler of the late 14th/early 15th c.?

Answer: TAMERLANE/TIMUR LENG

Q1.: ART - This is the work of what photographer? [Click here](#)

Answer: JOE ROSENTHAL

Q2.: LANGUAGE - While the term nocturnal is used to describe an animal active at night, and diurnal during the day, what is the term used for an animal that is primarily active during dawn and dusk (derived from the Latin for "twilight")?

Answer: CREPUSCULAR

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Former Beatle George Harrison's first number one single was "My Sweet Lord" in January of 1971; Paul McCartney's was "Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey" in September of 1971, and John Lennon's was "Whatever Gets You Thru The Night" in November of 1974. What was the title of Ringo Starr's, in October of 1973?

Answer: PHOTOGRAPH

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - An exclave area named Cabinda is a province of what country?

Answer: ANGOLA

Q5.: TELEVISION - The Cedric the Entertainer vehicle The Soul Man is a spin off of what other television sitcom?

Answer: HOT IN CLEVELAND

Q6.: WORLD HIST - While himself a Turk -- like all fellow descendants of Tamerlane -- Babur in 1526 began an empire that came to be known by what name, derived from a variant pronunciation of another ethnic group with which his family was associated?

Answer: MUGHAL EMPIRE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A common name for the puff pastry also known as amille-feuilleis shared by what historical figure?

Answer: NAPOLEON

Q2.: FILM - 2003's Turbo-Charged Prelude and 2009's Los Bandoleros are short films which tie into what successful film series?

Answer: THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

Q3.: SCIENCE - The Chakara Samhita and Sushruta Samhita are classical Sanskrit texts which are foundational to what system of alternative medicine?

Answer: AYURVEDA

Q4.: MATH - What is the hexadecimal number which is the sum of the hexadecimal numbers A + B?

Answer: 15

Q5.: AMER HIST - Name the U.S. Navy Admiral who, as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Command (CINCPAC), was commander of all American forces in Vietnam from July of 1968 to September of 1972. He is perhaps even better-known today for his more famous son and namesake.

Answer: JOHN S. MCCAIN, JR.

Q6.: LITERATURE - Name the man who serves, in the Divina Commedia, as Dante's guide through hell and purgatory.

Answer: VERGIL

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the term in baking for the process of bringing chocolate to a uniform sheen, via controlling the crystallization of the fats in the cocoa butter?

Answer: TEMPERING

Q2.: FILM - In addition to the six full-length feature films which (currently) constitute the Fast and the Furious film series, there are additionally two short films which tie into the series. Give the titles for these two films.

Answer: TURBO-CHARGED PRELUDE, LOS BANDOLEROS

Q3.: SCIENCE - Name either of the classical Sanskrit texts which are among the foundational works of ayurvedic medicine, presenting the fields of internal medicine and surgery.

Answer: SUSHRUTA SAMHITĀ, CHARAKA SAMHITĀ

Q4.: MATH - What is the binary number which is the sum of the hexadecimal numbers A + C?

Answer: 10110

Q5.: AMER HIST - Name the U.S. Navy Admiral who, as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Command (CINCPAC), was commander of all American forces in Vietnam from July of 1968 to September of 1972.

Answer: JOHN S. MCCAIN, JR.

Q6.: LITERATURE - While the Roman poet Vergil serves as Dante's guide through most of the Divina Commedia, who replaces Vergil in the last four canti of Purgatorio, and in Paradiso?

Answer: BEATRICE

Q1.: FILM - According to the plot of a popular 2004 comedy film, who was, for a time in the 1970s, San Diego's top-rated television newsman?

Answer: RON BURGUNDY

Q2.: SCIENCE - In organic chemistry, the common names of alkanes, alkenes and alkynes begin with prefixes based on the number of carbon atoms present. The presence of one carbon atom is "meth-", and for two the prefix is "eth-". What is the prefix when four carbon atoms are present?

Answer: BUT-

Q3.: TELEVISION - According to the theme song from the television series *The Jeffersons*, what "don't burn on the grill"?

Answer: BEANS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Prior to his election as General Secretary of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, Yuri Andropov served the previous 15 years as chairman of what state security agency?

Answer: KGB

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - *Camellia sinensis* is the species of plant which is used most commonly to produce what commodity?

Answer: TEA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - In what opera does Canio fatally stab his wife Nedda, then her lover Silvio, then *La Commedia è finita!*

Answer: PAGLIACCI

Q1.: FILM - Give the first and last names of two of the three members of the KVWN Channel 4 News Team who join the title character in the 2004 film *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*.

Answer: BRIAN FANTANA, BRICK TAMPLAND, CHAMP KIND

Q2.: SCIENCE - In organic chemistry, the common names of alkanes, alkenes and alkynes begin with prefixes based on the number of carbon atoms present. E.g., the presence of six carbon atoms is "hex-"; give the prefixes, in order, for the compounds with the presence of one, two, three, four, and five carbon atoms (note: five answers are required).

Answer: METH, ETH, PROP, BUT, PENT

Q3.: TELEVISION - Fill in the blank with the phrase that completes this set of lyrics from the television series *Good Times*: Temporary lay offs. Good Times Easy credit rip offs. Good Times Scratchin' and surviving. Good Times _____ Good Times. Ain't we lucky we got 'em. Good Times

Answer: HANGIN IN A CHOW LINE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the common four-letter abbreviation of the Soviet Union's law enforcement agency, whose full name translates to English as People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs, which came to be associated with Stalinist political repression, assassinations, and forced resettlements before its dissolution in 1954 into separate agencies, one of which would become the KGB?

Answer: NKVD

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The tea plant -- the plant used most widely for the production of tea -- is a member of what genus of flowering plants, which is also the name commonly used for the plant?

Answer: CAMELLIA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - After Canio fatally stabs his wife Nedda and then her lover Silvio in turn, the opera *Pagliacci* famously ends with what line?

Answer: LA COMMEDIA È FINITA!

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the race car driver (and one-time movie star's husband) who won the Indianapolis 500 auto race in 2007, 2010, and 2012?

Answer: DARIO FRANCHITTI

Q2.: FILM - While a box office hit, this remake of a 1927 film was a critical bomb in 1980, and essentially marked the beginning and end of its title star's feature film acting career.

Answer: THE JAZZ SINGER

Q3.: SCIENCE - Absolute zero is zero degrees on the Kelvin scale, and how many degrees below zero on the Celsius scale (rounded to the nearest degree)?

Answer: 273

Q4.: ART - The Gothic style of architecture, which emerged in the 12th c., was characterized by (among other things) pointed arches. Gothic architecture evolved from what preceding style, which was characterized by (among other things) rounded arches?

Answer: ROMANESQUE

Q5.: MATH - The Pythagorean theorem, which applies to right triangles, is considered a special case derived from a more general law of Euclidean geometry that applies to all triangles. This general law relates the lengths of the sides of a triangle to a trigonometric function of one of its angles. What is this law commonly known as?

Answer: LAW OF COSINES

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Solid milk chocolate was invented in 1875 in the Alpine town of Vevey, which serves as the home of the headquarters for what international food company?

Answer: NESTLÉ

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the English race car driver and former Indianapolis 500 winner who died from injuries suffered in a collision in a race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in October of 2011.

Answer: DAN WHELDON

Q2.: FILM - While it was a critical bomb in 1980, that year's The Jazz Singer did manage to garner two Golden Globe acting nominations -- for Neil Diamond (inexplicably), and who else?

Answer: LUCIE ARNAZ

Q3.: SCIENCE - Absolute zero is zero degrees on the Kelvin scale, and how many degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale (rounded to the nearest degree)?

Answer: 460

Q4.: ART - The prevalent architectural style in Medieval Europe until the 12th c. was one characterized by rounded arches, large towers, and groin vaults, and this evolved into a new style characterized by pointed arches, flying buttresses, and ribbed vaults (lasting until the Renaissance architecture of the 15th c.). What are the most common names, in order, given to these two architectural styles?

Answer: ROMANESQUE, GOTHIC

Q5.: MATH - The Pythagorean theorem, which applies to right triangles, is considered a special case derived from a more general law of Euclidean geometry that applies to all triangles. What is this law commonly known as?

Answer: LAW OF COSINES

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The international food giant Nestle is headquartered in what Swiss town, where solid milk chocolate was invented in 1875?

Answer: VEVEY

Q1.: LITERATURE - The mid-American communities of Gopher Prairie, Minnesota; Zenith, Winnemac; Wheatsylvania, North Dakota and Nautilus, Iowa provide fictional settings for the works of what 20th c. American novelist?
Answer: SINCLAIR LEWIS

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the medical name for the membranous, fluid-filled sac which encloses the heart?
Answer: PERICARDIUM

Q3.: LANGUAGE - While the use of family names is the custom in most of Europe, the exception is what country, where law requires the use of patronymics (one's last name is based on the given name of one's father or other male forebear)?
Answer: ICELAND

Q4.: MATH - In mathematics, the set of all points in a plane equidistant from a given line, and from a given point not on the line (known as the focus) forms a shape that is called a what?

Answer: PARABOLA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The first Farm Aid, held in September of 1985, was organized by three musicians, who today still sit (with Dave Matthews) on the Farm Aid organization's Board of Directors. Name any one of the three.

Answer: JOHN MELLENCAMP, NEIL YOUNG, WILLIE NELSON

Q6.: THEATRE - Identify the style of comic opera, originated and mastered in the works of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, which takes its name from the West End theatre which was built as a showcase for the duo's successful productions.

Answer: SAVOY OPERA

Q1.: LITERATURE - Give the name of the fictional U.S. Midwestern city and state which provides the setting for the Sinclair Lewis novel Babbitt, as well as portions of Dodsworth and Elmer Gantry?

Answer: ZENITH, WINNEMAC

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the medical name (not abbreviation) for the tissue located in the heart (specifically, the upper right chamber) which is the primary generator of normal heart rhythm, acting as the heart's internal pacemaker?

Answer: SINOATRIAL NODE/SINUS NODE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - While the use of family names is the custom in most of Europe, the exception is what country, where law requires the use of patronymics (and matronymics).

Answer: ICELAND

Q4.: MATH - In mathematics, the algebraic curve which is a 4-cusped hypocycloid is sometimes called a tetracuspid, cubocycloid, or paracycle, but is most commonly known as what?

Answer: ASTROID

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The first Farm Aid, held in September of 1985, was organized by what three musicians, who today still sit (with Dave Matthews) on the Farm Aid organization's Board of Directors?

Answer: JOHN MELLENCAMP, NEIL YOUNG, WILLIE NELSON

Q6.: THEATRE - The professional opera company known for staging Gilbert & Sullivan's Savoy operas was named after what man, who built the Savoy Theatre to house the operas and is regarded generally as a pioneer in English comic opera and, by extension, modern musical theatre.

Answer: RICHARD D'OYLY CARTE

Q1.: SCIENCE - The organic compounds histidine, phenylalanine, methionine, valine, threonine, isoleucine, tryptophan, leucine, and lysine form a complete set that is best known collectively by what term?

Answer: ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS (FOR HUMANS)

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In music theory, what is the name for the accidental illustrated here.[Click here](#)

Answer: DOUBLE FLAT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify this U.S. state.[Click here](#)

Answer: NORTH DAKOTA

Q4.: FILM - Identify the 1972 Russian film, based on a novel by Polish science fiction author Stanislaw Lem, that was remade in a 2002 American version starring George Clooney?

Answer: SOLARIS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The common name for the war which occurred from 1739 to 1748, between Spain and Great Britain, refers to British Merchant Navy commander Robert Jenkins, and what body part?

Answer: EAR

Q6.: TELEVISION - "TV or Not TV", which aired on October 1, 1955, was the first of this television series' "Classic 39" episodes, which concluded with "A Man's Pride" on September 22, 1956.

Answer: THE HONEYMOONERS

Q1.: SCIENCE - Identify the two organic compounds missing from this complete set of essential amino acids (for humans): histidine, methionine, valine, threonine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine.

Answer: PHENYLALANINE, TRYPTOPHAN

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In music theory, what is the inverted interval of adiminished 3rd?

Answer: AUGMENTED 6TH

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - This is an outline of the border of what country?[Click here](#)

Answer: GUYANA

Q4.: FILM - 1979's *Stalker* was the final film completed in the Soviet Union by what Russian filmmaker?

Answer: ANDREI TARKOVSKY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Identify the two nations who were the belligerents in the War of Jenkins' Ear, which lasted from 1739 to 1748 as a part of the broader War of Austrian Succession?

Answer: SPAIN, GREAT BRITAIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - "TV or Not TV", which aired on October 1, 1955, was the first episode in the run of *The Honeymooners* as a standalone half-hour series. The episodes in this run are known as the "Classic ___", after the total number of episodes. What is that number?

Answer: 39

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the lollipop brand, first developed and named (with a phrase thought to be easily uttered by children) by the Akron Candy Company in 1924, and produced by the Spangler Candy Company since 1953.

Answer: DUM DUM

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In accounting, there are two primary methods of tracking income and expenses. Thecashmethod records revenue when cash is received, and records expenses when cash is paid; what is the common term for the other method, which records income items when they are earned and records deductions when expenses are incurred (regardless of when the money is received or paid)?

Answer: ACCRUAL METHOD

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Guitarist Jeff Hanneman, who died on May 2, 2013, of liver failure, was a founding member of what influential thrash metal band?

Answer: SLAYER

Q4.: ART - This public art is a classic example of the work of what celebrated 20th c. English sculptor?Click here

Answer: HENRY MOORE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Victor Emmanuel II became, in March of 1861, ruler of what kingdom?

Answer: ITALY

Q6.: THEATRE - Name the 19th/20th c. playwright who divided his early works into three sets, calling them "Plays Unpleasant" (which includedMrs. Warren's Profession), "Plays Pleasant" (which includedCandida), and "Three Plays for Puritans" (which includedCaesar and Cleopatra).

Answer: GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - First developed and named by the Akron Candy Company in 1924, theDum Dumbrand of lollipops has since 1953 been produced by what other Ohio-based confectionery company?

Answer: SPANGLER CANDY COMPANY

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In accounting, there are two primary methods of tracking income and expenses, which vary based on the timing of when transactions (sales and purchases) are credited or debited. What are the most common terms for these two methods?

Answer: CASH, ACCRUAL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the guitarist and founding member of the thrash metal band Slayer who died of liver failure on May 3, 2013.

Answer: JEFF HANNEMAN

Q4.: ART - This public art is the work of what sculptor?Click here

Answer: HENRY MOORE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Who became, in March of 1861, the first ruler of the unified Kingdom of Italy?

Answer: VICTOR EMMANUEL II

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Answer: GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Q1.: MATH - A certain irregular pentagon, which could be described as an isosceles right pentagon (though this would, technically, be inaccurate), is a central item -- a goal, in a sense -- in what sport?

Answer: BASEBALL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The island of Más a Tierra, within the Juan Fernández Islands in the South Pacific, and once the home of Scotsman Alexander Selkirk, is today better known by a name that references what literary character?

Answer: ROBINSON CRUSOE

Q3.: TELEVISION - Sarah Purcell, Skip Stephenson, Byron Allen, and Peter Billingsley were among the regular hosts of what early 1980s television reality news/talk show?

Answer: REAL PEOPLE

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Der Rosenkavalier, Ariadne auf Naxos, and Salome are among the more popular operas of what late 19th/20th c. composer, who was not a Nazi?

Answer: RICHARD STRAUSS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The 2013 Woolwich attack, during which off-duty British Army soldier Lee Rigby was killed, was perpetrated by two men who were British citizens descended from what country?

Answer: NIGERIA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the fascist political party, founded in 1933 by José Antonio Primo de Rivera, which fought on the Nationalist side during the Spanish Civil War, and was co-opted by General Francisco Franco after the war to become (in modified form) Spain's only legal political party until 1975?

Answer: FALANGE

Q1.: MATH - An arrangement known as a tetractysis central to, and necessary in, what sport?

Answer: BOWLING

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Alexander Selkirk, Daniel Defoe's model for Robinson Crusoe, was marooned on Más a Tierra, an island in the archipelago which is known today by what name?

Answer: JUAN FERNÁNDEZ ISLANDS

Q3.: TELEVISION - Give the names of the three regular hosts of the early 1980s reality television series That's Incredible!

Answer: JOHN DAVIDSON, CATHY LEE CROSBY, FRAN TARKENTON

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the 1916 opera, which is actually an opera within an opera, where a burlesque troupe and an opera company are compelled to combine forces to present an opera seria about a depressed Cretan princess who finds love.

Answer: ARIADNE AUF NAXOS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The May 22 London terror attack, during which off duty British Army soldier Lee Rigby was brutally killed by two British men of Nigerian descent, took place in what South East London district, located within the borough of Greenwich?

Answer: WOOLWICH

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Fascist Party of Spain known as the Falange Española was founded by what man, who was the son of a former Spanish dictator and was executed by the Spanish Republican Government during the Civil War?

Answer: JOSÉ ANTONIO PRIMO DE RIVERA

Q1.: THEATRE - I'll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers, about the colorful titular talent agent, is a currently running one-woman show starring what actress, who is making her return to Broadway after a thirty year absence?

Answer: BETTE MIDLER

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the woman, a six-time European champion and four-time World champion, who won gold medals at the 1984 and 1988 Winter Olympics in Ladies' singles figure skating, representing East Germany.

Answer: KATARINA WITT

Q3.: TELEVISION - Pit beef sandwiches, Faidley's crab cakes, New York Fried Chicken, lake trout sandwiches, and Sterling's Seafood all play roles in what 21st c. television drama series?

Answer: THE WIRE

Q4.: AMER HIST - What wealthy Boston businessman and President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress was, in May of 1775, elected President of the Second Continental Congress, a position he would hold through the signing of the Declaration of Independence, until October of 1777?

Answer: JOHN HANCOCK

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Aotearoa is the indigenous name for the country known in English as what?

Answer: NEW ZEALAND

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The pioneering computer technology company Sun Microsystems was purchased by what other Silicon Valley tech titan in January of 2010?

Answer: ORACLE

Q1.: THEATRE - After a 30-year absence, Bette Midler made her return to Broadway recently, starring in a one-woman show about the life of what colorful Hollywood talent agent?

Answer: SUE MENERS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - At the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, American women finished in three of the top four positions in the Ladies' singles figure skating competition. Name these three women.

Answer: KRISTI YAMAGUCHI, NANCY KERRIGAN, TONYA HARDING

Q3.: TELEVISION - Pit beef sandwiches, New York Fried Chicken, and lake trout sandwiches all played roles in what television drama series?

Answer: THE WIRE

Q4.: AMER HIST - Give the first and last name of the founding father who served as the first President of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia, in 1774, and then briefly as President of the Second Continental Congress in 1775, before being replaced by John Hancock.

Answer: PEYTON RANDOLPH

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Give the most common and widely known indigenous name for the country of New Zealand.

Answer: AOTEAROA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The name of the pioneering computer technology company Sun Microsystems was derived from the initials of a particular entity. What was it?

Answer: STANFORD UNIVERSITY NETWORK

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the London-born hairdresser, businessman, salon-owner, and hair-care brand pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: VIDAL SASSOON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Who is the most significant historical figure interred in a sarcophagus in the Aachen Cathedral in Germany?

Answer: CHARLEMAGNE

Q3.: SCIENCE - The scientific study of petrology classifies rocks into three general groups. Name any two of these three major classifications.

Answer: IGNEOUS, SEDIMENTARY, METAMORPHIC

Q4.: FILM - Of the thirteen full length feature films produced by Pixar, which is the only one (so far) to feature a live action element (i.e. is not completely animated), presenting a character named Shelby Forthright?

Answer: WALL-E

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Hart, Dirkson, Russell, and Rayburn are among the stations of the subway system that serves whatbuilding complex?

Answer: UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - An authentic Coney Island hot dog (or "coney dog"), as served in an authentic Coney Island restaurant in its Michigan birthplace, consists of three ingredients, in addition to the hot dog and the bun. Name two of the three ingredients.

Answer: CHILI, ONIONS, MUSTARD

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The hairstyle pictured here is the work of what famous mononymous hairdresser to the stars?[Click here](#)

Answer: KENNETH

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Upon his death in 814, the remains of Charlemagne were placed in a vault in the main cathedral of what city, where they remain today?

Answer: AACHEN, GERMANY

Q3.: SCIENCE - The subject matter of the science of petrology is most commonly classified into three general groups. Identify these three classifications.

Answer: IGNEOUS, SEDIMENTARY, METAMORPHIC

Q4.: FILM - Of the thirteen full length feature films produced by Pixar, which is the only one (so far) to feature a live action element (i.e. is not completely animated)?

Answer: WALL-E

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The United States Capitol Complex includes four buildings used by the U.S. Senate. One is the Daniel Webster Senate Page Residence; give the last names of the former Senators after whom the other three buildings are named.

Answer: DIRKSEN, HART, RUSSELL

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Answer: CHILI, ONIONS, MUSTARD

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Myn dogge drinken de wetter fan de stream by de ald wynmol by myn hus yn de wald. This is an example of a sentence in what language, which is spoken by approximately half a million people in its namesake region in northwestern Europe, and is considered by many linguists to be the living language second-closest to English (after Scots)?

Answer: FRISIAN

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name this actor.[Click here](#)

Answer: KENAN THOMPSON

Q3.: ART - Doménikos Theotokópoulos was the birth name of what Renaissance painter, who died in Toledo, Spain, in 1614?

Answer: EL GRECO

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name the song, a tale of jealousy and unrequited love from the 1981 hit album *Working Class Dog*, which was number one on the *Billboard Hot 100* the week that MTV launched in August of that year.

Answer: JESSIE'S GIRL

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the onomatopoetic name in English for the musical instrument pictured here, which has been notably (but is not necessarily) played by a man?[Click here](#)

Answer: HURDY-GURDY

Q6.: LITERATURE - Tintern Abbey, a Welsh monastery on the River Wye, famously provided the inspiration for two separate lyric poems written in 1798 and 1847. Name either of the authors who penned these poems.

Answer: WILLIAM WORDSWORTH; ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

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Answer: FRISIAN

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name this actress.[Click here](#)

Answer: CECILY STRONG

Q3.: ART - What was first and last name of the Spanish Renaissance painter best known as El Greco?

Answer: DOMÉNIKOS THEOTOKÓPOULOS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In the early 1980s, on the strength of radio hits such as "I've Done Everything for You", "Jessie's Girl", "Don't Talk to Strangers", "Affair of the Heart", and "Love Somebody", rocker Rick Springfield released four consecutive albums certified platinum in the US. Name two of the four.

Answer: WORKING CLASS DOG, SUCCESS HASN'T SPOILED ME YET, LIVING IN OZ, HARD TO HOLD

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the onomatopoetic name in English for the musical instrument which is known in France as avielle à roue, in Germany as adrehleier, and in Italy as aghironda?

Answer: HURDY-GURDY

Q6.: LITERATURE - Give the name of the monastery pictured here, which famously inspired a 1798 conversation poem, and an 1847 lyric poem.[Click here](#)

Answer: TINTERN ABBEY

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the European who has been ranked #1 on Forbes magazine's list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women for the past three years -- in 2011 and 2012 ahead of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and in 2013 ahead of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

Answer: ANGELA MERKEL

Q2.: FILM - Name the 1968 movie, a faithful adaptation of a successful novel of the same name from 1967, which was the debut American film in its acclaimed director's career, and remains today one of the most critically lauded horror movies in cinematic history.

Answer: ROSEMARY'S BABY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - With the extension of Nevada's Interstate 580 completed in 2012, there are now four U.S. state capital cities which are not served by the U.S. Interstate Highway System. One is Juneau, Alaska; name any one of the other three cities (none of which is the largest city in its respective state).

Answer: DOVER, JEFFERSON CITY, PIERRE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Identify the Generalleutnant who, in February of 1941, received the command of the Deutsches Afrikakorps, a post he would hold until shortly before the surrender of all Axis forces in North Africa in May of 1943.

Answer: ERWIN ROMMEL

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the term for the infraction in ice hockey that occurs when a player (on a non-shorthanded team) shoots the puck across the center line and the opposing team's goal line?

Answer: ICING

Q6.: ART - The visual artists Sam Taylor-Wood, Tracey Emin, Jenny Saville, Gillian Wearing, and Damien Hirst were all members of a loosely affiliated group of artists that came to be known commonly by what three-word phrase?

Answer: YOUNG BRITISH ARTISTS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the woman who served, from January to September of 2005 and again from December 2007 to March 2010, as Prime Minister of Ukraine?

Answer: YULIA TYMOSHENKO

Q2.: FILM - Identify all of the former husbands of actress Mia Farrow.

Answer: FRANK SINATRA, ANDRÉ PREVIN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - With the extension of Nevada's Interstate 580 completed in 2012, there are now four U.S. state capital cities which are not served by the U.S. Interstate Highway System. Name any three of the four cities.

Answer: DOVER, JEFFERSON CITY, JUNEAU, PIERRE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Name the German military commander who, as a representative of President Karl Dönitz, signed the instruments of unconditional surrender in Reims on May 7, 1945, ending World War II in Europe.

Answer: ALFRED JODL

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The gentleman pictured here is motioning the signal for what penalty in ice hockey? [Click here](#)

Answer: CHARGING

Q6.: ART - The visual artists Michael Landy, Gary Hume, Abigail Lane, Georgina Starr, and Angus Fairhurst were all members of a loosely affiliated group of artists that came to be known commonly by what phrase?

Answer: YOUNG BRITISH ARTISTS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The transition of Russia from a medieval and traditional society to a modern one is widely held to have occurred during the late 17th/early 18th c. reign of what ruler, who in 1721 was the first to add "Emperor of All Russia" to the traditional title of Tsar?

Answer: PETER THE GREAT

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here are characters from what television drama series?
[Click here](#)

Answer: CALL THE MIDWIFE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Jiaozi, a common item on Chinese restaurant menus, translates to English as what?

Answer: DUMPLINGS/POT STICKERS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The electron, muon, and tauon, along with their neutrino counterparts, comprise the six types (or "flavors") of what elementary particle?

Answer: LEPTON

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In May of 2013, President Barack Obama announced plans to appoint former U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Comey Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, replacing whom?

Answer: ROBERT MUELLER

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the history of the Summer Olympics, the United States has won the most total swimming medals, with 520. Despite no longer existing, East Germany is third, with 92; what swim-crazed country is second, with 178?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Nicholas II was the last emperor of Russia, and thus the last emperor from the House of Romanov. Name the first emperor from the House of Romanov, whose reign began in 1613 via an election by the national assembly. His coronation ended a 15-year interregnum period beginning with the death of Feodor Ivanovich (the final tsar of the Rurik dynasty).

Answer: MIKHAIL I

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here are characters from what television sitcom?
[Click here](#)

Answer: PEEP SHOW

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Ji jiao, an item found on some Chinese restaurant menus, translates to English as what?

Answer: CHICKEN FEET

Q4.: SCIENCE - In particle physics, there are -- according to current understanding -- six different types ("flavors") of leptons, in three "generations". One generation is electronic, comprising the electron and electron neutrino; what are the common names for the other two generations?

Answer: MUONIC, TAUONIC

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Identify this man.
[Click here](#)

Answer: JAMES COMEY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The International Shooting Sport Federation, a member of the IOC which governs Olympic shooting events, classifies its shooting events into four classes: rifle, pistol, shotgun, and what else?

Answer: RUNNING TARGET

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who succeeded Nelson Mandela in 1999 as President of South Africa?

Answer: THABO MBEKI

Q2.: SCIENCE - The British physicist and future Nobel laureate J.J. Thomson proposed the plum pudding model of an atom, where the electron "plums" were surrounded by positively charged "pudding". This model was disproved by a famous 1909 experiment, under the direction of Ernest Rutherford, which demonstrated for the first time the existence of what atomic entity?

Answer: NUCLEUS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Fort Valley State University, Dalton State University, Albany State University, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College are all institutions in the university system of which U.S. state?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify this person.[Click here](#)

Answer: CHRIS BERMAN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - This clip is an excerpt from a song by what artist? (33 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: RAY CHARLES

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the term in linguistics, also known simply as a gliding vowel, which refers to the combination of two adjacent vowel sounds formed within the same syllable? Examples are in the English life, the Germanneu, and the French roi.

Answer: DIPHTHONG

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Whom did Idi Amin succeed as President of Uganda in January of 1971, via a military coup? This former President in question would serve a second term in the early 1980s after Amin's ouster, only to be deposed again by the military in 1985.

Answer: MILTON OBOTE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The 1909 Geiger-Marsden experiment, which first demonstrated the existence of the atomic nucleus, served to disprove what cibariously named atomic model, proposed five years earlier by British physicist J. J. Thomson?

Answer: PLUM PUDDING MODEL

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Shawnee State University, established in 1986, is the newest institution in the public university system of which U.S. state?

Answer: OHIO

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify this person.[Click here](#)

Answer: RECE DAVIS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - This clip is the beginning of a song by what artist? (< 1 second)[Click here](#)

Answer: RAY CHARLES

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the term from linguistics, derived from a Greek word for a song sung to instrumental music, which is used to refer to the elements (meter, stress, volume, pitch, etc.) which contribute to the rhythmic and acoustic effects of poetry, and speech in general?

Answer: PROSODY

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the most common name for the annular series of interconnected blood vessels that sit at the base of the brain, supplying blood to the brain and its surrounding structures?

Answer: CIRCLE OF WILLIS

Q2.: AMER HIST - Name the American political party, which operated for about a 25-year period beginning in the 1830s, which was an alliance of Northern industrialists, Southern anti-tariff Jeffersonians, and supporters of a strong central bank, all unified in their opposition to Democratic President Andrew Jackson.

Answer: WHIGS

Q3.: LITERATURE - The term the imp of the perverse, a metaphor for an inclination to do knowingly the precisely wrong thing in a given scenario, is widely credited as having been coined (and at least popularized) by what author?

Answer: EDGAR ALLAN POE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Khitan, a nomadic Mongolic people who ruled parts of present-day Mongolia, China and Far Eastern Russia, provides the origin for what alternate name (in English) for China -- a name that is archaic today but still heard in certain contexts?

Answer: CATHAY

Q5.: LITERATURE - The Sacred & Profane Memories of Captain Charles Ryder is the subtitle of what novel, written by Evelyn Waugh and first published in 1945?

Answer: BRIDESHEAD REVISITED

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the term from tennis which occurs when the served ball hits the net and lands in the service box, permitting the server to serve again without a fault.

Answer: LET

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the common name for the location in the liver, also known as the perisinusoidal space and named after a 19th c. German professor of anatomy, where vitamin A and other fat soluble vitamins are absorbed?

Answer: SPACE OF DISSE

Q2.: AMER HIST - Who was the last man to be elected President of the United States while a member of neither the Republican nor Democratic parties?

Answer: ZACHARY TAYLOR

Q3.: LITERATURE - Identify the term, a metaphor for an inclination to do knowingly the precisely wrong thing in a given scenario, that is widely credited as having been coined (and at least popularized) in a short story published in Graham's Magazine in 1845.

Answer: IMP OF THE PERVERSE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of a nomadic Mongolic people, who ruled parts of present-day Mongolia, China and Far Eastern Russia during the turn of the first millennium, provides the origin for what alternate name (in English) for China -- a name that is archaic today but still heard in certain contexts?

Answer: CATHAY

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the narrator and protagonist, and sub-title character, of Evelyn Waugh's 1945 novel, Brideshead Revisited?

Answer: CHARLES RYDER

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the history of tennis, a total of four players have won what is called the Career Golden Slam -- two men and two women. Name these four stars.

Answer: STEFFI GRAF, ANDRE AGASSI, RAFAEL NADAL, SERENA WILLIAMS

Q1.: FILM - Give the last name of the man who was a pioneer in the development of sound effect techniques used in the production of motion pictures -- and after whom the art of post-production sound effect creation is now named.

Answer: FOLEY

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Bob Wills and Milton Brown, with their bands The Lightcrust Doughboys, Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys, and Milton Brown and His Musical Brownies, were pioneers in a musical style, a subgenre of country music, that is known today by what name? It was born in the Texas-Oklahoma region in the 1920s, was popularized in a second wave in California in the late 1940s, and reintroduced in the 1970s in bands such as Asleep at the Wheel.

Answer: WESTERN SWING

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the official proclamation, issued in April of 1598 by King Henry IV, which granted historic concessions to the Protestant Huguenots of France?

Answer: EDICT OF NANTES

Q4.: SCIENCE - Which is the only element in the halogen group on the periodic table which presents as a liquid at room temperature and pressure?

Answer: BROMINE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Kaizen("continuous improvement"), Genchi Genbutsu("go and see yourself"), and Nemawashi("laying behind-the-scenes groundwork") are among the management principles first made famous by what manufacturer?

Answer: TOYOTA

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the best-known and most critically acclaimed novel written in the English language centered on the subject of hebephilia (it's fourth on Modern Library's list of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century)?

Answer: LOLITA

Q1.: FILM - What is the term for the type of projection machine, a brand name first used in 1917, which was the standard device used for motion picture editing from the 1920s until it was replaced by newer technology in the 1970s?

Answer: MOVIOLA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The seminal country music band Light Crust Doughboys, formed in Texas in 1931, featured what two artists -- pioneers in the musical style of Western Swing who would go on to form their own bands, and are widely considered the subgenre's co-founders?

Answer: BOB WILLS, MILTON BROWN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Edict of Nantes, which granted historic concessions to the Protestant Huguenots of France, was in effect (mostly) from its issuance in 1598 by Henry IV, until its revocation by Louis XIV in 1685. This revocation has a formal name which references what royal chateau, where it was signed?

Answer: FONTAINEBLEAU

Q4.: SCIENCE - Fill in the three blanks in this list of elements in the halogen group on the periodic table, in correct order (by atomic weight): fluorine,

_____,' _____, _____, astatine.

Answer: CHLORINE, BROMINE, IODINE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What is the business term, a Japanese term which translates to English asseries, for an informal network of complementary firms centered around a bank and holding company. Sumimoto, Mitsui, and Mitsubishi are among the more prominent examples.

Answer: KEIRETSU

Q6.: LITERATURE - What was the name, inspired by a mid-19th c. poem, of the childhood sweetheart of Humbert Humbert in the novel *Lolita*-- whose death, he suggests, led him to his desire for young girls like Dolores Haze?

Answer: ANNABEL LEIGH

Q1.: THEATRE -Kristina från Duvemåla, by far, the least-known of the three theatrical musicals created by the composing team of Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (a.k.a. the male half of ABBA). Name the other two more popular musicals.
Answer: CHESS, MAMMA MIA!

Q2.: ART - A famous and exquisite bust of this Queen of Egypt, the wife of Ikhnaton and stepmother of Tutankhamen, is on display in the Neues Museum in Berlin.
Answer: NEFERTITI

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Starting in 1998, what candy was advertised as "The Official Candy of the New Millennium," a marketing take on the candy's name?
Answer: M&M's

Q4.: TELEVISION - Photographer Ashley Covington Evans onLove Boat, the jock Stan Gable onRevenge of the Nerds, Jefferson D'Arcy onMarried...with Children, and Clayburn "Clay" Fallmont onDynasty-- these were all roles masterfully portrayed by what actor?

Answer: TED MCGINLEY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Crystal Mangum, an American woman awaiting trial on charges relating to the April 2011 stabbing death of her boyfriend, first gained notoriety in 2006 for her involvement in an alleged (and subsequently disproved) incident at what university?

Answer: DUKE UNIVERSITY

Q6.: SCIENCE - In International Morse code, which letter of the alphabet is represented by three dashes?

Answer: O

Q1.: WORLD HIST - English businessman and politician (and Rhodes Scholarship progenitor) Cecil Rhodes first demarcated the territory in southern Africa that would become his namesake, and ultimately become what independent African nation?
Answer: ZIMBABWE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term for a particular legislative council in the Ottoman Empire, and elsewhere in the Middle East, which has evolved into a term for a specific piece of furniture, as ones were commonly located along the walls of these councils' chambers?

Answer: DIVAN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The popular early 19th c. cookbook A New System of Domestic Cookery was the first published appearance of a recipe for what British delicacy? The recipe states, "Boil hard five pullet's eggs, and without removing the white, cover completely with a fine relishing forcemeat, in which, let scraped ham, bear a due proportion. Fry of a beautiful yellow brown, and serve with a good gravy in the dish."

Answer: SCOTCH EGG

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What 1977 album, Billy Joel's critical and commercial breakthrough, remains today his best-selling non-compilation release, thanks in part to the classic rock staples "Just the Way You Are", "Movin' Out", "Only the Good Die Young", and "She's Always a Woman"?

Answer: THE STRANGER

Q5.: THEATRE - What is the name of the pose in ballet in which the dancer stands on one leg with one arm extended in front, and the other leg and arm extended behind, with both knees straight?

Answer: ARABESQUE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The likeness of Idahoan William Borah, who served in the upper house of the U.S. Congress from 1907 to 1940, was caricatured on a patch worn on the uniforms of what now-former major league baseball team in the late 1950s/early 1960s?

Answer: WASHINGTON SENATORS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Until Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel did so in 2012, the closest a freshman had come to winning college football's Heisman Trophy occurred in 2004, with what University of Oklahoma running back?

Answer: ADRIAN PETERSON

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Strait of Malacca separates the Malay Peninsula (and the Asian mainland) from what island, the world's sixth-largest in area?

Answer: SUMATRA

Q3.: LITERATURE - The weekly New York City newspaper The Village Voice was founded in 1955 by Ed Fancher, Dan Wolf, John Wilcock, and what fourth man, who would later win two Pulitzer Prizes (for novels published in 1968 and 1979) and also run for mayor of NYC in 1969?

Answer: NORMAN MAILER

Q4.: TELEVISION - In 1972, Johnny Carson changed The Tonight Show from a live to a taped format, and moved its base from Rockefeller Center in New York to an NBC studio in what California city, named after a pioneer and former New Hampshire dentist?

Answer: BURBANK

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Main Plot and Bye Plots of 1603, and Guy Fawkes's Gunpowder Plot of 1605, were Catholic plots to overthrow (or worse) what Protestant English monarch? (Name and number, please)

Answer: JAMES I

Q6.: POP MUSIC - This montage presents a complete set within which one item has been redacted. What is the title of this missing item? [Click here](#)

Answer: HELP!

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The game which in the United States and Canada is called "checkers" is better known in the U.K. (and its territories and other former colonies) as what?

Answer: DRAUGHTS

Q2.: SCIENCE - Coming from the Greek word meaning "fleshy growth", this is the medical term for a cancer of the bone, cartilage, fat, muscle, blood vessels, or other connective or supportive tissue.

Answer: SARCOMA

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The world's largest oil services corporation (one which provides services to the petroleum exploration and production industry, but does not produce petroleum itself) is not the more famous Halliburton, but what competitor, currently headquartered in Houston but founded in France in 1926?

Answer: SCHLUMBERGER

Q4.: THEATRE - "Guy" and "Girl" are the main characters in what 2012 Tony award-winning musical (they were also unnamed in the originating 2006 film of the same name)?

Answer: ONCE

Q5.: AMER HIST - In what city was this famous photo taken in 1975?Click here

Answer: SAIGON (HO CHI MINH CITY)

Q6.: LANGUAGE - While the word normalcy first appeared in English as early as 1857, it was not widely considered a proper word (the appropriate term was normality) when this U.S. President propelled it into the mainstream, where it remains today, with his post-war "Return to Normalcy" speech.

Answer: WARREN HARDING

Q1.: MATH - What is the term for the mathematical symbol, also sometimes called asurd, which includes a vinculum, and is occasionally accompanied by an index in addition to the quantity under the vinculum (named similarly to the symbol in question)?

Answer: RADICAL

Q2.: SCIENCE - This is the term for a relatively modern branch of clinical medicine which focuses on the alleviation of pain, symptom relief and emotional support of ill patients, as opposed to seeking a cure for the disease. Hospice care would fall into this category, with a focus on terminally ill patients.

Answer: PALLIATIVE CARE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The islands of Unguja and Pemba, along with numerous tiny islands, sit just a few miles off the eastern coast of central Africa, and make up a semi-autonomous area known as what?

Answer: ZANZIBAR

Q4.: TELEVISION - The teenage cartoon crime-solver Norville Rogers is much better known by what nickname?

Answer: SHAGGY

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The córdoba, colón, lempira, balboa, and quetzal, all found in Central America, are various forms of what?

Answer: CURRENCY

Q6.: ART - Pictured here is one of the more famous works of what contemporary artist and (perhaps obviously) American? Click here

Answer: JASPER JOHNS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The United Arab Republic (UAR) was a country that existed from 1958 to 1961 as a union of Egypt and what other republic (Egypt alone continued to be known officially as the UAR until 1971)?

Answer: SYRIA

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Pyotr Tchaikovsky composed a number of operas (around 11), but his greatest masterpiece is a faithful retelling of a romantic Alexander Pushkin story, in which a young woman retains her love for the title character but remains loyal in her marriage to another. What is the title of this opera?

Answer: EUGENE ONEGIN

Q3.: FILM - The Kuwahara Company, a Japanese bicycle manufacturer founded in 1918, was not well known internationally until one of its products was used prominently in what 1982 film?

Answer: E.T. THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the cape in the southwest of Spain, not far from the city of Cádiz, which endures today as the name of a tourist attraction and traffic circle (of sorts) in central London?

Answer: TRAFALGAR

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the chief harpooner aboard the Pequod in the novel Moby-Dick?

Answer: QUEEQUEG

Q6.: SCIENCE - Skin is the human body's largest organ, accounting for about 12% of a person's weight. Which organ is the largest (and heaviest) internal organ in the human body, weighing an average of 3.5 pounds in adults?

Answer: LIVER (OR LUNGS)

Q1.: SCIENCE - Bronze, pewter, soft solder, babbitt metal, and galinstan are all metal alloys that typically share what element?

Answer: TIN

Q2.: FILM - [Spoiler Alert] In this 1987 cinematic thriller, the big plot twist at the end is that Kevin Costner was a Soviet spy the whole time!

Answer: NO WAY OUT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the island and tourist destination in the Tyrrhenian Sea, at the southern end of the Gulf of Naples, about 20 minutes from the town of Sorrento via hydrofoil?

Answer: CAPRI

Q4.: LANGUAGE - While Oxfordian is commonly seen, and is in fact the name of the journal of the Oxford Shakespeare Society, this is another common term for a person from Oxford, or something pertaining to Oxford University. It comes from the Latin name for Oxford, which also provides the abbreviation for the English county of Oxfordshire.

Answer: OXONIAN

Q5.: LITERATURE - The bleak life of this Thomas Hardy tragic heroine included rape and sexual possession, the loss of a child, various circumstances of despair, and the murder of her rapist.

Answer: TESS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The morning sun when it's in your face really shows your age But that don't worry me none in my eyes you're everything. These lines are from what US and UK chart-topping song of 1971?

Answer: MAGGIE MAY

Q1.: AMER HIST - While Ronald Reagan was the only U.S. President born and raised in the state of Illinois, three other presidents have been elected while living in the state. Name any two of the three.

Answer: ULYSSES S. GRANT, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BARACK OBAMA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Provide the missing item in this sequence of albums released in the 1980s: Bon Jovi, 7800° Fahrenheit, _____, New Jersey.

Answer: SLIPPERY WHEN WET

Q3.: SCIENCE - This German is sometimes referred to as the "Father of Chemical Warfare" for his leadership in the development of chlorine gas and other deadly gases for use in trench warfare (and his active participation in their battlefield release), but is remembered more fondly for his Nobel Prize-winning work on the first successful process to produce ammonia from its elements.

Answer: FRITZ HABER

Q4.: TELEVISION - Who won the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award for "Favorite TV Actress" every year from 2009 to 2012, for her role as "Alex" on the Disney Channel series Wizards of Waverly Place?

Answer: SELENA GOMEZ

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - B&G Foods, which manufactures such items as Cream of Wheat breakfast food, B&M Baked Beans, Molly McButter flavor sprinkles, and Kleen Guard furniture polish, also makes what brand name "flavor enhancer", which is essentially monosodium glutamate?

Answer: AC'CENT

Q6.: LITERATURE - The New York Times describes this clever 2013 debut from author Ian Doescher as "The story of a beautiful princess, a young hero, a wise knight and an evil lord, told in iambic pentameter." What is the book's title?

Answer: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S STAR WARS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - This four letter initialism, which is believed to have first appeared in inscriptions (such as on coins) around 80 BC, refers to the government of the ancient Roman Republic (and later, the Roman Empire), and by extension represented the official name of the Roman state.

Answer: SPQR

Q2.: LITERATURE - The domicile pictured here inspired Nathaniel Hawthorne to write what 1851 Gothic novel, about the Pyncheon family and the curse that was visited upon it in its opulent New England estate.[Click here](#)

Answer: THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES

Q3.: FILM - The title character in the 2013 filmThe Butleris based loosely on real-life butler Eugene Allen, who was employed for 34 years where?

Answer: THE WHITE HOUSE

Q4.: SCIENCE -It is impossible to specify completely both the position and momentum of a particle, such as an electron, at the same time.This basic law of quantum physics is most commonly known by what term, after the theoretical physicist who first formulated it in 1927?

Answer: HEISENBERG'S UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The first major event supervised by what is today known as theFederation Internationale de l'Automobile, and the event referred to as a Grand Prix, took place in June of 1906 near what city in northwest France? It remains today an important location in automobile racing.

Answer: LE MANS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The portmanteau "Californication" was a hit album and song for the Red Hot Chili Peppers in 1999; name the portmanteau which was the title of a 2001 hit song by the pop group Destiny's Child.

Answer: BOOTYLICIOUS

Q1.: SCIENCE - Approximately 90% of the nearly 7,000 known species of amphibians are frogs and toads, and about 180 are worm-like creatures called caecilians. The remainder are of the order Caudata, and are known more commonly as what?
Answer: SALAMANDERS/NEWTS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - While the Gateway Arch is located in Missouri, a geographical feature known as Delicate Arch is located in which other U.S. state?
Answer: UTAH

Q3.: LANGUAGE - This term from Latin originated from its literal meaning, when a plot of a Greek tragedy was resolved by the intervention of a god lowered onto the stage technically, and the term has extended to describe the resolution of any conflict or difficult situation via an unexpected and contrived device or event.
Answer: DEUS EX MACHINA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Upwards of 25,000 people were killed in the February, 1945 incendiary bombing of Dresden, Germany, but the deadliest firebombing attack (~100,000 deaths) occurred during an air raid codenamed Operation Meetinghouse, which occurred one month later in what city?

Answer: TOKYO

Q5.: FILM - Time Out, Kick the Can, It's a Good Life, and Nightmare at 20,000 Feet are the titles of four segments from what 1983 anthology feature film?
Answer: TWILIGHT ZONE: THE MOVIE

Q6.: ART - The painting pictured here, by Italian Renaissance master Giorgione, shares its name with what (unrelated) Shakespeare play? Click here

Answer: THE TEMPEST

Q1.: ART - What is the name of the thoroughfare referenced in this painting (or, at least, in the painting's title)?[Click here](#)

Answer: BROADWAY

Q2.: AMER HIST - In this sequential list of names, who is missing?: Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.; James C. Wright, Jr.; Thomas S. Foley; _____; J. Dennis Hastert; Nancy Pelosi; John Boehner.

Answer: NEWT GINGRICH

Q3.: SCIENCE - A colloid is a combination of two materials in which one is in a gas, liquid, or solid phase, with the other dispersed throughout in tiny clusters of atoms or molecules (or very large molecules). A colloid with gas dispersed in a liquid or solid is foam; one with liquid particles dispersed in another liquid is an emulsion; what's the term for a colloid in which liquid or solid particles are dispersed in a gas?

Answer: AEROSOL

Q4.: LITERATURE - Allegiant, the third and final installment of a popular trilogy of books by Young Adult author Veronica Roth, is scheduled to be published in October of 2013. Give the titles of either of the first two novels in the series (the first of which provides the series' common name).

Answer: DIVERGENT, INSURGENT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The National Ice Center in Nottingham, England, is located in an area known as Bolero Square, named in tribute to what hometown Olympic gold medal-winning figure skating duo, and specifically their 1984 free dance performance in Sarajevo?

Answer: JAYNE TORVILL, CHRISTOPHER DEAN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Identify the artist in this track. (15 seconds, slightly edited, SFW)[Click here](#)

Answer: 50 CENT

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Correctly spell the direct French translation of the Italian wordcane.

Answer: CHIEN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Saxon Ottonian, Franconian, Hohenstaufen, Habsburg, and Habsburg-Lorraine dynasties all ruled (separately) what empire between 919 and 1806?

Answer: HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Q3.: TELEVISION - Pictured here is a regular character from what television series?

[Click here](#)

Answer: NCIS

Q4.: MATH - In geometry, a statement that is accepted as true without proof is an axiom. What other term is commonly used for these statements, particularly in association with a set laid out in Euclid'sElements? Examples includeAll right angles are congruentandAny straight line segment can be extended indefinitely in a straight line.

Answer: POSTULATE

Q5.: THEATRE - The 1956 Lerner & Loewe musicalMy Fair Ladyis an adaptation of what play, first published in 1912?

Answer: PYGMALION

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - This brand of vodka has been hand-made in small batches by the Nolet family in Holland since 1691.

Answer: KETEL ONE

Q1.: BUS/ECON - This American entrepreneur is considered the creator of the mail order industry in 1872 (predating Sears & Roebuck by nearly 20 years), by way of his business selling directly to customers via his catalogs, which became known as "dream books", and enticed rural Americans to join urban dwellers in the growing consumer culture.

Answer: AARON MONTGOMERY WARD

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the author who is described in a biography as a "tall, ugly boy with a big nose and big feet, and when he grew up with a beautiful singing voice and a passion for the theater he was cruelly teased and mocked by other children" -- a circumstance which may have influenced one of his best known stories, first published in 1844.

Answer: HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the term (derived from a French term for the rump of a horse) for the person who takes and pays out bets at a gambling table in a casino, for games such as blackjack, roulette, baccarat and craps?

Answer: CROUPIER

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Sinhalese are an ethnic group native to what South Asian country, where they comprise 75% of the population of around 20 million people? Their native tongue, Sinhala, is the country's official language (along with Tamil).

Answer: SRI LANKA

Q5.: TELEVISION - What was the name of the dramatic television series, created by David Milch and starring Dustin Hoffman, which premiered on HBO in January of 2012, but was cancelled in March of that year due to safety concerns after the death of a third horse during production?

Answer: LUCK

Q6.: AMER HIST - On August 20, 1989, in a mansion on North Elm Drive in Beverly Hills, California, formerly occupied by a Saudi prince, Prince, and Elton John, two people were the victims of a soon-to-be-famous and notorious homicide. What was the last name of these two murder victims?

Answer: MENENDEZ

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Though he did not achieve significant renown until later in life (he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947 at age 73), this New England-born (and inspired) composer is regarded today as one of America's greatest, thanks to works such as *The Unanswered Question*, *Three Places in New England*, and *The Holiday Symphony*.

Answer: CHARLES IVES

Q2.: FILM - While they each appeared in over half a dozen of his films separately, 1987's *Radio Days* is the only Woody Allen film in which what two frequent Allen collaborators both appear?

Answer: DIANE KEATON, MIA FARROW

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Identify the musical artist in this clip. (27 seconds)
[Click here](#)

Answer: GEORGE JONES

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the name given to the period in UK history from roughly 1811 to 1820, during which time the Prince of Wales (later King George IV) governed as proxy for his incapacitated father, King George III. The name sometimes refers to a period extending all the way to the accession of Victoria in 1837, and the period gives its name to a style of architecture and interior design, dance, and novels.

Answer: REGENCY

Q5.: MATH - In the following "look and say" sequence, what number comes next?: 1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221, _____.

Answer: 312211

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - French for "sofa", this is a small piece of bread, decorative and usually served as an appetizer, which is topped with some sort of spread, anchovy, or cheese.

Answer: CANAPÉ

Q1.: FILM - Three Americans in meet in the Mexican city of Tampico and, in financial distress, decide to set out in a search for gold in the mountains of western Mexico, where things go poorly (no thanks to a group of badgeless bandits). This happens in what 1948 film?

Answer: THE TREASURE OF THE SIERRA MADRE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Mississippi River forms most of the eastern border of which U.S. state, with the exception of the state's northeast corner, where the border turns straight west before connecting with the St. Francis River and turning back northward.

Answer: ARKANSAS

Q3.: SCIENCE - Unlike deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), ribonucleic acid (RNA) exists in several forms, the best known of which are involved in protein synthesis: messenger RNA (mRNA), ribosomal RNA (rRNA), and what third form, abbreviated tRNA?

Answer: TRANSFER RNA

Q4.: THEATRE - The plays Endgame (Fin de partie), Krapp's Last Tape, and Happy Days are, arguably, the second-through-fourth best-known works of what Irish Playwright?

Answer: SAMUEL BECKETT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In July of 2013, it was announced that the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats will, beginning with the 2014-15 season, be renamed to what?

Answer: CHARLOTTE HORNETS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - This political party, whose name literally translates as "Chinese National People's Party", is a ruling party in the Republic of China, and was the same in mainland China until its defeat by the Chinese Communist Party in 1949.

Answer: KUOMINTANG

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The profession of faith in Christianity that declares belief in "One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church" is a creed adopted, in 325, by Christian bishops convened in what city in present-day Turkey (the city after which the creed takes its most common name)?

Answer: NICAEA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the archipelago circled in red in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: ORKNEY

Q3.: LITERATURE - Milton and Small are the last names (the latter, ironic) of the main characters in what classic 1937 novella?

Answer: OF MICE AND MEN

Q4.: AMER HIST - The term "voodoo economics" is attributed to radio broadcaster Paul Harvey, but was first popularized by what U.S. Presidential candidate in 1980? It was used in derision of opponent Ronald Reagan's proposed economic policy (which came to be known as Reaganomics)?

Answer: GEORGE BUSH

Q5.: TELEVISION - Anna (née unknown), Betty (née Hofstadt), and Megan (née Calvet) are the former wives and current wife of what iconic television character?

Answer: DON DRAPER

Q6.: ART - The famous painting by James McNeill Whistler which is commonly known as Whistler's Mother references, in its official title, what two colors?

Answer: GREY, BLACK

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - The works of the klezmer/jazz quartet Masada and the punk/jazz band Naked City, as well as the contemporary classical concert albums Songs from the Hermetic Theatre and Madness, Love and Mysticism, are among the vast output of what exceptionally prolific avant-garde/experimental composer and multi-instrumentalist?
Answer: JOHN ZORN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the city pictured here.[Click here](#)
Answer: HONOLULU

Q3.: TELEVISION - From its debut in 1972 until the latter's death in 2003, Johnny Olson and Rod Roddy served as the announcers for what television show?
Answer: THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the literary term, German for "formation novel", for a work that chronicles the development of a hero or heroine from youth to maturity?
Answer: BILDUNGSROMAN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Identify the country which was granted independence on July 4, 1946, with former WWII POW Manuel Roxas becoming the first president of the new republic?
Answer: PHILIPPINES

Q6.: BUS/ECON - In 1908, this 23-year-old became the youngest CPA in Illinois, and would go on to found a namesake accountancy firm that would become one of the world's largest, until it surrendered its license to practice in the US in 2002, in the wake of the Enron auditing scandal.

Answer: ARTHUR ANDERSEN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - 9/11 is often used as shorthand to refer to the terrorist attacks that took place in the United States on September 11, 2001. The similar notation 26/11 is used to refer to a dozen coordinated shooting and bombing attacks that were perpetrated in 2008 in what Asian city?

Answer: MUMBAI

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In a global ranking of average attendance at domestic professional sports leagues, the National Football League is #1 by a wide margin, with over 67,000 attendees per contest. The top football (soccer) league of what country is second, ahead of England's Premier League and Major League Baseball in the U.S.?

Answer: GERMANY

Q3.: MATH - To disrupt a playroom is commonly a practice of children-- this is a mnemonic used to aid in the memorization of what number?

Answer: EULER'S NUMBER / NAPIER'S CONSTANT / e

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The 1984 singles "State of Shock" and "Torture", from the Victory album, would be the final songs to reach the top 20 of the Billboard singles chart for what musical group (thought its members would go on to varying levels of individual success)?

Answer: THE JACKSONS

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - While it was not the first opera, the work which is widely considered as the first great opera was composed in 1607, by an Italian composer who bridged the Renaissance and Baroque eras? Name the opera.

Answer: L'ORFEO

Q6.: FILM - Allegedly due to a dispute over screenplay credits among credited writer Karl Tunberg, uncredited writers including Gore Vidal and Christopher Fry, and the film's producers, director, and cast, the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay is the only Oscar for which this 1959 film was nominated and didn't win.

Answer: BEN-HUR

Q1.: LANGUAGE - This word, which the American Dialect Society chose as its Word of the Century in January of 2000, originated as a slang term in the western U.S. in the early 1910s, and was first used in a musical context in Chicago in 1915 before settling on its current spelling in its natural home of New Orleans shortly after.
Answer: JAZZ

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Kra Isthmus is a land bridge whose area is divided, roughly equally, between two countries. Name either country.

Answer: MYANMAR, THAILAND

Q3.: LITERATURE - Pictured here is an image from the cover of a book by what American author and illustrator? [Click here](#)

Answer: RICHARD SCARRY

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Twentieth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which was ratified in January of 1933, is popularly referred to by what avian term?

Answer: LAME DUCK AMENDMENT

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the 6th c. Catholic pope who encouraged a ritualized use of music by the church, and after whom, three centuries later, the main standard form of Western plainsong was named (and attributed).

Answer: GREGORY

Q6.: THEATRE - In Broadway history, two performers have won Tony Awards for playing characters of the opposite sex -- a woman did so in 1955, and a man did so in 2003. Name either actor.

Answer: MARY MARTIN, HARVEY FIERSTEIN

Q1.: BUS/ECON -Asian Tigersis a term used to refer to four highly developed and free economies which achieved consistent high levels of economic growth beginning from the 1960s into the 1990s. Two are Hong Kong and Taiwan; name the other two republics which complete the Asian Tigers.

Answer: SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA

Q2.: FILM - Identify this film character.[Click here](#)

Answer: TOTORO

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the term, from fluid mechanics, for the property of a fluid's resistance to flow, due to its internal molecular friction?

Answer: VISCOSITY

Q4.: TELEVISION - On February 24, 2014, just after the close of the 2014 Winter Olympics, an update of the NBC talk showThe Tonight Showis scheduled to premiere, hosted by whom?

Answer: JIMMY FALLON

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What are the common names of the two individuals in the center foreground of this photograph (last names not required)?[Click here](#)

Answer: RIHANNA, HARRY

Q6.: ART - Glass artist Dale Chihuly, street artist Shepard Fairey, cartoonist Roz Chast,Family Guycreator Seth MacFarlane, art dealer Mary Boone, and artist Jenny Holzer, among many others, have degrees from what New England fine arts college?

Answer: RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - One day after being sentenced to 35 years in prison for leaking secret government files to the organization WikiLeaks, U.S. Army Pvt. Bradley Manning announced he was female and that he would seek hormone replacement therapy, and requested that she henceforth be referred to by what first name?

Answer: CHELSEA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the novelist, writing under the pseudonyms J.D. Robb and Jill March as well as her own name, who has written over 200 romance novels, which have spent a combined 18 years on the New York Times bestsellers list, including her most recent Calculated in Death.

Answer: NORA ROBERTS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - St Matthew Passion, written for Good Friday vespers at St. Thomas's Church in Leipzig, was composed by what Baroque master, while serving as the church's Cantor?

Answer: JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Q4.: SCIENCE - The inorganic compound known as lyteis a compound whose molecule contains a hydroxide anion (OH) bonded most commonly with an atom of what element?

Answer: SODIUM

Q5.: FILM - Who portrayed fictional heroic ex-con Gator McKlusky in the 1970s films White Lightning and Gator?

Answer: BURT REYNOLDS

Q6.: AMER HIST - This man, Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor in 1985-86, is generally regarded as the main architect of the Iran-Contra Affair, his actions leading to his conviction on multiple felony counts in 1990 (which were reversed the next year).

Answer: JOHN POINDEXTER

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - This traditionally salty Indian beverage is made by blending yogurt with water, salt, and spices until frothy, and flavored with cumin and chili pepper. A sweet version is flavored with sugar, rosewater, or fruit juice.

Answer: LASSI

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A violent nationalist and anti-imperialist (and mostly unsuccessful) uprising by a group known as "The Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists", taking place between 1897 and 1901, is best known today by what name?

Answer: BOXER REBELLION

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In March of 2013, this NFL quarterback became the league's highest paid player, signing a six-year, \$120.6 million contract, on the heels of his MVP performance in Super Bowl XLVII.

Answer: JOE FLACCO

Q4.: ART - One of the enduring paintings of the 16th c. Flemish master Peter Bruegel the Elder is an intricate and imaginative interpretation of what famous tower?

Answer: BABEL

Q5.: SCIENCE - Dronabinol, ondansetron, and promethazine are all drugs which may be prescribed to prevent emesis. Emesis is a medical term better known as what?

Answer: VOMITING

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A tourist resort known as the Source of the Nile Gardens is located in the city of Jinja, on the Nile River where it exits from Lake Victoria, in what African country?

Answer: UGANDA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The woman pictured here is a resident of (and college student in) what U.S. state?[Click here](#)

Answer: KANSAS

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The 1983 hit song "Islands in the Stream", written by the Bee Gees and named after the Hemingway novel, was recorded by what musical duo?

Answer: KENNY ROGERS, DOLLY PARTON

Q3.: SCIENCE - The Mesozoic era, which is often colloquially referred to as the "Age of Dinosaurs", is customarily divided into three periods. The latest (most recent) is the Cretaceous, name either of the other two.

Answer: TRIASSIC, JURASSIC

Q4.: LITERATURE - A childhood at Gateshead Hall, adolescence and education at the Lowood Orphan Asylum, employment at Thornfield Hall, an interlude at Moor House with the Rivers siblings, and a return to Thornfield Hall for a reunion and marriage -- this is the course of the title character in what classic novel?

Answer: JANE EYRE

Q5.: AMER HIST - Identify the former U.S. Education Secretary, "Drug Czar", and problem gambler (arguably) who published 1993's *The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories*.

Answer: WILLIAM BENNETT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - In an alphabetical list of the nine full official members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which country comes last?

Answer: UZBEKISTAN

Q1.: FILM - Richard Burton's last feature film acting role was in a movie that was released, appropriately, in what year?

Answer: 1984

Q2.: SCIENCE - 2P/Encke, Shoemaker Levy-9 (D/1993 F2), Hyakutake (C/1996 B2), 55P/Tempel-Tuttle, and C/2006 P1 McNaught are all famous what?

Answer: COMETS

Q3.: ART - Identify the art term, taken directly from Italian, which is demonstrated masterfully in the "light-dark" composition in this early 17th c. painting by Caravaggio.[Click here](#)

Answer: CHIAROSCURO

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The dynasty whose 275-year reign ended with Cleopatra's death, in 30 BC, is most commonly named what (after the man who founded the dynasty after the death of Alexander the Great)?

Answer: PTOLEMAIC DYNASTY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The fashion designer Jason Wu has achieved his most notable acclaim for his work designing dresses worn by what woman (including one dress worn on the cover of the March 2009 edition of *Vogue*)?

Answer: MICHELLE OBAMA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What do the American corporations Nike Inc., Visa Inc., and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. have in common, in relation to a news story of September 10, 2013?

Answer: NEW MEMBERS OF DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE

Q1.: LITERATURE -The Kent Family Chronicles, The Crown Family Saga, and The North and South trilogy are all series of books by what American author of historical fiction?
Answer: JOHN JAKES

Q2.: SCIENCE - What common man's name (in English) is also the term for the weight found at the end of a pendulum?
Answer: BOB

Q3.: TELEVISION - 'A', My Name Is Alex was a popular, Emmy-winning, and "very special" episode of what 80s television sitcom?
Answer: FAMILY TIES

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Fill in the blank in this series: ichi, ni, san, shi, _____.
Answer: GO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - This photograph was taken in what city? [Click here](#)
Answer: SAN FRANCISCO

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Willy-Nicky Correspondence is a name given to a series of telegrams, exchanged prior to World War I in an effort to avert the impending conflict, between the leaders of what two nations?
Answer: GERMANY, RUSSIA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The formal agreement known today as the Tripartite Pact was signed on September 27, 1940, by representatives from what three nations?
Answer: GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN

Q2.: ART - The domicile pictured here features prominently in a work of art with what title? [Click here](#)
Answer: AMERICAN GOTHIC

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - While Fănică Luca, Dalila Cernătescu, and Simion Stanciu have all achieved relative success, what man is the world's best-known and biggest-selling artist of the Romanian-style pan flute (nai)?
Answer: GHEORGHE ZAMFIR

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the man, a pivotal figure in the history of major league baseball, who, for the 1970 season, was traded from the St. Louis Cardinals to the Philadelphia Phillies (a team for which he never ultimately played)?
Answer: CURT FLOOD

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Schlemiel! Schlimazel! This dish is a thick, highly seasoned stew of rabbit meat which has been soaked in a wine-vinegar marinade!
Answer: HASENPFEFFER

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the medical name for the muscle, also known as the tailor's muscle, which is the longest in the human body, running from the pelvis across the front of the thigh to the top of the tibia, just below the knee?
Answer: SARTORIUS

Q1.: SCIENCE - Identify the plant, a xerophyte common in Australia and other tropical and warmer temperate climates, which gives its name to one of the few Greek social fraternities not to use a series of Greek letters as its name.

Answer: ACACIA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the tunnel, a major trans-Alpine motor route connecting the French commune of Chamonix with the Italian commune of Courmayeur, which takes its name from the mountain under which it runs.

Answer: MONT BLANC TUNNEL

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Irene Rosenfeld is the Chairman and CEO of Mondelēz International, a company comprising the food and snacks brands of what international conglomerate that demerged in 2012?

Answer: KRAFT FOODS

Q4.: AMER HIST - "Stonewall" was the sobriquet of Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas Jackson; what was the last name of the Confederate officer during the U.S. Civil War who was known as "Jeb"?

Answer: STUART

Q5.: FILM - The plot of the 1955 Ingmar Bergman comedy film *Smiles of a Summer Night*, which involves various attendees at a party switching partners to harmonious effect, has been adapted numerous times, most famously in a 1973 Stephen Sondheim Broadway musical, and a 1982 Woody Allen film. Name both of these famous adaptations.

Answer: A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S SEX COMEDY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The song "Shock Me", from the 1977 album *Love Gun*, was inspired by an event during a live performance the previous year when the band's lead guitarist -- having lost his balance from his heavy costume -- was nearly electrocuted after grabbing a metal railing. Name the guitarist.

Answer: ACE FREHLEY

Q1.: MATH - In the mathematical term $9x$, the multiplicative factor 9 is referred to as the _____ of x (fill in the blank).

Answer: COEFFICIENT

Q2.: LITERATURE - With much public fanfare, on February 17, 1933, the main characters of what popular comic strip were married -- to the great disdain of the bridegroom's parents, who disinherited their son from a locomotive fortune for marrying below his class?

Answer: BLONDIE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Themurcott, fallglo, and ponkan are all varieties of what fruit, itself named after a North African port city?

Answer: TANGERINE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Lector, si monumentum requiris, circumspice-- this appears above the tomb of what man, the first to be interred in St Paul's Cathedral in London?

Answer: SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In most bull riding competitions (including those sanctioned by any of the major American professional bull riding associations), to qualify for scoring, the rider may only touch the bull with one hand while remaining on the bull for what duration of time?

Answer: EIGHT SECONDS

Q6.: SCIENCE - This word is the term for an obsolete scientific theory involving combustion, and also for the substance central to the theory. The substance was said to have been contained in any flammable material, to have no identifiable color, odor, taste, or weight, and to have been liberated from the material during burning.

Answer: PHLOGISTON

Q1.: FILM - Of the six men who were onetime members of this comedy team during its 220 film history, the last to pass away was Joe DeRita, who died in July of 1993 at age 83.

Answer: THE THREE STOOGES

Q2.: LITERATURE - The Luxembourg-born American writer Hugo Gernsback is often referred to as the "Father of" what genre -- a genre in which a set of annual awards are named in his honor?

Answer: SCIENCE FICTION

Q3.: ART - The 1872 painting *Impression, soleil levant*, which depicts a landscape of the port of Le Havre, France (and gives name to an artistic movement), is the work of what artist?

Answer: CLAUDE MONET

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term in firearms for the internal diameter of the bore of the gun's barrel, a measurement often used in ammunition cartridge classification (e.g. .357 Magnum, .38 Special, .45 Colt)?

Answer: CALIBER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The election of Ban Ki-moon in October, 2006, set South Korea to become the second Asian country represented by a Secretary-General of the United Nations. What Asian country was first?

Answer: BURMA (MYANMAR)

Q6.: SCIENCE - Name the moon which is Neptune's largest, as well as the only large moon in the Solar System with a retrograde orbit, and (by some measures) the coldest known object in the Solar System.

Answer: TRITON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the two largest entities of a set that includes Alderney, Sark, Herm, Jethou, Brecqhou, and a few tiny others.

Answer: GUERNSEY, JERSEY

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the dog in this illustration?[Click here](#)
Answer: SPOT

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Identify the term, common parlance in the realm of traffic engineering (and elsewhere), which translates from the French literally as "ass (arse) of the bag"?

Answer: CUL-DE-SAC

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What was the most notable physical distinction shared by the bluesmen Arthur Blake, Lemon Jefferson, Willie Johnson, Willie McTell, Joe Reynolds, and Reverend Gary Davis?

Answer: BLIND

Q5.: TELEVISION - Ponderosa Steakhouses, a U.S. restaurant chain, takes its name from the setting of what western drama television series (a series which gives its name to another similar steakhouse chain)?

Answer: BONANZA

Q6.: AMER HIST - Name the U.S. president who first achieved national prominence for his role, as governor, in defeating the efforts of striking police officers in Boston in 1919 (a group who, due to the resounding defeat, would not earn collective bargaining rights for another 46 years).

Answer: CALVIN COOLIDGE

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The English word *mellifluous* is derived (in part) from the Latin word *mell*, which means what? It's also in the etymology of the word *mellivorous*, which describes the eating habits of some birds.

Answer: HONEY

Q2.: FILM - While other books are referenced and quoted in the narration, most of the action in the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments* is taken from which book of the Old Testament (with liberal license)?

Answer: EXODUS

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Ulysses S. Grant Boyhood Home; the James A. Garfield National Historic Site; the William McKinley Memorial Library, Museum & Birthplace Home; the NASA Glenn Research Center; and the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center -- these are all museums located in which U.S. state?

Answer: OHIO

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Who replaced Yoshihiko Noda as Prime Minister of Japan in December of 2012, after himself being replaced by Yasuo Fukuda in September 2007?

Answer: SHINZŌ ABE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the term used for the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, which is also the term for a style of architecture closely associated with Frank Lloyd Wright.

Answer: PRAIRIE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What was the name of the former Wall Street investment firm, now a part of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, which was advertised with the famous tagline, "They make money the old-fashioned way. They earn it."?

Answer: SMITH BARNEY

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The animal which is, among other things, the top prize at the Berlin International Film Festival, and a nickname for golfer Jack Nicklaus, is also the nickname for the sports teams at what major university on the U.S. west coast? (Note: Name theuniversity.)

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the French (and most common) name for the musical instrument being played in this photograph?[Click here](#)

Answer: CARILLON

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Polynesian atoll of Tetiaroa, once the vacation residence of the Tahitian royal family, is perhaps best known for its 1966-67 purchase by what private individual?

Answer: MARLON BRANDO

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - This dish, popular in Indian cuisine (and perhaps more specifically, Anglo-Indian cuisine), evolved from the Portuguese dish which translates as "meat with wine and garlic". The Anglo-Indian version is often very spicy, and consists of meat cooked with garlic, vinegar, chilis, coriander, cumin, onions, turmeric, mustard, tomatoes and salt, plus potatoes occasionally.

Answer: VINDALOO

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1867's *Ragged Dick* was the first successful, and most successful, of what American novelist's 100 or so nearly identical "rags-to-riches" stories about a young boy persevering to escape poverty via honesty and hard work?

Answer: HORATIO ALGER, JR.

Q6.: SCIENCE - What do the letters in HEENT, a mnemonic often used by physicians in physical examination records, typically stand for?

Answer: HEAD, EYES, EARS, NOSE, THROAT

Q1.: POP MUSIC - While he won a Grammy Hall of Fame Award in 1998, the only Grammy award in a regular category won by this popular multi-platinum American singer-songwriter was the Best Musical Album For Children (*forAll Aboard!*), awarded four months after his death in a plane crash in 1997.

Answer: JOHN DENVER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the native Pitjantjatjara name for the geographical formation pictured here? [Click here](#)

Answer: ULURU

Q3.: FILM - James Sawyer (2013), Arnold Schwarzenegger (2007), Jack Stanton (1998), James Marshall (1997), and Andrew Shepherd (1995), were all fictional film characters who held what position?

Answer: U.S. PRESIDENT

Q4.: ART - What is the term for the artistic technique, common in various forms but most prevalent in drawing and printmaking, in which the artist applies spaced, parallel lines to create the effect of shading? It is derived from the French word for "chop".

Answer: HATCHING/HACHURE

Q5.: LITERATURE - The lives of two mid-18th c. surveyors form the narrative structure of what vast 1997 Thomas Pynchon novel?

Answer: MASON & DIXON

Q6.: SCIENCE - Of the chemical elements known as the Noble Gases, which is -- by far -- the most common in the Earth's atmosphere, and the third-most common overall (after nitrogen and oxygen)?

Answer: ARGON

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What country of the world is known in France as Pays-Bas?
Answer: NETHERLANDS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Ladder diagrams, causal diagrams, Mills Mess State Transition diagrams, and a notation system known as Siteswap are all commonly used in the serious practice of what recreational activity?
Answer: JUGGLING

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Identify this gentleman.[Click here](#)
Answer: ROB FORD

Q4.: LITERATURE - In most versions of the fairy tale Snow White, the seven dwarfs work as miners. The most popular modern adaptations of the tale -- including the Disney versions -- have the dwarf miners mining for what, specifically?
Answer: DIAMONDS (GEMS)

Q5.: POP MUSIC - For nine weeks from November 1981 to January 1982, Olivia Newton-John's "Physical" sat at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart, holding off "Waiting for a Girl Like You", by what band? The latter song set a record for most weeks in the #2 position (in its record-setting 10th week it was leapfrogged by Hall & Oates' "I Can't Go for That (No Can Do)")?
Answer: FOREIGNER

Q6.: THEATRE - In a popular song from the 1951 Lerner & Loewe musical Paint Your Wagon, they call the rain Tess, and the fire, Joe. What do they call the wind?
Answer: MARIA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Three of the six longest-reigning Roman Catholic popes in history, who together served for nearly eighty (non-consecutive) years between 1775 and 1878, all shared what name?

Answer: PIUS

Q2.: MATH - What is the most common term in geometry used to describe a pair of angles whose measures add up to 90 degrees?

Answer: COMPLEMENTARY

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - This opera premiered at the Royal Opera House in June of 1876, and at New York's Metropolitan Opera ten years later, but its world premiere was at Cairo's Khedivial Opera House in December, 1871.

Answer: AIDA

Q4.: ART - Pictured here is an installation of a participatory art project called Wish Tree, which is the work of what Japanese artist? There are several installations of the Wish Tree across the globe; this particular photo was taken at New York's Museum of Modern Art, 19 blocks south (and a few blocks east) of the artist's famous residence.[Click here](#)

Answer: YOKO ONO

Q5.: TELEVISION - Robert Scorpio, Sonny Corinthos, and Alan & Monica Quartermaine are among the many long-running characters in what American daytime drama television series?

Answer: GENERAL HOSPITAL

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Name the Paris-based news agency, one of the world's three largest (with the Associated Press and Reuters), which is the world's oldest modern news service, having been founded in 1835.

Answer: AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - These vehicles, all with a trademark styling cue known as "VentiPorts" above/behind the front wheels, were manufactured by what American automaker?[Click here](#)

Answer: BUICK

Q2.: FILM - Preston and Logan were the last names of the title characters in what 1989 science fiction film?

Answer: BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Comilla, Rangpur, and Tongi are among the major cities in what Asian nation?

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q4.: AMER HIST - In what is considered the last major military operation by U.S. forces in its battle to subdue the Native populations, upwards of 300 Lakota men, women, and children were killed in a slaughter that has come to be known by what name, after the nearby creek where it took place in late December, 1890?

Answer: WOUNDED KNEE MASSACRE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Provide the missing item to complete this list: 100 meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meter dash, 110 meter hurdles, discus throw, javelin throw, 1500 meter run.

Answer: POLE VAULT

Q6.: THEATRE - Name the actress and dancer who originated on Broadway the roles of Lola in *Damn Yankees*, Charity in *Sweet Charity*, and Roxie in *Chicago*.

Answer: GWEN VERDON

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Battles of the Trebia, Lake Trasimene, and Cannae, which occurred in 218-216 BC, were decisive victories for forces led by what legendary general and master tactician, regarded today as one history's greatest military commanders?

Answer: HANNIBAL

Q2.: BUS/ECON - As a result of his company's initial public offering of stock on November 7, 2013, Chairman Jack Dorsey saw the value of his shares surpass \$1 billion in value, based on the company's first day closing price. What is the company in question?

Answer: TWITTER

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - There are currently three Latinos serving in the United States Senate: two Republican, one Democrat, and all three Cuban-American. Name any two of the three.

Answer: TED CRUZ, BOB MENENDEZ, MARCO RUBIO

Q4.: SCIENCE - The physiological condition known formally as diplopia is known more commonly as what?

Answer: DOUBLE VISION

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the world famous chamber orchestra, founded by English conductor Neville Marriner and currently directed by Joshua Bell, which takes its name from the Anglican church in Westminster, London, where it gave its first concert in November, 1959.

Answer: ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the genericized brand name of the sweet treat pictured here, which was first developed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1917, and is still today most associated with the American south.[Click here](#)

Answer: MOON PIE

Q1.: TELEVISION - Though they were very rarely referred to by these names, Jonas Grumby, Roy Hinkley, and the former Eunice Wentworth were among the main characters on what 1960s television sitcom?

Answer: GILLIGAN'S ISLAND

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the political party, India's largest, which was pivotal in the struggle for independence from British colonial rule, and has remained dominant post-Raj via the leadership of the Nehru/Gandhi family?

Answer: INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Q3.: SCIENCE - The instrument in meteorology used to measure atmospheric pressure is the barometer. What is the instrument, its name coming from the Greek for "wet", which is used to measure atmospheric humidity?

Answer: HYGROMETER

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe (or, depending on one's opinion on the Europe/Asia border, the highest mountain in Western Asia), is located within what mountain range?

Answer: CAUCASUS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Identify the artist in this clip (39 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: GARTH BROOKS

Q6.: LITERATURE - An epistle that would eventually be published in 1905, with the title *De Profundis*, was written in 1897 by what author, during his imprisonment in England's Reading Gaol?

Answer: OSCAR WILDE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Catholic expulsion of Moorish rule on the Iberian Peninsula was completed in 1492, with the conquest of an Emirate which was centered in (and shared a name with) what city?

Answer: GRANADA

Q2.: TELEVISION - Chinese super-criminal and master agent Wo Fat was the primary nemesis of the fictional state police force in what drama series, which ended with his arrest in the series finale episode, "Woe to Wo Fat"?

Answer: HAWAII FIVE-0

Q3.: LITERATURE - The titular monsters in the 1984 Stephen Spielberg-produced film Gremlins were loosely inspired by the title characters in the 1943 debut children's book from what prolific and extremely successful Welsh novelist?

Answer: ROALD DAHL

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - On October 9, 2013, President Barack Obama nominated what professor and economist to succeed Ben Bernanke as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System?

Answer: JANET YELLEN

Q5.: SCIENCE - What term, from classical mechanics, is a vector which can be defined as the derivative of the position of a point particle with respect to time?

Answer: VELOCITY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The network of roads sometimes referred to as the Pan-American Highway would connect North, Central, and South America (and in fact, all mainland countries of the Americas), were it not for a 60 mile (100 km) break within an area known as the Darién Gap, which sits on the border of two countries. Identify these two countries.

Answer: PANAMA, COLOMBIA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Identify the Parisian DJ responsible for the pop hits "Turn Me On" (featuring Nicki Minaj), "Titanium" (featuring Sia), "When Love Takes Over" (featuring Kelly Rowland) and "Without You" (featuring Usher).

Answer: DAVID GUETTA

Q2.: ART - In this screenshot, what do the letters WB stand for? [Click here](#)

Answer: WHITE BALANCE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A rocky promontory known as Cape Agulhas, in addition to being its continent's southernmost point, is also regarded as the dividing line between what two oceans?

Answer: ATLANTIC, INDIAN

Q4.: AMER HIST - American scientist Ancel Keys, the Director of the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene at the University of Minnesota, developed a military item which became common among U.S. Army soldiers during World War II (and which, despite logical inference, was not actually named after him). What is this item best known as?

Answer: K-RATION

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What is the Russian word, common in the West as a proper name in association with the Cold War and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which translates to English as "truth"? (Latin alphabet please).

Answer: PRAVDA

Q6.: FILM - Name the 1970s film which starred the actors who would later play the characters Christmas Snow, Shirley Feeney, Richie Cunningham, Julie Cooper, and Dr. Richard Kimble.

Answer: AMERICAN GRAFFITI

Q1.: FILM - Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline play 60-something friends who throw a party for their group's last remaining, soon-to-be-married bachelor, played by Michael Douglas, in what 2013 film?

Answer: LAST VEGAS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - As measured by number of students, the largest Catholic university in the U.S. is DePaul University, and the largest Mormon university is BYU. With over 15,000 students, what central Texas institution is the nation's largest Baptist university?

Answer: BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In October of 1995, during what was surely an elegant event in an undoubtedly lovely home in Bridgehampton, Long Island, a journalist and television correspondent wed the man who is, today, the Chairman and CEO of the Walt Disney Company. Name either person.

Answer: WILLOW BAY, ROBERT IGER

Q4.: SCIENCE - In 1885, German pediatrician Theodor Escherich discovered the organism, important today in the fields of microbiology and biotechnology, that would, eight years after his death in 1911, come to be known by what name?

Answer: E. COLI

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Approximately 120,000 people were killed, and another nearly one million were displaced, during the 1975-1990 civil war in what country? The war's end was initiated with the Ta'if Agreement in 1989 and, in 1991, was followed by the amnesty law passed by the country's parliament and subsequent dissolution of (most) militias.

Answer: LEBANON

Q6.: THEATRE - According to a theatrical superstition known as the Scottish curse, one must never utter the name of which Shakespeare play while in the theatre, lest great misfortune befall?

Answer: MACBETH

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In December of 2006, this member of the African Union announced that it would be the first country in the world to declare as an environmentally protected area its entire coastline, which runs for over 830 miles along the southern end of the Red Sea, plus over 1,200 miles of coast around its 300+ islands.

Answer: ERITREA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Per the Instrument of Government, the republican constitution adopted in England in December of 1653, executive power was granted to a new head of state that held what title? The first such titleholder during the Commonwealth was Oliver Cromwell, installed the day after the constitution's adoption.

Answer: LORD PROTECTOR

Q3.: TELEVISION - Episode #1 of this television series, which first aired in February of 1950, featured Pat Finch of New York, New York -- the "Hat Check Girl" at Manhattan's Stork Club -- as its first contestant.

Answer: WHAT'S MY LINE

Q4.: ART - Originally associated with the northern Italian city of Faenza, faience is the name for a technique used to create a specific type of pottery, with glaze containing an oxide of what metallic element? Traditional Renaissance-era majolica and delftware were often similarly glazed.

Answer: TIN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Little League, the baseball organization for kids now known officially as Little League International, was founded in 1939 by Carl Stotz in what Pennsylvania city, where it remains headquartered?

Answer: WILLIAMSPORT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the most common name for the driver in an electroacoustic loudspeaker that produces sound with frequencies between 2,000 and 20,000 Hz?

Answer: TWEETER

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What was the brand name for the model of IBM typewriter, introduced in 1961, which was extremely successful due in large part to its novel golf ball-shaped type head (replacing the conventional basket of type bars)?
Answer: SELECTRIC

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Mohammed Zahir Shah, who died in July of 2007, reigned from 1933 to 1973 as the last monarch of what central Asian kingdom?
Answer: AFGHANISTAN

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The Köchel-Verzeichnis (Köchel catalogue) is a complete, chronological, 626-item catalog of what?
Answer: COMPOSITIONS BY W. A. MOZART

Q4.: FILM - In a 1968 cult film, the sensuous title character is sent by the President of Earth to the Tau Ceti system to retrieve the inventor of the the deadly Positronic Ray, a villainous doctor named Durand Durand. Identify the film.
Answer: BARBARELLA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - While The Beatles were known as the "Fab Four", what contemporaneous band and media sensation was known as the "Prefab Four" (and which, like the Beatles, began to disintegrate in the late 1960s) ?
Answer: THE MONKEES (or THE RUTLES)

Q6.: LANGUAGE - In the English language, there are nine auxiliary verbs classified undisputedly as "true" modal verbs (always used to express modality -- possibility, likelihood, ability, permission, obligation, etc.). Seven are may, might, must, shall, should, will and would. Name the other two.
Answer: CAN, COULD

Q1.: THEATRE -A Gay Fantasia on National Themes is the subtitle of the two-part play whose first part received the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. What is the play's primary title?

Answer: ANGELS IN AMERICA

Q2.: MATH - If $f(x) = x (\ln x)$, what is $f'(x)$?

Answer: $1 + \ln x$

Q3.: TELEVISION - Identify the actor pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: MATT SMITH

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In the early morning of August 6, 2012, a car-sized rover powered by plutonium was lowered into the Gale Crater on Mars. What is the name of this robotic rover?

Answer: CURIOSITY

Q5.: AMER HIST - Christopher Jones, a mariner and shipowner born in the English county of Essex in 1570, is best remembered today as the captain of what ship?

Answer: MAYFLOWER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is, by far, the smallest country (in area) in the organization known as the Arab Maghreb Union (a union whose membership extends roughly coterminously with the region known as the Maghreb)?

Answer: TUNISIA

Q1.: SCIENCE - A device known as a magnetron can be found in a modern kitchen most commonly in what appliance?

Answer: MICROWAVE OVEN

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The dish whose recipe consists of a steak tenderloin, coated with pâté and a chopped mushroom mixture (duxelles), wrapped in a puff pastry, and baked, is most commonly named what? Its etymology is debated, but it could be named after a famous statesman, or a world capital.

Answer: BEEF WELLINGTON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - More than 1,000,000 were killed or wounded in this battle, one of the bloodiest in history, which took place from early July to mid-November 1916, and takes its name from a river in north central France where the battle took place.

Answer: BATTLE OF THE SOMME

Q4.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film?[Click here](#)

Answer: THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Q5.: ART - Who painted this?[Click here](#)

Answer: CARAVAGGIO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Coin-operated games companies Rosen Enterprises and Services Games merged in 1965 to form what new company, which exists today primarily as a video game developer and publisher (and former home console producer)?

Answer: SEGA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - This language, used by over seven million native speakers worldwide, is the most widely spoken of the very few in the Germanic branch of languages that are not spoken natively in Europe.

Answer: AFRIKAANS

Q2.: THEATRE - Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers, and The Eumenides comprise the trilogy of Greek tragedies by Aeschylus which tells the story of the murderous House of Atreus. The trilogy is well-known collectively by what name?

Answer: ORESTEIA

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Monopoly is a term used in economics to describe a market where the supply is dominated by a single enterprise. The term monopsony indicates a market dominated instead by what?

Answer: SINGLE BUYER

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Greta Garbo, Jean Harlow, Ginger Rogers, and Bette Davis were among the celebrities namechecked in what hit pop song from 1990?

Answer: VOGUE

Q5.: TELEVISION - This is a screenshot from the pilot episode of what television series? [Click here](#)

Answer: THE BLACKLIST

Q6.: SCIENCE - The pair that comprise the third generation of elementary particles known as quarks are sometimes called beauty and truth, but are predominantly referred to as what other two names?

Answer: BOTTOM, TOP

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK -Sourdoughbread gets its namesake taste via acids produced from a culture of naturally occurring bacteria. Name one type of acid these bacilli produce, which causes this sour taste?

Answer: LACTIC ACID, ACETIC ACID

Q2.: LITERATURE -Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again..., one of the most famous opening lines in literary history, is reminisced by the unnamed narrator of what novel?

Answer: REBECCA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Sir George Grove, a civil engineer in Victorian England, retains a legacy today by way of the publication of a comprehensive namesake reference work on the subject of what?

Answer: MUSIC

Q4.: FILM - Burns and Albright are the surnames of the title characters from what popular romantic comedy film of the 1980s?

Answer: WHEN HARRY MET SALLY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The African colony known as Belgian Congo became independent on June 30, 1960. By what name was this sovereign nation known from 1971 until 1997, at which time it reverted to its current name?

Answer: ZAIRE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Toronto is the most populous city on the shore of Lake Ontario; what is the most populous city in the U.S. that sits on the lake?

Answer: ROCHESTER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The vocabulary and orthography of what language is governed by a secretariat known as the Qasileriffik, located on the Ilisimatusarfik campus in the city of Nuuk?

Answer: GREENLANDIC (KALAALLISUT)

Q2.: AMER HIST - In the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*, which was decided in May of 1954, what man was the chief counsel who argued the case before the Court for the plaintiffs?

Answer: THURGOOD MARSHALL

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Cisplatine War, fought in the 1820s between the United Provinces of the Río de la Plata and the Empire of Brazil, led to the eventual emancipation of what independent nation?

Answer: URUGUAY

Q4.: LITERATURE - The author of the 1964 children's book *Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car* is better known today as the creator of what iconic fictional character (who is quite dissimilar to Chitty's Caractacus Pott)?

Answer: JAMES BOND

Q5.: ART - Cullet, lehr, frit, incalmo, and pruntare all terms employed in a specific artistic genre that uses what medium?

Answer: GLASS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term for the forehead decoration, traditionally a bright red dot but common in various other forms, which is prevalent in South Asian cultures (and among cultural appropriators)? The term is Hindi, evolved from the Sanskrit for 'dot'.

Answer: BINDI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - This beverage, whose name comes from the Catalan for "barley", is traditionally prepared with tigernuts (chufas) or rice (or sometimes ground almonds, sesame seeds, or barley), with sugar and water, and perhaps a little cinnamon. Here's a photo.[Click here](#)

Answer: HORCHATA

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 1933 novel *Men Against the Sea*, the second in a successful trilogy, tells the story of eighteen men set adrift in an open boat in the South Pacific by mutineers of what Royal Navy vessel?

Answer: HMS BOUNTY

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The Nederlandse Taalunie(Dutch Language Union) has three official members: Netherlands, Belgium, and what South American country (the continent's smallest sovereign state)?

Answer: SURINAME

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik, ATLiens, Stankonia, and the Grammy-winning Speakerboxxx/The Love Below albums from what hip hop duo?

Answer: OUTKAST

Q5.: SCIENCE - The diameter of the earth at its equator is approximately 12,756 kilometers, which is the equivalent to how many miles (rounded to the nearest thousand)?

Answer: EIGHT THOUSAND

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The gentleman pictured here is a citizen of what nation?[Click here](#)

Answer: PORTUGAL

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Provide the seventh item needed to complete this list: Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Radcliffe, Barnard, Bryn Mawr, ____.

Answer: MOUNT HOLYOKE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify these two Romanians. Click here

Answer: ILIE NASTASE, NADIA COMANECI

Q3.: SCIENCE - Most mammals, such as humans, cats, dogs, and horses, can be categorized as monogastrics. Non-monogastric mammals could be categorized as polygastrics, but are best known collectively by what term?

Answer: RUMINANTS

Q4.: TELEVISION - The British entities Carlton and Granada, when merged in 2004, were companies most closely associated with what type of business?

Answer: TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Q5.: MATH - What is the area of the region bounded by the graphs $y = 2x^2$; $x = 0$; $x = 2$; and the x axis?

Answer: 16/3

Q6.: LITERATURE - Arkady and Bazarov, two "nihilists" and recent Saint Petersburg Imperial University graduates, are the titular sons of a classic 1862 novel by what author?

Answer: IVAN TURGENEV

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The province of Fars has been, for over two millennia, a cultural and civilizational (and linguistic) center in what is today what country?

Answer: IRAN

Q2.: LITERATURE - She is Talia in the Italian fairy tale Sun, Moon, and Talia (Sole, Luna, e Talia), while the Brothers Grimm named her Briar Rose (Dornröschen), and Disney calls her Aurora. By what name is this princess best known today?

Answer: SLEEPING BEAUTY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A treaty signed in London in December of 1921 ended the war for independence of what revolutionary state, which would then become a self-governing dominion within the British Commonwealth in 12 months (and ultimately, a sovereign state fifteen years later)?

Answer: IRISH REPUBLIC

Q4.: SCIENCE - Evolving from the Latin for star, this term is used mostly today in reference to a specific time scale, derived from the Earth's rotation period measured in relation to a fixed star.

Answer: SIDEREAL

Q5.: TELEVISION - Avery was the name of both the mother and the famously illegitimate son of what television sitcom's title character?

Answer: MURPHY BROWN

Q6.: ART - Identify the Frenchman responsible for the design of these items. Click [here](#)

Answer: PHILIPPE STARCK

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In the Bible, this angel appears to the prophet Daniel, interpreting his visions, and to Mary, annunciating the conception and birth of Jesus. In Islam, he visited Muhammad and delivered the prophet's first divine revelation (sura 96 of the Quran).

Answer: GABRIEL

Q2.: SCIENCE - Give the most common name for the scientific instrument pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: GEIGER COUNTER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - After the suicide of lead singer Ian Curtis, the members of the English rock band Joy Division re-formed to create what other influential band?

Answer: NEW ORDER

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The traditional baroque suite might begin with a Frenchouverture, normally followed by four core dances, originating from Germany, France, Spain, and Britain/Ireland, respectively (othergalantrieswere also common, following the third movement). Name any one of these four core suite movements.

Answer: ALLEMANDE, COURANTE, SARABANDE, GIGUE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In January of 1943, shortly before the retreat of German forces from Stalingrad, Allied leaders (notably minus Joseph Stalin) met to discuss matters of diplomacy, resource allocation, and war tactics -- and, of greatest historical significance, to declare the Allied demand of "unconditional surrender." This conference took place in what city, which already had a separate, unrelated association to WWII?

Answer: CASABLANCA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In Major League Baseball, from 1991 to 1998, six of the eight National League Cy Young Awards were bestowed among three members of which team (a seventh was awarded to one of those three while playing for another team)?

Answer: ATLANTA BRAVES

Q1.: FILM - Name the actor cropped from the left edge of this screenshot.[Click here](#)
Answer: KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR

Q2.: AMER HIST - The military statue officially named theMarine Corps War Memorial, which sits outside the walls of the Arlington National Cemetery, is also known by a name that references what WWII battle (which is strongly evoked by the features of the statue)?

Answer: IWO JIMA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The letters in theCMYKcolor model refer to the inks used in some four-color printing. TheKrefers to the black ink of thekey plate; to what colors do the other three letters refer?

Answer: CYAN, MAGENTA, YELLOW

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What Italian dish, very thinly sliced raw meat or fish typically served with greens and/or a light sauce, was created by Giuseppe Cipriani of Harry's Bar in Venice, and is named after a Venetian painter noted for prominent use of red in his works?

Answer: CARPACCIO

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Pictured here are variations of an automobile designed and first produced by what car manufacturer?[Click here](#)

Answer: LOTUS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The primary protagonists in the 10th and latest (November 2013) main installment of the video game franchiseCall of Dutyare U.S. Special Operations forces, trained to conduct covert missions behind enemy lines. In the game, this faction of soldiers is officially known asTask Force: STALKER, but is better known as what?

Answer: GHOSTS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Give the French term most commonly used for the little colorful items in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: NONPAREILS

Q2.: LITERATURE - Father John O'Connor, a Roman Catholic priest in the northern England city of Bradford, provided the basis for the main character in series of detective short stories by what author and lay theologian?

Answer: G.K. CHESTERTON

Q3.: BUS/ECON - With revenue of over \$45 billion in 2013, roughly seven times larger than the Las Vegas Strip's, the casino market of this city is the world's largest, by far.

Answer: MACAU

Q4.: SCIENCE - A biological episode known as a vasovagal response may lead to what is termed medically assyncope, but is better known colloquially as what?

Answer: FAINTING/PASSING OUT

Q5.: FILM - The shocking November 1974 murders by Ronald DeFeo, Jr., of his parents and four of his siblings provided the basis, in part, for what controversial 1977 novel and subsequent film series?

Answer: THE AMITYVILLE HORROR

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Serravalle, Borgo Maggiore, Fiorentino, and Acquaviva, along with the namesake capital, are among the largest castelli in what Most Serene republic?

Answer: SAN MARINO

Q1.: THEATRE - Originally a vat room with hop storage for London's Woodyard Brewery, the building known presently as the Donmar Warehouse is today used primarily for what other purpose?

Answer: THEATRE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the Democratic U.S. Senator, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who is the Senate's most senior member (and thus, as a member of the majority party, the President pro tempore).

Answer: PATRICK LEAHY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The series of military conflicts known as the Carnatic Wars, which took place from 1746 to 1763, saw British-controlled forces battle French-controlled forces in territories which are today a part of what nation?

Answer: INDIA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Identify the party-loving country music superstar, pictured here, who had two separate albums reach #1 on the Billboard country albums chart in 2013 (Spring Break...Here to Party and Crash My Party). Click here

Answer: LUKE BRYAN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the building at the right in this photograph. Click here

Answer: ASTRODOME

Q6.: LITERATURE - Esther Summerson, the [spoiler alert] illegitimate daughter of Lady Honoria Dedlock and Captain James Hawdon, is the heroine of which Charles Dickens novel, as well as the only first-person narrator in any of his books who is female?

Answer: BLEAK HOUSE

Q1.: SCIENCE - The evergreen oak tree *Quercus suber*, native to southwest Europe and northwest Africa, is the world's primary source for what common water-resistant material?

Answer: CORK

Q2.: LITERATURE - *Grave Descend*, *Odds On*, *Drug of Choice*, and *Easy Gone* were among the paperback suspense thrillers written by what prolific American novelist (and filmmaker and television producer), under the pen name of John Lange, while a student at Harvard Medical School in the late 1960s?

Answer: MICHAEL CRICHTON

Q3.: ART - Identify this Trojan priest, shown here agonizing with his sons. [Click here](#)

Answer: LAOCOÖN

Q4.: FILM - Delbert Mann won the 1955 Oscar for Best Director for *Marty*, his film debut, and Jerome Robbins repeated the feat for 1961's *West Side Story*. Since then, four additional men have won Best Director Oscars for their film directing debuts -- name any one of the four.

Answer: ROBERT REDFORD, JAMES L. BROOKS, KEVIN COSTNER, SAM MENDES

Q5.: LANGUAGE - *Cleave* is a word in English, known as an auto-antonym, with two synonyms which are themselves antonyms ("adhere" and "separate"). What other such word is an auto-antonym that can mean "garnish" or "prune"?

Answer: TRIM or TOP

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The first formal arms control accord established during the Cold War was a treaty entered into force in 1961, prohibiting military activity, mineral mining, nuclear explosions and disposal of nuclear material, as well as supporting scientific research and environmental protections, where?

Answer: ANTARCTICA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - British musicians David Stewart and Annie Lennox were the members of what Grammy-winning duo, popular in the 1980s?

Answer: EURYTHMICS

Q2.: LITERATURE - The literal translation in English of the name Beelzebub provides the title for what novel first published in 1954?

Answer: LORD OF THE FLIES

Q3.: AMER HIST - From 1787 until 1800, the area covered by the present-day U.S. states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, as well as a part of Minnesota, together formed an organized political division of the U.S. with what name?

Answer: NORTHWEST TERRITORY

Q4.: SCIENCE - In December of 1967, Louis Washkansky, a native Lithuanian resident of Cape Town, South Africa, achieved renown as a pioneering recipient of what?

Answer: HEART TRANSPLANT

Q5.: TELEVISION - Heard here is an excerpt from the opening of what television series? (7 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: DRAGNET

Q6.: MATH - What is the geometric term, from the Latin for "round protuberance", for a Euclidean surface generated by revolving a circle, in 3D space, around an axis on the same plane as the circle. Colloquially, the surface could be described as "doughnut-shaped".

Answer: TORUS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the most significant distinction shared by Cahawba, Alabama; Bodie, California; Dogtown, Massachusetts; and Pripyat, Ukraine?
Answer: GHOST TOWNS

Q2.: FILM - This action film series' hyper-violent 2008 installment, which is named simply after the title character despite being the fourth in the franchise, is currently banned in Burma (to the surprise of no one who has seen the film).
Answer: RAMBO

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - While they're better known locally as the Intifadat-al-Istiqlal, the 2005 demonstrations in Lebanon, triggered by the assassination of Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, are known internationally as what -- a term coined by a U.S. State Department official in reference to Lebanon's national emblem?
Answer: CEDAR REVOLUTION

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In the history of the Grammy awards, three songs have won Record of the Year or Song of the Year whose titles reference an American city (New Orleans, San Francisco, Philadelphia). What is the only song to do so whose title references a Brazilian neighborhood?

Answer: THE GIRL FROM IPANEMA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - This term, first introduced in the early 20th c. by English archaeologist and palace of Knossos excavator Arthur Evans, is defined primarily as relating to the culture and civilization that existed during the Bronze Age on the island of Crete. What is the term?

Answer: MINOAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the former NBA star and basketball Hall of Famer in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: JERRY WEST

Q1.: THEATRE - Applied with differing definitions in various sports, this term is also used in theatre to describe the act of taking down the set after a show's closing.

Answer: STRIKE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The scientific term for white blood cells is leukocytes; what is the analogous term for red blood cells?

Answer: ERYTHROCYTES

Q3.: TELEVISION - Josiah Bartlett, the American statesman who served as New Hampshire delegate to the Continental Congress, and later as the state's governor, was a real person, but is the direct descendant of a fictional main character from what television series?

Answer: THE WEST WING

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission was an office of inquiry established in May 2010, shortly after the conclusion of a destructive 26-year civil war, by Mahinda Rajapaksa, the president of what country?

Answer: SRI LANKA

Q5.: ART - Identify the subject of this portrait from c. 1498, by Fra Bartolomeo. [Click here](#)

Answer: GIROLAMO SAVONAROLA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Bert and Nan, and Flossie and Freddie, were the title characters of what series of 72 children's novels, the first of which was published in 1904?

Answer: BOBBSEY TWINS

Q1.: FILM - One of the few individuals with both an Erdos number (of 5) and a Bacon number (of 2) is what actress, by virtue of a psychology paper written while a student at Harvard University, and her appearance as thirteen-year-old Marty in 1996's *Beautiful Girls*?

Answer: NATALIE PORTMAN

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Name the man who famously sang, in a #1 hit from 1961, of girlfriends in Mexico, Alaska, Berlin, Hong Kong, and Waikiki (and elsewhere) -- whom he would visit while travelin'.

Answer: RICKY NELSON

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The country of Indonesia is an archipelago consisting of over 17,500 islands. Of those, it shares three with other countries. Name two of those three islands.

Answer: BORNEO, NEW GUINEA (PAPUA), TIMOR

Q4.: AMER HIST - While there are a number of institutions in the United States called Trinity College, the total decreased by one in 1924 when North Carolina's Trinity College changed its name to what, after receiving a major private endowment from a prominent American industrialist?

Answer: DUKE UNIVERSITY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the former Serb military leader, Chief of Staff of the Bosnian Serb Army, who is the man believed most responsible for the 1992-96 Siege of Sarajevo, as well as the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre (along with Radovan Karadžić).

Answer: RATKO MLADIĆ

Q6.: LITERATURE - What was the most notable and particular circumstance shared by the respective authors during the writing of *Le Morte d'Arthur*, *Don Quixote*, *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Our Lady of the Flowers* (*Notre Dame des Fleurs*), and *Mein Kampf*?

Answer: IMPRISONED

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In January of 1906, a U.S. patent was granted for an "Apparatus for Treating Air" to what American engineer and businessman, whose name remains prominent in the field via his namesake corporation?

Answer: WILLIS CARRIER

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Identify the pop music superstar who adopted a stage name using her mother's maiden name, versus her own last name, in order to avoid confusion with a 2000 Academy Award nominee.

Answer: KATY PERRY

Q3.: SCIENCE - Of the four humors, which composed a commonly held view of the human body before the advent of modern medicine, which one corresponded to winter, and the classical element water?

Answer: PHLEGM

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - This photo shows the northern end of an area known (in English) as "Museum Island". What is the local name for the taller object at the left, in the distance?[Click here](#)

Answer: FERNSEHTURM

Q5.: TELEVISION - After almost 7,000 one-hour daily episodes, whose television talk show aired its final program in September of 1996, giving it the longest continuous run of any syndicated talk show in U.S. television history (a distinction it still holds today)?

Answer: PHIL DONAHUE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Apart from the first *Pomp and Circumstance* March, the best-known work of English composer Edward Elgar is likely a set of fourteen variations which are formally titled *Variations on an Original Theme* for Orchestra, but are better known as what?

Answer: ENIGMA VARIATIONS

Q1.: THEATRE - Name the actress currently performing on Broadway as Mama Morton in the musical Chicago, the unprecedented third different lead she has played in the show (having previously starred as Velma Kelly and as Roxie Hart).
Answer: BEBE NEUWIRTH

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What archaic English word, today associated most closely with Ebenezer Scrooge, was originally defined as someone (or something) designed to mislead and deceive.

Answer: HUMBUG

Q3.: TELEVISION - Identify the gentleman operating the vehicle here.[Click here](#)
Answer: TOM SLICK

Q4.: SCIENCE - The chemicalsimethiconeis the active ingredient in medications normally administered for the treatment of pain and discomfort caused by what?
Answer: GAS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Lafayette National Park, which was created in 1919 on Mount Desert Island (and other nearby islands) off the Atlantic coast, was renamed what in 1929, in honor of colonists who settled the area in the 17th and early 18th centuries?
Answer: ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Owned today by Pinnacle Foods, what is the best-selling food item in the United States named in honor of Abraham Lincoln?

Answer: LOG CABIN SYRUP

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In finance, a measure of financial performance calculated as a change in operational monetary balance (over a given period), minus capital expenditures, is often abbreviated FCF. What do the letters in FCF stand for?
Answer: FREE CASH FLOW

Q2.: SCIENCE - There are seven base units defined by the International System of Units (SI), through which all other SI units are derived. Which of the seven units measures the amount of a substance? Specifically, it is defined as the amount of substance of a system which contains as many elementary units as there are atoms in 0.012 kg of carbon-12.

Answer: MOLE

Q3.: FILM - The following are quotes from what film? "Ooooh, I wish I were you! Gosh, to be able to smell your own ear!"; "It must wonderful to wake up in the morning and smell the coffee... in Brazil!"; "Uh, would you mind not bobbing your head? The, uh, orchestra keeps changing tempo."

Answer: ROXANNE

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Continental Army cavalry officer nicknamed "Light-Horse Harry" was decorated for his actions during the American Revolution, and later served as Governor of Virginia, and U.S. Congressman. Despite all that, he's perhaps even better known today as the father of whom?

Answer: ROBERT E. LEE

Q5.: ART - This stone slab, currently on display in The Louvre, is associated with what Babylonian king? [Click here](#)

Answer: HAMMURABI

Q6.: THEATRE - In the form of classical Japanese dance theatre known as Noh, the only ornamentation on the stage is the kagami-ita, which is a particular object painted on the wood wall at the back of the rear stage area. What is this object?

Answer: PINE TREE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - The title character of what German opera is, in fact, actually a devoted noblewoman named Leonore, disguised as a Spanish prison guard to rescue her wrongly incarcerated husband?

Answer: FIDELIO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Richard Belding was the principal of California's fictional Bayside High School on what teen-oriented television sitcom?

Answer: SAVED BY THE BELL

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The events that came to be known as the "Scramble for Africa", and resulted in the colonization of nearly all of the continent by European colonial powers, were triggered to a large degree by an 1884-85 summit. This congregation is known as the West Africa Conference or Congo Conference, but was formally named (and is best known) after the city where it was held. Name that city.

Answer: BERLIN

Q4.: ART - Pictured here are four extremely representative works from what English Romantic painter of the early 19th c.?Click here

Answer: JOHN CONSTABLE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Derived from the Greek word for "heat" ($\thetaάλπειν$, thalpein), this term in thermodynamics represents the quantity of total energy (heat content) of a system. It can be measured in joules, BTUs, or calories.

Answer: ENTHALPY

Q6.: LITERATURE - What term was coined by John Milton in Paradise Lost, used in the epic poem as the name for the high capital of Hell (though used today more generally to mean "uproar")?

Answer: PANDEMONIUM

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Give the name, from Portuguese, for the sport being played in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: FUTSAL

Q2.: FILM - Vitruvius, a Roman architect, engineer, and builder from the 1st c. BC, shares his name with a prominent character from what popular 2014 film?

Answer: THE LEGO MOVIE

Q3.: LITERATURE - The English baronet and popinjay Sir Percy Blakeney is the true identity of what eponymous hero from a 1903 play and 1905 novel by Emma Orczy?

Answer: THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

Q4.: MATH - This term from statistics, which sounds like a medical condition, is the degree of peakedness of a distribution of values. A high level of this would produce a distribution curve with fat tails and a distinct peak.

Answer: KURTOSIS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the fine-textured long-grained rice, grown primarily in the outer Himalayas where it has been cultivated for centuries, whose name translates from Hindi as "queen of fragrance"?

Answer: BASMATI

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Former members of the rock bands The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, and The Hollies gained even greater success in the late 1960s and 1970s as members of what other influential band?

Answer: CROSBY, STILLS & NASH (& YOUNG)

Q1.: LITERATURE - 1988's *The Sackett Companion*, published a few months after the author's death, is a guided tour through the stories and background of the seventeen western novels featuring the fictional Sackett family. Who wrote these novels, and this final companion book?

Answer: LOUIS L'AMOUR

Q2.: MATH - In mathematics, a Mersenne prime is defined as a prime number of the form $2^n - 1$. 3, 7, and 31 are the first three Mersenne primes; what is the fourth?

Answer: 127

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - While the "main" Alps are in Europe, another separate mountain range with that name -- with a distinguishing forename, and formally a component of a larger cordillera called the Great Dividing Range -- is the highest in what country?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - Philadelphia's historic Bellevue-Stratford Hotel achieved international newsworthiness in July of 1976, by virtue of its hosting what organization?

Answer: AMERICAN LEGION

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The machine pictured here, which was first produced in early 1980 and quickly created the signature sound of hip hop and electronic music of the era, was manufactured by what musical electronics company (whose name has been edited from the image)? [Click here](#)

Answer: ROLAND

Q6.: BUS/ECON - An investor may sell a financial contract (e.g. a share) that she does not actually own, with the expectation that its price will fall, at which point it can then be purchased, resulting in profit. This investment activity is most commonly known as what?

Answer: SHORTING

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Mozart's Symphony No. 41 in C major, the longest of his symphonies as well as his last, is known today by what pantheonic nickname?
Answer: JUPITER SYMPHONY

Q2.: THEATRE - The series of ten August Wilson plays, which begins (chronologically) with *Gem of the Ocean* and ends with *Radio Golf*, and includes the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Piano Lesson* and *Fences*, is collectively known as a Cycle named after what city? It is where the playwright was born, and where nine of the ten plays were set.

Answer: PITTSBURGH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Relations between Greece and Turkey remain today dominated in large part by events, including a coup d'etat, which occurred in the summer of 1974 in what other country?

Answer: CYPRUS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name for the style of breadcrumbs, common in the cuisine of Japan (from which the name comes), whose special processing includes baking the bread without crusts, usually by passing an electric current through the dough?

Answer: PANKO

Q5.: FILM - The execution of a spectacular and dangerous dive, by senescent student Thornton Melon, wins the championship meet for Grand Lakes University during the climax of the 1986 film *Back to School*. What was the name of this legendary dive?

Answer: TRIPLE LINDY

Q6.: ART - Identify the order of classical architecture highlighted in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: IONIC

Q1.: POP MUSIC - This trumpet, currently in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, belonged to whom?[Click here](#)
Answer: DIZZY GILLESPIE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The First Sino-Japanese War in 1894-95, and the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05, were both fought primarily over control of what sovereign state (which would then be under the dominion of Japan until the end of WWII)?
Answer: KOREA

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The name of Jumbo the circus elephant was derived (probably) from the wordjambo, which means "hello" in what language?
Answer: SWAHILI

Q4.: TELEVISION - What was the name of the character who appeared in exactly six episodes of the sitcomThe Brady Bunch-- specifically (but not coincidentally), the final six episodes of the series' fifth and final season?
Answer: OLIVER

Q5.: LITERATURE - From the years 1973 to 1980, American author Judy Blume published five novels for children or young adults, four of which have one-word titles (the fifth isStarring Sally J. Freedman as Herself). Name any one of these four one-word-titled novels.

Answer: DEENIE, BLUBBER, FOREVER, SUPERFUDGE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Identify the firm, headquartered in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and founded in 1865 in Baden as an aniline and soda factory (manufacturing acids and soda for dyes). It is today the world's largest chemical company.

Answer: BASF

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the bartending tool pictured here, which is used to measure liquor, and which shares its name with a particular mast of a large sailing ship.[Click here](#)
Answer: JIGGER

Q2.: LITERATURE -Whose woods these are I think I knowis the first line of a poem whose fourth and final stanza ends with what exact seven-word line? (Note:Must be precise.)

Answer: AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

Q3.: WORLD HIST - While the First Crusade, at the end of the 11th c., began as an effort to defend the Byzantine Empire from invading Muslim Seljuks, it quickly switched its primary goal to the conquest of what city (which it achieved in July of 1099, quite bloodily)?

Answer: JERUSALEM

Q4.: ART - Identify the term, French for "workshop", which is used in English for the studio of a principal designer or artist with a number of apprentices, students, and assistants. By extension, today the term also applies to the method of art instruction which utilizes this private training model.

Answer: ATELIER

Q5.: TELEVISION - In what has been her only significant acting credit, Rachel Dennison, the younger sister of country music superstar Dolly Parton, played Doralee Rhodes (a role created by Dolly) in what television sitcom, which ran in two versions from 1982-83, and 1986-88?

Answer: 9 TO 5

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Columbus, Canton, Cleveland, Clinton, Madison, Greenville, Philadelphia, Meridian, and Oxford are all cities in what U.S. state which is not Ohio?

Answer: MISSISSIPPI

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Billionaire Nawaz Sharif, chairman of the integrated steel manufacturer Ittefaq Group, is one of the wealthiest men in, and the Prime Minister of, what country?

Answer: PAKISTAN

Q2.: AMER HIST - When the thirteen British colonies of North America declared independence in 1776, three of the colonies had capital cities which were named after British monarchs. Name anyoneof these three colonies & nascent U.S. states.

Answer: MARYLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the beer whose name reflects its famous (but perhaps apocryphal) winning of the award as "America's Best" at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.

Answer: PABST BLUE RIBBON

Q4.: SCIENCE - Who was the commander of the Apollo 14 manned lunar landing mission, which touched down on the moon on February 9, 1971? His role on the mission is perhaps best known for his bringing along a golf club, which he used to launch two balls on the moon's surface.

Answer: ALAN SHEPARD

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the opera (24 seconds).[Click here](#)

Answer: LOHENGREN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - On June 11, 1919, Sir Barton culminated the accomplishment of what feat -- which would not be repeated for eleven years, and still today has only been achieved eleven times in history (the latest in 1978)?

Answer: (AMERICAN THOROUGHBRED) TRIPLE CROWN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the most populous country in the world that has no land border with any other nation?

Answer: JAPAN

Q2.: TELEVISION - All Grown Up was a special television movie, first airing on Nickelodeon in July 2001, which celebrated the 10th anniversary of what original Nicktoon series? The movie served as the pilot for the spinoff series All Grown Up!, which itself ran until 2008.

Answer: RUGRATS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The highest military decoration for gallantry and valor awarded by the armed forces of the British Commonwealth is what medal?

Answer: VICTORIA CROSS

Q4.: LITERATURE - The murder of an elderly pawnbroker and her younger half-sister is the titular felony in what classic novel, first published in 1866?

Answer: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Q5.: SCIENCE - Pictured here is an electronic device used to convert direct current power to alternating current power. By what term is such a device most commonly known? [Click here](#)

Answer: INVERTER

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 1979-80 season of the National Hockey League saw the addition of four teams from the recently disbanded World Hockey Association. Of the four, the Hartford Whalers, Winnipeg Jets, and Quebec Nordiques eventually relocated to different cities. Identify the fourth team, which remains today in its 1979 home city.

Answer: EDMONTON OILERS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the style of shoe represented by all of the examples pictured here, whose name comes not from an animal, but from a shoe worn by Ancient Roman magistrates.[Click here](#)

Answer: MULE

Q2.: AMER HIST - Roosevelt Field on Long Island, New York, was built in 1916 and named in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's son, Quentin. However, for most of its history, until it was closed in 1951, it was most closely associated with what other man? Today he is commemorated with a plaque in the mall that now sits at the site, near Express Men and The Disney Store.

Answer: CHARLES LINDBERGH

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - There are four national capital cities on the African continent that begin with the letter "K". Please name anytwo.

Answer: KAMPALA, KHARTOUM, KIGALI, KINSHASA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Kyoto-born Shigeru Miyamoto, a graduate of the Kanazawa College of Art, is famous primarily as a result of his work while employed by what company?

Answer: NINTENDO

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Among the many works of the French Romantic Hector Berlioz is what challenging and ambitious 1858 grand opera, the composer's take on Vergil's Aeneid?

Answer: LES TROYENS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Name the song whose video was named by YouTube as the top trending video of 2013, and which is the biggest hit by a Norwegian artist on the Billboards singles chart since a-ha's "Take on Me" in 1985.

Answer: THE FOX (WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY?)

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - According to Twitter, a Tweet by this person on March 2, 2014, is, with now over 3 million RTs, the most re-tweeted Tweet in the history of Twitter.

Answer: ELLEN DEGENERES (@TheEllenShow)

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - With victories that include three gold medals in slalom events at the 1988 and 1992 Winter Olympics, one of the most successful competitive alpine skiers in history is what Italian, who remains today one of the most popular athletes in his country?

Answer: ALBERTO TOMBA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The common tool known as theSnellen chart, the primary legacy of 19th c. Dutch physician Hermann Snellen, is used to measure what?

Answer: VISUAL ACUITY

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the most common name for the fashion accessory pictured here?[Click here](#)

Answer: CUMMERBUND

Q5.: TELEVISION - With seven-season runs, *Mission: Impossible*(1966-73) and *The Avengers*(1961-69) were the longest-running espionage-themed programs in American television history, until surpassed in 2010 by the eighth (and final) season of what fast-paced drama series?

Answer: 24

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Three different islands have particular associations with the life of Napoleon Bonaparte -- where he was born, where he was exiled in 1814, and where he died in 1821. Identify these three islands.

Answer: CORSICA, ELBA, ST. HELENA

Q1.: AMER HIST - President Franklin Roosevelt appointed eight Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court during his tenure, which is the second-most in history. Which President appointed a total of ten during his two terms?

Answer: GEORGE WASHINGTON

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What Central Asian country is, with an area of over one million mi²(2.7 million km²), by far the world's largest landlocked country?

Answer: KAZAKHSTAN

Q3.: FILM - Give the last word of each title of the three films which starred Matt Damon as CIA assassin Jason Bourne (note: answer will be three words).

Answer: IDENTITY, SUPREMACY, ULTIMATUM

Q4.: SCIENCE - Identify the type of tree pictured here, which gives its name to the National Preserve in southern Florida (adjacent to Everglades National Park) in which this photo was taken.[Click here](#)

Answer: CYPRESS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Name the man, a relative of the president (and later, territorial governor) of Hawaii, who founded the Hawaiian Pineapple Company in 1901, becoming known as the "Pineapple King".

Answer: JAMES DOLE

Q6.: LITERATURE - One of the enduring works of the popular and successful (and notorious) English writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton is his 1834 novel describing the last days of what city?

Answer: POMPEII

Q1.: SCIENCE - In two different places in this image, a prefix is obscured by a red box. What is the prefix, from Greek fortun, that is obscured in both places (note: one answer only)?[Click here](#)

Answer: TROPO

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What nickname, used previously and subsequently for unrelated items, was during World War I associated with a 420mm howitzer manufactured by armaments supplier Krupp for the German Imperial Army? At the time, it was the world's largest and most powerful artillery.

Answer: BIG BERTHA

Q3.: FILM - The 1984 made-for-TV movie *Solomon Northup's Odyssey*, starring Avery Brooks, was based on material that also provided the source for what theatrical film?

Answer: 12 YEARS A SLAVE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - While Frenchmen have won cycling's Tour de France 36 times, racers representing what other country have won it only twice -- but the most recent two, in 2012 and 2013?

Answer: UNITED KINGDOM

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - List the five Great Lakes (the interconnected Laurentian Great Lakes of North America), in order, from smallest to largest, as measured by area.

Answer: ONTARIO, ERIE, MICHIGAN, HURON, SUPERIOR

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - While the name for this popular Mediterranean dish is derived from Arabic for "chilled," in Greek cuisine it is usually served warm. It often consists of layers of eggplant, minced lamb and tomatoes, and white sauce, which are cooked separately and then baked together.

Answer: MOUSSAKA

Q1.: TELEVISION - Joey, Pacey, Jen, and the title character were four sex-obsessed 15-year-old friends at Massachusetts's Capeside High School at the outset of what television drama series, which aired original episodes during the late 90s/early 00s?

Answer: DAWSON'S CREEK

Q2.: ART - Give the term for the style, originally a printed Indian calico, which features bright and colorful floral patterns on a plain light background. The term has expanded in contemporary usage to mean, in its adjectival form, "cheap" or "gaudy".

Answer: CHINTZ

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In January of 2011, Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Florida, scored a 100 in a semifinal loss to Finland-born Mika Koivuniemi in the Las Vegas Tournament of Champions. In doing so, he set a record for the lowest score in a televised match, as well as the largest margin of loss (199). What was the sport?

Answer: BOWLING

Q4.: SCIENCE - Most humans, including basketball hall-of-famers Larry Bird, Scottie Pippen, and Patrick Ewing, the late Pope John Paul I, and every driver in the field of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race, have (or had) how many vertebrae in their spinal columns?

Answer: 33

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Identify either of the royal dynastic houses that ruled France under the system (and during the period) known as the *Ancien Régime*?

Answer: VALOIS, BOURBON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A village in the English county of Somerset's Sedgemoor district gives its name to a food item which is the most popular of its type in the UK, and the second-most in the US (where it would probably also be first if not for a certain flat, baked dish). Name this village.

Answer: CHEDDAR

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The term "Pinoy" is a gentilic used informally to refer to people of an ethnic group native to what country?

Answer: PHILIPPINES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In any list of ancient cities that includes Stabiae, Oplontis, and Herculaneum, what other, better-known city would almost always be included?

Answer: POMPEII

Q3.: FILM - What is the greatest distinction shared by the bases for the Disney feature films Mission to Mars, The Country Bears, The Haunted Mansion, and Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl?

Answer: THEME PARK ATTRACTIONS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Researchers at the University of Manchester won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2010 for work on a revolutionary material, consisting of a single layer of hexagonally patterned carbon atoms just one atom thick, which is 100 times stronger than steel, and conducts electricity better than silicon. What is the official term for this groundbreaking substance?

Answer: GRAPHENE

Q5.: THEATRE - Le Chat Noir, which opened in the Montmartre district of Paris in 1881, first assigned what term (from the Spanish for "merry bowl") to the small-scale entertainment, originally avant-garde and normally performed in cafes and pubs, which presents sketches, songs, speeches, and/or satires in a typical evening?

Answer: CABARET

Q6.: BUS/ECON - A four-step management methodology named the Deming cycle, after famed American statistician, consultant, and quality management guru W. Edwards Deming, is also commonly referred to by the initialism PDCA. Give any of the words represented by the letters in PDCA.

Answer: PLAN, DO, CHECK, ACT/ADJUST

Q1.: AMER HIST - A genus of tree, a model of sport utility vehicle, a prominent Silicon Valley venture capital firm, and a Great Smoky mountain on the Tennessee/North Carolina border are all named after what man, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet?

Answer: SEQUOYAH

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - While five capital cities sit on the Baltic Sea, the most populous city with a Baltic port is not a national capital. What is that city?

Answer: SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify this song.[Click here](#)

Answer: JINGLE BELLS

Q4.: LITERATURE - A violent paternal child abduction, a silly but bitter and deadly feud among the Southern aristocratic Grangerford and Shepherdson households, and several scams by a con artist "duke" and "dauphin" pair are among the occurrences that form the plot of what novel?

Answer: THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Q5.: SCIENCE - The highest high tides and lowest low tides, called springtides, are produced when the sun, moon and Earth are directly aligned, and the sun's and moon's gravitational forces are additive. What is the term for the opposite tides, which occur when the sun and moon are positioned with 90 degrees in between, and the tide range is at its minimum?

Answer: NEAP TIDES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The Beast on the Road, World Piece Tour, World Slavery Tour, and Somewhere on Tour were 1980s concert tours headlined by what heavy metal band?

Answer: IRON MAIDEN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - While variations exist, by far the most popular form of the competition known as triathlon consists of what disciplines, in order?

Answer: SWIMMING, CYCLING, RUNNING

Q2.: ART - Per the common name for the work of art pictured here, what was the homeland of this expiring gentleman?[Click here](#)

Answer: GAUL/GALATIA

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Name the woman who is missing from the otherwise complete set in this photo, taken in April, 2013.[Click here](#)

Answer: NANCY REAGAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The prefix blepharo- is used for certain medical conditions that affect what specific part of the human body? Examples include blepharitis, blepharospasm, and blepharo-naso facial syndrome.

Answer: EYELID/EYE LASH

Q5.: FILM - This actress and comedian is the only person ever to have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony, and Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award. She won five KCAs between 1988 and 1994 for Favorite Movie Actress, though she was also well-known during this period for her role on a science fiction television series.

Answer: WHOOPPI GOLDBERG

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the ancient port city, named perhaps for a son of Noah, or the mother of Andromeda, which since 1950 has formally been a part of the Israeli city of Tel Aviv.

Answer: JAFFA/YAFO

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In each season from 1993 to 1997, two unrelated members of the NFL All-Pro first team shared a last name -- a running back and a cornerback. Give the last name shared by these two players.

Answer: SANDERS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Give the name of the dish, a seared and roasted tenderloin steak usually served with a bearnaise or other wine sauce, which is typically ordered for a table of two. It was created in the 1820s by the personal chef of a French diplomat and rhetorician of the modern Romantic school.

Answer: CHATEAUBRIAND

Q3.: LITERATURE - Published in 1848, Camille (La Dame aux camélias) is the most popular and best-known work from what filial writer and dramatist?

Answer: ALEXANDRE DUMAS, FILS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Prokaryote is the term for a single-celled organism that lacks a distinct nucleus. What is the parallel term for a single- or multi-celled organism whose cells contain distinct nuclei?

Answer: EUKARYOTE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Of the twelve Christian apostles in the canonical gospels of the New Testament, name the one who was first to die, as well as the only one not to achieve sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church?

Answer: JUDAS ISCARIOT

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What is the term for the predominant class of battleship in service during the first decades of the 20th c., which takes its name from that of a revolutionary British Royal Navy vessel which first sailed in 1906? During the era, her name became synonymous with the term "battleship" itself.

Answer: DREADNOUGHT

Q1.: SCIENCE - The process known as cryodesiccation (or more colloquially, freeze-drying), involves two thermodynamic phase transitions, the first of which is the freezing of the substance. What is the other transition, which converts the frozen water in the substance to vapor via a strong vacuum?

Answer: SUBLIMATION

Q2.: LITERATURE - In a famous 1929 novel—spoiler alert!—the main character, a German soldier named Paul Bäumer, dies at the end. How does the army's situation report describe that day?

Answer: ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Q3.: FILM - Identify the baseball fan whose face is obscured in this montage.[Click here](#)

Answer: BILLY CRYSTAL

Q4.: AMER HIST - Barbara Hutton, the serial bride and debutante derisively dubbed "Poor Little Rich Girl" during the Great Depression (and later), was an heiress to the E.F. Hutton fortune, via her father, but more famously to the fortune of what other company, via her maternal grandfather?

Answer: WOOLWORTH

Q5.: ART - *Nymphéasis* the title of an extremely famous and influential series of impressionist Giverny paintings, most of which were done in the first quarter of the twentieth century. What is the English translation of the word *nymphéas*?

Answer: WATERLILIES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Rap artist and actor Marshall Mathers III is best known by his stage name Eminem but has also created an alter ego, as revealed in the titles of his 1997 EP and 1999 major label debut LP, who goes by what name?

Answer: SLIM SHADY

Q1.: SCIENCE - The Bell 101 dataset, released in 1958, was the first model of what computer device to be made commercially available, right around the time the portmanteau term for the device entered the English lexicon?

Answer: MODEM

Q2.: LITERATURE - According to Samuel Taylor Coleridge, in what city on the sacred river Alph did Mongol ruler Kubla Khan a stately pleasure-dome decree?

Answer: XANADU

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The Sunset Café, Reno Club, "head arrangements," Big Joe Turner, Charlie Parker, Bennie Moten, Count Basie, and the widely imitated "dueling tenor saxophonists" Lester Young and Herschel Evans are all associated with the swing jazz of what city?

Answer: KANSAS CITY

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A prominent American neurosurgeon who is also a television medical correspondent may or may not be descended from monarchs who ruled much of South Asia in the fourth to sixth centuries, during what is considered the Golden Age of India. What last name do they share?

Answer: GUPTA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Kópavogur, Hafnarfjörður, Garðabær, and Mosfellsbær are among the most populous suburbs of what European capital city?

Answer: REYKJAVIK

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the American television soap opera that premiered in March 1987 as a sister to The Young and the Restless and subsequently surpassed its older sibling to become the world's most watched soap opera (although Y&R remains #1 in the United States).

Answer: THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Although he did slug 563 home runs before retiring in 1987 (a total that doesn't include three famous home runs in October 1977), what Major League Baseball Hall of Famer holds the ignominious record for most career strikeouts?

Answer: REGGIE JACKSON

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The confection pictured here is known by a number of names, including one that is derived in part from a slang term for "mouth". What is that name?[Click here](#)

Answer: GOBSTOPPER (also acc. Jawbreaker)

Q3.: FILM - A complex triangular relationship between the title characters and a nouvelle and mercurial woman named Catherine structures the plot of what classic French New Wave film?

Answer: JULES ET JIM

Q4.: AMER HIST - In 1960, Alan Freed, the originator of the term rock and roll, was arrested on charges of commercial bribery. His arrest and subsequent conviction were part of a series of scandals that are associated with what neologism (which is defined as an illegal undercover or indirect inducement for a commercial favor—in Freed's case, regular radio airplay)?

Answer: PAYOLA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Extending from Billy Rogers Arroyo all the way to the New Mexico border, Franklin Mountains State Park is the largest urban park in the United States, at over 24,000 acres (thirty times larger than Central Park in New York City). The park is located wholly within what Texas city?

Answer: EL PASO

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - On April 27, 2014, a crowd of hundreds of thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City to witness Pope Francis's canonization of two former pontiffs. What were the papal names (and numbers) used by these two new saints?

Answer: JOHN XXIII, JOHN PAUL II

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The Fortune 500 annually lists the top closely held and public corporations in the United States, as ranked by gross revenue during the previous year (after adjustments). Name any one of the three companies to have sat atop the list since its inception in 1955.

Answer: GENERAL MOTORS, EXXONMOBIL, WAL-MART

Q2.: SCIENCE - Angiogenesis and intussusception are two of the three known physiological processes by which the human body creates what?

Answer: BLOOD VESSELS

Q3.: FILM - The Golden Globe-winning 2010 film *The Kids Are All Right* is extremely similar in title—but quite different in subject matter—to a film thirty-one years earlier about whom?

Answer: THE WHO

Q4.: MATH - What is the amplitude of the cosine function shown here in green? Click here

Answer: 2.5 (peak) / 5 (peak-to-peak)

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Give the musical term, from Italian, synonymous for "from the beginning," and associated with Baroque arias, that instructs the performer to repeat the first section of music.

Answer: DA CAPO

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The semiannual clothing trade shows in this city, which were established in 1958 and are usually held in February/March and September/October, are the third in the Big Four "fashion weeks" schedule, following New York and London, and preceding Paris.

Answer: MILAN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - It's been 814 weeks since this provocatively named Canadian alternative rock band has had a #1 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart.
Answer: BARENAKED LADIES

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Fill in the blank, from the rules of soccer (association football): "When the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, excluding that portion between the goalposts, either in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the defending team, the member of the attacking team shall take a _____."
Answer: CORNER KICK

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In the United States, the dessert item pictured here most often appears on menus under what Italian name?[Click here](#)
Answer: ZABAGLIONE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name any two of the countries that are wholly within the area of the geographical region known as the Southern Cone (Cono Sur).
Answer: ARGENTINA, CHILE, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Correctly spell the word being spoken in this audio clip. The final word in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in 1999, it is defined as "excessive and often incoherent talkativeness or wordiness." (1 second)[Click here](#)
Answer: LOGORRHEA

Q6.: LITERATURE - A get-rich-quick scheme by a former mid-level government official named Paul structures the plot of what classic 1842 novel, whose original primary title was *The Wanderings of Chichikov*?

Answer: DEAD SOULS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - What company, founded in Tennessee in 1952 and now owned by the multinational British corporation IHG, was named after a hit 1942 musical film?
Answer: HOLIDAY INN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The stucco known asformstone, which is a common facing for urban row houses such as those pictured here, is most often associated with what eastern U.S. city (where this photograph was taken)?[Click here](#)
Answer: BALTIMORE

Q3.: THEATRE - With his wife, born Louisa Lane, the Irish-American actor and Philadelphia theatre manager John Drew, who died in 1862, is the progenitor of a prominent acting family that is more associated with what other name?
Answer: BARRYMORE

Q4.: SCIENCE - With an apparent visual magnitude of 1.15, roughly equivalent to the planet Mars, the reddish giant star Pollux is the brightest star in what constellation?
Answer: GEMINI

Q5.: LITERATURE - Pictured here (cropped) is a dust jacket for a children's book authored by what comedian?[Click here](#)
Answer: STEPHEN COLBERT

Q6.: WORLD HIST - On November 4, 1922, London-born excavator Howard Carter experienced a major life event that would forever associate him most indelibly with what other individual?
Answer: TUTANKHAMUN

Q1.: MATH - The smallest number that fits the number theory definition of a perfect number is 6. What is the second-smallest perfect number?

Answer: 28

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here are castmembers of a television series set in what city? [Click here](#)

Answer: ATLANTA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox is a day that is known throughout much of the world as what?

Answer: EASTER/PASCH

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The world's largest river delta forms nearly half of the total area of what Asian country?

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q5.: FILM - Although he has directed the spy thriller parodies *OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies* and *OSS 117: Lost in Rio*, as well as the upcoming remake of the 1948 movie *The Search*, French director Michel Hazanavicius has received his greatest acclaim for what 2011 film?

Answer: THE ARTIST

Q6.: LITERATURE - The famous titular hero from an epic poem, written in an early Iberian romance language during the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries, defeats the Moors during the Reconquista, regaining his glory and the faith of the Castilian king. He subsequently vanquishes evil infantes for the honor of his daughters. Name this hero.

Answer: EL CID

Q1.: ART - Identify the German-born surrealist, Dadaist, and frottage inventor responsible for the works pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: MAX ERNST

Q2.: TELEVISION - The 1980s television sitcom *The Hogan Family* was, during its first two seasons, named after what star, who departed the series after the second-season in a well-publicized dispute with the show's producers? She was written out of the series, with Sandy Duncan stepping in as a surrogate.

Answer: VALERIE HARPER

Q3.: SCIENCE - The basic law of quantum physics that states that two electrons in an atom cannot simultaneously occupy the same quantum or energy state is an exclusion principle most commonly associated with (and named after) what Austrian physicist?

Answer: WOLFGANG PAULI

Q4.: AMER HIST - From 1901 to 1908, the tallest building in the world was the city hall pictured here, which would remain the tallest in its city until surpassed by Liberty Place upon the latter's completion in 1987. Name the city.[Click here](#)

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q5.: THEATRE - The prestigious Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama, which occurs annually in August, is arguably overshadowed by an offshoot that runs concurrently and has grown to become the largest arts festival in the world. What is the name of the theatrical movement that gave its name to this alternative festival, as well as numerous subsequent others around the globe?

Answer: FRINGE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Zhang Chunqiao, Yao Wenyuan, Wang Hongwen, and Jiang Qing, who all died in prison, were members of a political faction that is today known as what?

Answer: GANG OF FOUR

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A common street food in many parts of Mexico, elote is a dish that can be served with various condiments, but is essentially what vegetable?
Answer: CORN (ON THE COB)

Q2.: TELEVISION - A giant mock-up of a Las Vegas slot machine dominated the set of what quiz show, which was produced from the 1970s into the mid-1990s, created by Jack Barry?

Answer: THE JOKER'S WILD

Q3.: POP MUSIC - This group, named after a street in the Los Angeles County community of South Gate, was the first Latino-American hip-hop group to release an album that achieved platinum status. Two of their albums reached that level in 1993: their self-titled debut, and their follow-up LP, Black Sunday. What is the group's name?

Answer: CYPRESS HILL

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The ethnic group known as the Uyghur have their greatest population in what country (specifically, in a namesake autonomous region within this country)?

Answer: CHINA

Q5.: LITERATURE - The Chicago community area of New City includes a neighborhood that in the early twentieth century was known as "Packingtown" and was the setting of what influential novel of the era?

Answer: THE JUNGLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The Atari 2600 home video game console was released, in September 1977, with nine launch titles. Of these nine, which one was included in the box, with purchase of the system?

Answer: COMBAT

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Vaslav Nijinsky, Léonide Massine, and George Balanchine were among the choreographers who worked with what Sergei Diaghilev-founded ballet company, which performed from 1909 to 1929 in countries throughout Europe and North and South America (with one ironic exception)?

Answer: BALLET RUSSES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Known formally (and locally) as a Niezależny Samorządny Związek Zawodowy, this was the first trade union in the Eastern Bloc not controlled by the Communist Party. It is best known in English by what name?

Answer: SOLIDARITY

Q3.: SCIENCE - Around 100 million years after its formation 300 million years ago, the supercontinent Pangaea began to break apart, giving rise to two new, smaller supercontinents. Give the name of either of these, which in turn divided into the current continents of the earth.

Answer: LAURASIA, GONDWANA

Q4.: TELEVISION - The first foray into late-night programming by the nascent Fox television network occurred in 1986, with a show that would eventually be titled The Late Show and for its first eighteen months was hosted by what comic actress, comedienne, and former Tonight Show "permanent" guest host?

Answer: JOAN RIVERS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The self-immolation of street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi on December 17, 2010, is widely considered to mark the beginning of what came to be known throughout the world as the Arab Spring. His act took place in Sidi Bouzid, a rural town in what country?

Answer: TUNISIA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the genre of music, a successor to the frottole and the most important secular genre of sixteenth century Italy (with subsequent popularity in England), that is a song for several voices, typically with vernacular text of an amorous nature.

Answer: MADRIGAL

Q1.: FILM - Of the seven Oscar-winning acting performances directed by Woody Allen (among six actors; Dianne Wiest won twice), only one was by a man. Name that actor, who won the award in 1987 but could not receive it in person because he was busy filming *Jaws: The Revenge*.

Answer: MICHAEL CAINE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the poet and dramatist, a leading English writer during the Restoration period, whose first major work was a collection of heroic stanzas on the death of Cromwell, titled *Heroic Stanzas on the Death of Cromwell*. He followed this the next year with a celebration of the return of the monarchy, *Astraea Redux*, and in later life focused on writing plays, notably *Marriage à la Mode*.

Answer: JOHN DRYDEN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - London, England; Villers-sur-Mer, France; Castellón de la Plana, Spain; Stidia, Algeria; and Tema, Ghana, are among cities that share what particular distinction?

Answer: PRIME MERIDIAN PASSES THROUGH

Q4.: THEATRE - All Greek dramatists who are today regarded as classics were active during the time of Athenian democracy in the fourth and fifth centuries BC, and all formal performances of dramatic works at Athens during the period took place at festivals honoring what god?

Answer: DIONYSUS

Q5.: AMER HIST - The Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, which amended 1935's National Labor Relations Act, becoming law by overcoming President Harry S Truman's veto, limits the power of labor unions and restricts the use of strikes and closed shops. The law, still in effect today, has a more common name referencing what two Republican Congressmen who sponsored it?

Answer: ROBERT TAFT, FRED HARTLEY, JR.

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Of the primary financial statements used by U.S. businesses, the purpose of one is to provide detailed information about a company's assets, liabilities and shareholders' equity at a specific point in time. It is sometimes known as a statement of financial position, but is best known as what?

Answer: BALANCE SHEET

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "I Saw Her Standing There" by John Lennon (1981), "Flames of Paradise" by Jennifer Rush (1987), "Through the Storm" by Aretha Franklin (1989), "Written in the Stars" by LeAnn Rimes (1999), and "Ghetto Gospel" by Tupac Shakur (2005) are all singles released by the named artists in a duet with (or featuring) what other artist?

Answer: ELTON JOHN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - In May 1993, with over 50 million more people than #2 Uganda, this country became the most populous landlocked country in the world.

Answer: ETHIOPIA

Q3.: FILM - As of the weekend of March 30, 2014, what film is the top-grossing animated feature of all time, ahead of the \$1.063 billion earned by Toy Story 3 (per the AMPAS definition of an "animated feature")?

Answer: FROZEN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The American Kennel Club classifies recognized breeds into one of seven groups, according to their primary functions and other distinctive traits. Into which group are the Bernese Mountain Dog, Boxer, Doberman Pinscher, Rottweiler, Saint Bernard, and Siberian Husky all classified?

Answer: WORKING GROUP

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In January 2013, former Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough succeeded recently appointed Treasury Secretary Jack Lew in what position, which McDonough still holds today?

Answer: WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

Q6.: LITERATURE - Identify the modernist novel that was first published in 1922 but set on a June day eighteen years earlier and based on a work written three thousand years earlier.

Answer: ULYSSES

Q1.: TELEVISION - Debuting on a local 1950s Washington, DC, program called Sam and Friends, this enduringly popular television and film character's first network appearance was on Steve Allen's Tonight Show in 1957. He appeared regularly on television by 1969, and in the late 1970s and early 1980s he presided over what was likely the most widely viewed program in the world at the time. Name the character.
Answer: KERMIT THE FROG

Q2.: MATH - Factor the following polynomial: $x^2 - 7x + 12$

Answer: $(x-3)(x-4)$

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Battle of the Thames, which took place in 1813 in present-day Southwestern Ontario, was a defeat for the British. During the battle, which Shawnee Indian Chief was killed, essentially ending his namesake confederacy and thus the dream of an independent Indian state in the American Midwest?

Answer: TECUMSEH

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The jazz musicians Bill Frisell, Kenny Burrell, Charlie Hunter, Marc Ribot, and James "Blood" Ulmer are all considered masters of what instrument?

Answer: GUITAR

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Impoverished and increasingly desertified today, with a present population of around 50,000, this city just north of the Niger River was, along with nearby Gao, a center of commerce, scholarship, and religion in West Africa during its golden era from the twelfth through sixteenth centuries.

Answer: TIMBUKTU

Q6.: LITERATURE - Sexus is the first novel in a trilogy by American writer Henry Miller titled The Rosy Crucifixion, a fictionalized account of the author's life leading to his 1928 move to Paris. Name either of the novels that complete the trilogy.

Answer: PLEXUS, NEXUS

Q1.: ART - Who painted this?Click here

Answer: PAUL GAUGUIN

Q2.: LITERATURE - This writer's 1762 work *The Social Contract* contains the famous first line "Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains" and also popularized the catchphrase (and later, national motto) *liberté, égalité, fraternité*. His earlier *Julie, or the New Heloise* promoted the value of family, though the author himself previously abandoned his five children to an orphanage.

Answer: JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - "On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away" is the official song of what U.S. state?

Answer: INDIANA

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - The scheduled destination of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which was reported lost on March 8, 2014, was the main international airport in what city?

Answer: BEIJING

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What was the exact name of the category that corresponded with the color orange in the original 1981 *Genus Edition* of the board game *Trivial Pursuit*?

Answer: SPORTS & LEISURE

Q6.: TELEVISION - The song excerpted here, which reached #22 on the *Billboard Adult Contemporary* chart in 1998, was the theme song to what popular comedy-drama television series? (34 seconds)Click here

Answer: ALLY MCBEAL

Q1.: ART - One legend on the etymology of this art movement's name—a precursor to surrealism, pop art, and postmodernism—says that the name was chosen at random when a knife came down in a dictionary on the French term for "hobby horse."

Answer: DADA

Q2.: LITERATURE - In 1986, this Nigerian writer and former pro-Biafran political prisoner became the first African to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Answer: WOLE SOYINKA

Q3.: SCIENCE - 550 foot-pounds per second, or 746 watts, equates to 1 unit of what other measurement of energy consumed per unit of time?

Answer: HORSEPOWER

Q4.: MATH - Parallel side length A plus parallel side length B multiplied by height and divided by 2. Or, $(A+B)h/2$: This is the mathematical formula for the area of what shape?

Answer: TRAPEZOID

Q5.: AMER HIST - Identify the woman pictured here, who is the only real-life woman ever to have been depicted on such a medium.[Click here](#)

Answer: MARTHA WASHINGTON

Q6.: FILM - Among the prizes presented during the annual Cannes International Film Festival, the Caméra d'Or is awarded to the best film, as determined by the independent jury, that meets what specific criterion?

Answer: FIRST FILM (FIRST FEATURE FILM BY A NEW DIRECTOR)

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the composer, likely the most celebrated musician of the late eighteenth century and often mentioned as the first of the "great triumvirate" of Viennese classical composers that includes Mozart and Beethoven, whose work is excerpted here. (42 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: JOSEPH HAYDN

Q2.: TELEVISION - Identify the television program that premiered on the FX network on April 15, 2014, as a direct sequel to a 1996 Academy Award-winning film of the same name.

Answer: FARGO

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 2012 song "Just a Fool", whose considerable radio airplay and positive critical reception did not result in stellar chart performance, is probably most notable for being a duet by what talent show coaches?

Answer: CHRISTINA AGUILERA, BLAKE SHELTON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The October, 1469 marriage of the teenage Reyes Católicos, Isabella I and Ferdinand II, formalized the unification of what two crowns (monarchies)?

Answer: CASTILE, ARAGON

Q5.: THEATRE - Name the German-born American actress who is well-known for her relatively infrequent but very highly regarded theatrical performances (which included originating the role of Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* on Broadway) as well as her prominence as a drama teacher, instructing at New York's HB Studios beginning in 1947 and authoring the essential *Respect for Acting*.

Answer: UTA HAGEN

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Also known as semolina, and the preferred choice for commercially manufactured dried pasta, what is the sturdy flour type that is so named by virtue of being ground from the hardest wheat grown (which shares the name)?

Answer: DURUM

Q1.: LITERATURE - A Mexican saying that roughly translates to "excited" or "agitated" provides the title of a 1989 novel (and subsequent film) by magic realist writer Laura Esquivel. What is this saying?

Answer: LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (COMO AGUA PARA CHOCOLATE)

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Popping crease,sight screens,silly mid on, and "Howzat?!" are all terms from what sport?

Answer: CRICKET

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - France's self-governing territorial collectivité d'outre-mer Saint Pierre and Miquelon sits more than 2,700 miles (4,400 km) from Paris, but just 16 miles (26 km) off the coast of what other country?

Answer: CANADA

Q4.: ART - Pictured here are buildings designed by what renowned American architect?[Click here](#)

Answer: RICHARD MEIER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - "When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said 'Repent,' He called for the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." "And let them thus be more confident of entering heaven through many tribulations rather than through a false assurance of peace." These two quotations are English translations of the first and ninety-fifth (and final) items on a list most associated with what man?

Answer: MARTIN LUTHER

Q6.: TELEVISION - The fictional Ohio-based department store Winfred-Lauder is the workplace of the title character from what television sitcom?

Answer: THE DREW CAREY SHOW

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - One of the most famous featured appearances of the piccolo in the history of music is in Thé (Danse chinoise), which occurs during the second act of what ballet?

Answer: THE NUTCRACKER

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Back into Hell and The Monster Is Loose are subtitles of albums (from 1993 and 2006, respectively) that are the second and third of a trilogy that began in 1977. What is the stage name of the recording artist who released these albums?

Answer: MEAT LOAF

Q3.: SCIENCE - In chemistry, any organic compound in which a covalently bonded oxygen and hydrogen atom group ("hydroxyl," -OH) is bound to a carbon atom is classified as what term?

Answer: ALCOHOL

Q4.: AMER HIST - The U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 in the 1895 case Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. to strike down a federal act from the previous year, by declaring what unconstitutional? (Eighteen years later, the vote would be superseded by a constitutional amendment.)

Answer: INCOME TAX

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the fruit, uncommon in the United States until the 1950s, that was originally known as the Chinese gooseberry but was renamed by exporters to avoid confusion with the unrelated green gooseberry (and to reference the fruit's geographic association).

Answer: KIWIFRUIT

Q6.: THEATRE - The thoroughly modern Millie Dillmount, the goes-for-anything Reno Sweeney, and the drowsily chaperoned Janet Van De Graaff are among the Broadway roles performed by what Tony-winning actress?

Answer: SUTTON FOSTER

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The term bolshevikis derived from the Russian word for "majority." What is the historically contemporaneous term derived from the Russian for "minority"?

Answer: MENSHEVIK

Q2.: TELEVISION - Fill in the missing item from this properly ordered list of names: Clarkson, Studdard, Barrino, _____, Hicks.

Answer: UNDERWOOD

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Buffalo Braves, one of three National Basketball Association expansion franchises that began play in the 1970-71 season, moved to San Diego in 1978 and took on what new nickname?

Answer: CLIPPERS

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The text in this image is written in what language?Click here

Answer: BASQUE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Legendary pre-WWII harmonica player DeFord Bailey was the first African-American to join the Grand Ole Opry, and in 1993 Charley Pride became the second. Name the man, a Grammy-winning and multi-platinum former rock-and-roller, who in 2012 was invited to become the third.

Answer: DARIUS RUCKER

Q6.: ART - British psychiatrist Lionel Penrose and his mathematician son, Roger, conceived a structure known as the Penrose triangle, and subsequently the Penrose stairs, which both influenced and were influenced by the work of what twentieth-century artist?

Answer: M.C. ESCHER

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Identify this gentleman.[Click here](#)

Answer: HOWARD SCHULTZ

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Despite having only the ninth-most miles of coastline (per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), which U.S. state has the most lighthouses? In part, this is due to 100% of its coastline being different in nature from any other top-eighteen coastline state?

Answer: MICHIGAN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Although she was not involved in their creation, garments such as the one pictured here are most associated with what nineteenth-century American journalist and women's rights advocate?[Click here](#)

Answer: AMELIA BLOOMER

Q4.: SCIENCE - Of the eight planets in the solar system, identify those that do not have moons.

Answer: MERCURY, VENUS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name any one of the four card categories used in the original version of the popular board game Cranium.

Answer: CREATIVE CAT, DATA HEAD, WORD WORM, STAR PERFORMER

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Although the implement pictured here has a number of potential kitchen uses, it is manufactured expressly for use with what food item?[Click here](#)

Answer: AVOCADO

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - While the Latin American Christmas treat mazapán is often made with peanuts, the confection known commonly as marzipan typically consists of paste made from the drupe of what tree?

Answer: ALMOND

Q2.: LITERATURE - "John Goes-Everywhere" (or idiomatically, "John Skeleton Key") would be the English translation of the name of Phileas Fogg's valet in Around the World in Eighty Days. What was the valet's name?

Answer: JEAN PASSEPARTOUT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Suture joints are a specific type of connective tissue found in the human body in what anatomical structure?

Answer: CRANIUM/SKULL

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Give the name of the border crossing (and nearby city) highlighted in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: RAFAH

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Graubünden, Valais, and Ticino are among the major administrative divisions of what nation?

Answer: SWITZERLAND

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Native speakers of Latin in ancient Rome used what letter to express the number quingenti?

Answer: D

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Lord Byng of Vimy (Julian Hedworth George Byng, 1st Viscount Byng of Vimy -- a.k.a. "Bungo"), served from 1921 to 1926 as Governor General of what British Dominion?

Answer: CANADA

Q2.: LITERATURE - What book, first published in 1653, remains today almost surely the most celebrated work of literature on the vitality and artistry of fly fishing (while living a life of pleasant serenity)?

Answer: THE COMPLEAT ANGLER

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - A musical march known as screamer, such as those written by famous screamer composer Karl L. King, is most closely associated with what type of event?

Answer: CIRCUS

Q4.: ART - Identify the woman in this image (last name not required).[Click here](#)

Answer: CHRISTINA (ANNA CHRISTINA OLSON)

Q5.: THEATRE - These comedic theatre legends first appeared together on stage in 1924, in Ferenc Molnár's *The Guardsman*, two years after their marriage, and had their swan song in 1958's *The Visit*, in the Broadway theatre renamed in their honor. Name these stage stars.

Answer: ALFRED LUNT, LYNN FONTANNE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Yo dawg, TLC's *Overhaulin'*, CMT's *Trick My Truck*, Speed Channel's *Unique Whips*, and Spike TV's *Ride with Funkmaster Flex* were all thematically similar to what MTV hit series, which premiered in March, 2004?

Answer: PIMP MY RIDE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - James B. Beam, Edmund Haynes Taylor, Jr., Albert B. Blanton, and James E. Pepper were famous American bourbon whiskey distillers who were all formally bestowed, by an act of government, with what honorific title?

Answer: COLONEL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Although John Denver associates it with West Virginia in "Take Me Home, Country Roads", this tributary of the Potomac only runs through the state for approximately 20 miles, while the vast majority of the river and its major forks are in Virginia. Name the river.

Answer: SHENANDOAH

Q3.: POP MUSIC - While "Boom Clap" became her first Billboard top ten single as a solo artist, what British singer and songwriter had already achieved significant popularity as a co-writer and featured artist on the hit songs "I Love It" by Icona Pop and "Fancy" by Iggy Azalea?

Answer: CHARLI XCX

Q4.: SCIENCE - "Universal donors" is a term (not strictly accurate) used to refer to individuals who are classified by what blood type (in the most common blood group system, including Rh factor)?

Answer: TYPE O NEGATIVE

Q5.: AMER HIST - Mary, Eliza, Julia, Lucy, Lucretia, Mary (a different one), Rose, Frances, Caroline, Frances (the same one), and Ida were names of women among those who served during the second half of the 19th century in what exclusive position?

Answer: FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Both the youngest and the oldest winners of college football's Heisman Trophy award did so while playing for what university?

Answer: FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - This island was first explored by the Portuguese in the 16th century, controlled by the French in the 18th century, and granted independence from the British in 1968, but it was the Dutch who initially settled the island, named it, and killed all the dodos.

Answer: MAURITIUS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A former vassal defeated rival commanders in 1600 and established a shogunate that initiated a period of two and a half centuries of internal stability in Japan. What was the name of this shogun (and his namesake shogunate)?

Answer: TOKUGAWA IEYASU

Q3.: THEATRE - This multi-talented Broadway star is the only person to win Tony Awards in the same categories in consecutive years (Best Choreography and Best Direction of a Musical in 1990-91, for Grand Hotel and The Will Rogers Follies), and the first to win in four different categories (the aforementioned plus featured actor and leading actor).

Answer: TOMMY TUNE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Robert "Rosebud" Butt, a bartender at the Oak Beach Inn in Suffolk County, New York, near Jones Beach, is credited with inventing what alcoholic drink, during a contest to create a new mixed drink which includes Triple Sec?

Answer: LONG ISLAND ICED TEA

Q5.: FILM - "Come with me if you want to live" is a famous line, probably the second-most famous line (certainly not the first), from what 1984 film?

Answer: THE TERMINATOR

Q6.: LITERATURE - Uncas, also referred to as Le Cerf Agile, is the title character of what historical novel from 1826?

Answer: THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of China's capital city, Beijing (romanized as Peking), literally means "northern capital". What other Chinese city's name is literally "southern capital"?

Answer: NANJING/NANKING

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Among the accords in the 1995 Dayton Agreement was the establishment of the Republika Srpska as a formal political entity within what country?

Answer: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Shelley Duvall's Faerie Tale Theatre was, in 1982, this television network's first original series, though it made bigger news the following year by becoming the first cable network to produce new episodes of a cancelled broadcast network series (the former CBS series The Paper Chase). Name this network.

Answer: SHOWTIME

Q4.: SCIENCE - The squares of the periods of revolution of all planets are proportional to the cubes of their mean distances from the sun. This is taken from 1619's Harmonices mundi, by whom?

Answer: JOHANNES KEPLER

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - This term, the opposite of staccato, directs a musician to perform a given musical passage in a smooth and connected manner, with no break between the notes.

Answer: LEGATO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - JTBC Founders Cup, Kraft Nabisco Championship, Portland Classic, Marathon Classic, Mizuno Classic: These are all events run by what American sports organization?

Answer: LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (LPGA)

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Identify the company that manufactured the guitars being played in this montage.[Click here](#)

Answer: FENDER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Although the official count is now closer to 500, this European capital city has retained the nickname "City of 100 Spires" based on an 18th century count by local philosopher and mathematician Bernhard Bolzano. Included in both counts are the spires of the Gothic St. Vitus, St. Wenceslas and St. Adalbert Cathedral.

Answer: PRAGUE

Q3.: AMER HIST - Name the architect and engineer most responsible for the design in this edited image.[Click here](#)

Answer: PIERRE L'ENFANT

Q4.: MATH - Fill in the blank in this ordered list: mega, giga, tera, _____, exa, zetta, yotta.

Answer: PETA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Despite having played before the introduction of the three-point line, and before freshmen were eligible to play varsity, this former LSU Tiger remains the all-time leading scorer in NCAA Division I men's basketball history (and it's not even really very close).

Answer: PETE MARAVICH

Q6.: FILM - Actor Tom Hanks has been featured in starring roles in six films with titles that are exactly one word (and one word only). Name anyfour of these six films.

Answer: SPLASH, VOLUNTEERS, DRAGNET, BIG, PUNCHLINE, PHILADELPHIA

Q1.: ART - A particular type of art known as scrimshaw is distinctive for its use of what medium?

Answer: BONE/IVORY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The French population in what country dropped from around 1 million in 1954 to below 100,000 by 1966, four years after the country's foundational Evian Accords were signed?

Answer: ALGERIA

Q3.: TELEVISION - A New York gangster (who, unrelatedly, looks very similar to Tony Soprano's consigliere) is placed in the Federal Witness Protection Program and sent to start a new life in Norway in what currently running television series?

Answer: LILYHAMMER

Q4.: LITERATURE - The Nemean Lion, Hydra, Erymanthian Boar, and Stymphalian Birds are among a dozen items associated most closely with whom?

Answer: HERACLES/HERCULES

Q5.: SCIENCE - The type of crab pictured here is most often referred to by what name?[Click here](#)

Answer: FIDDLER CRAB

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Modern linguistics typically designates six living languages as within the language classification known as Celtic languages, all six of which are (or were) spoken in far northwest Europe. Name any two of these six.

Answer: BRETON, CORNISH, IRISH, MANX, SCOTTISH GAELIC (GAELIC), WELSH

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Give the four words that complete this line from the Holy Bible, Leviticus 20:24:Hence I have said to you, You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing _____.
Answer: WITH MILK AND HONEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - According to legend, a noteworthy oxcart's yoke was joined to the pole of a wagon, sitting on the acropolis of the capital city of ancient Phrygia in Asia Minor, by way of a device which is known today as what?
Answer: GORDIAN KNOT

Q3.: FILM - Chuck Wepner, who was known during his heyday as the "Bayonne Bleeder," provided inspiration for what iconic and enduring film character?
Answer: ROCKY BALBOA

Q4.: SCIENCE - This term, used in figure skating for the element pictured here, and common in construction (and particularly bridge construction), is a beam or girder with fixed support at only one end.[Click here](#)
Answer: CANTILEVER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Provide the one item missing from this otherwise complete set: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia.
Answer: TASMANIA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Although it can vary depending on location, by tradition authentic caviar is roe from specific Black Sea or Caspian Sea species of what type of fish?
Answer: STURGEON

Q1.: LITERATURE - Jason and the Argonauts would have never taken the Golden Fleece without the help of what woman, whose later filicidal ways were dramatized by Euripides?

Answer: MEDEA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - "Who Loves You" and "December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night)" were major hits in 1975 for what musical group? They were band's first hits in seven years, and also their last.

Answer: THE FOUR SEASONS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - In 17 of the 50 U.S. states, the state's capital city is also its most populous municipality. At the other end, in eight states, the capital city is not in the state's top 10 most populous municipalities. Name any one of these eight states.

Answer: KY, MD, MO, NV, NY, PA, VT, WA

Q4.: AMER HIST - What major American university was founded in 1890 on land donated by retail magnate and philanthropist Marshall Field?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Once a major industry, before the advent of jet air travel, transatlantic service via ocean liner is today served by only one vessel, the flagship of the Cunard Line. What is her fullname?

Answer: QUEEN MARY 2

Q6.: SCIENCE - David Scott, John W. Young, Edgar Mitchell, James Irwin, and Harrison Schmitt are among the lesser known of the exactly 12 men (so far) who have done what?

Answer: WALKED ON THE MOON

Q1.: FILM - Mysterious spies are attempting to smuggle microfilm containing government secrets out of the country. They try to kill George Kaplan, an agent who is on their trail, but are unsuccessful. The man they're trying to kill isn't even Kaplan -- in fact, Kaplan doesn't actually exist. This is the basis of the plot of what 1959 spy thriller?

Answer: NORTH BY NORTHWEST

Q2.: ART - This painting, controversial in its day, is the work of what French painter?[Click here](#)

Answer: EDOUARD MANET

Q3.: TELEVISION - The medical institutions Cook County General Hospital, Seattle Grace Mercy West Hospital, Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital, and New York's All Saints Hospital all most notably have what in common?

Answer: FICTIONAL HOSPITALS (ON TELEVISION)

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the composer of this piece of music.[Click here](#)

Answer: MODEST MUSSORGSKY

Q5.: SCIENCE - The discovery of the law of conservation of mass, as well as the discovery of the elements oxygen and hydrogen, are among the reasons that this Frenchman is considered the "Father of Modern Chemistry."

Answer: ANTOINE LAVOISIER

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What word, known in a culinary context, is the cognate of a term from the Tupí language of South America for a process by which starch of the cassava plant is made edible?

Answer: TAPIOCA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In the fourth century BC, the city of Rome was enclosed within a wall and consisted of seven hills. Name anytwoof these seven hills of Rome.

Answer: AVENTINE, CAELIAN, CAPITOLINE, ESQUILINE, PALATINE, QUIRINAL, VIMINAL

Q2.: FILM - Identify the actor on the left in this photo from 1921.[Click here](#)

Answer: RUDOLPH VALENTINO

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The first modern-day non-royal female head of state in the Western Hemisphere took office in July 1974, becoming president upon the death of her husband Juan. What was her name (first and last required)?

Answer: ISABEL PERÓN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The first launch of a rocket into space was done by Germany in 1942 (the V-2), but the first rocket to carry a payload into space was a modified R-7 Semyorka, launched by Russia. What was the name of its payload (as well as a name given to the rocket itself)?

Answer: SPUTNIK (SPUTNIK 1)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The commemoratively named Ali Mall, named after Muhammad Ali and constructed in late 1975, is located next to the Araneta Coliseum in what city (where the mall was the city's first major shopping mall)?

Answer: QUEZON CITY/MANILA

Q6.: LITERATURE - This author's first published novel was published in 1984 by the Naval Institute Press (the film would follow six years later), but became a bestseller (his first of 17) after praise from President Ronald Reagan. Name the author.

Answer: TOM CLANCY

Q1.: LANGUAGE - This term's original Greek meaning is "a man who has a particular skill or claim to wisdom." By the fifth century BC, it became a term applied to itinerant teachers who traveled from city to city providing private instruction and lectures for a fee. More negatively, today it can refer to a specious or captious reasoner. What is the term?

Answer: SOPHIST

Q2.: POP MUSIC - A flamboyant frontman for a rock band from the 70s and 80s, a 1986 hit song by Bananarama, a 1995 song by Michael Jackson, a guitarist for the heavy metal band Mötley Crüe, and a Grammy-winning 2001 song from Train—their names have what in common?

Answer: PLANETS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - These two oil brands, which are named after the location of the first oil boom in the United States, were independent companies that merged in 1998 before being acquired by the Royal Dutch/Shell Group four years later. Name these two automotive motor oil brands.

Answer: PENNZOIL, QUAKER STATE

Q4.: SCIENCE - Which relatively rare and extremely dense chemical element has the highest melting point (at standard pressure)?

Answer: TUNGSTEN

Q5.: AMER HIST - The animal here shares its common name with a term for a Southern sympathizer in the North during the U.S. Civil War (specifically, a member of a group of Democrats who supported an immediate peace settlement and cessation of military coercion of the Confederacy). What is this term?[Click here](#)

Answer: COPPERHEAD

Q6.: ART - What are these titular flowers?[Click here](#)

Answer: IRISES

Q1.: POP MUSIC - This American rock band's greatest hits compilation album from 1976 was the first to receive official platinum recognition from the RIAA for one million shipments in the United States (the award was introduced that year). Today, with Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, it is considered the all-time top-selling album in the United States (and third worldwide). Name the band.

Answer: EAGLES

Q2.: MATH - In mathematics, vectors are quantities that express both magnitude and direction, such as velocity and force. What is the parallel term, from Latin *forladder*, for quantities of only one dimension (magnitude), such as speed or mass?

Answer: SCALAR

Q3.: LITERATURE - Published in 1902, *The Little White Bird; Or, Adventures in Kensington Gardens* introduced the mythology of what reckless and boastful juvenile character?

Answer: PETER PAN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The musical instrument known as the concertina is most similar to what other, much better known instrument, in both operation and appearance, even though there are distinct differences between the two instruments?

Answer: ACCORDION

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the technical, Greek-derived name for the device in this photograph? [Click here](#)

Answer: SPHYGMOMANOMETER

Q6.: BUS/ECON - As indicated in its logo, the Ohio Art Company, based in the small city of Bryan, is best known for its development and marketing of what well-known toy?

Answer: ETCH A SKETCH

Q1.: SCIENCE -The change in internal energy of a system is equal to the heat supplied to the system, minus the work done by the system. Or, $\Delta U=Q-W$. These are expressions of a law of physics, a version of the law of conservation of energy, which is most commonly known as what?

Answer: FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

Q2.: ART - The paintings in this montage all currently hang near, and are associated with (though are not necessarily of), what river?[Click here](#)

Answer: HUDSON

Q3.: TELEVISION - After the firing of the show's creator John Kricfalusi in 1992, Billy West took over voicing duties for both title characters in what animated television series?

Answer: THE REN & STIMPY SHOW

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Western Michigan native Julie Krone is noteworthy as the first woman ever inducted into the primary American hall of fame associated with what sport?

Answer: HORSE RACING

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - British Honduras was the colonial name of what current country, which, because of its Anglophone legacy, is the only country in Central America with English as its official language?

Answer: BELIZE

Q6.: AMER HIST - This organization, which was established in 1971 as an evolution of the informal Democratic Select Committee, has grown from its original 12 members to over 40 today, including its current Chair, U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge of Cleveland, Ohio.

Answer: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What artist received the Oscar for Best Original Song of 2002, for "Lose Yourself," the first rap song to be so accorded by the Academy?

Answer: EMINEM

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In addition to its namesake, the multinational clothing and accessories retailer Gap Inc. owns five other major retail brands (not including Gap variations such as Baby Gap). Name any three of these brands.

Answer: BANANA REPUBLIC, OLD NAVY, PIPERLIME, ATHLETA, INTERMIX

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - On August 21, 2014, four firefighters in Campbellsville, Kentucky, were injured when electricity raced from a high-voltage line to the bucket of an aerial ladder truck in which they were standing. What popular activity were the men participating in?

Answer: ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Q4.: LITERATURE - English translations of this novella often render a word in its famous first line as "insect," "bug," or "beetle," though the word (Ungeziefer) translates literally to "vermin".

Answer: THE METAMORPHOSIS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Possibly the biggest news event of 1453 (insofar as "news" existed at the time) was the fall in late May of what city? It spelled the end of one centuries-old empire, and marked the rise of another.

Answer: CONSTANTINOPLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The man in this lightly edited photograph is the head of what organization?[Click here](#)

Answer: FIFA

Q1.: FILM - In this film's famous example of a film-editing technique known as match cut, a spinning bone cuts to a compositionally matching nuclear weapons satellite. What is the name of the film?

Answer: 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the occupation of Escamillo, the lover of the title character in Carmen who fights the murderous Don José in the opera's third act?

Answer: TOREADOR (BULLFIGHTER)

Q3.: SCIENCE - In 1901, the theory that yellow fever is transmitted by a species of mosquito was confirmed (and its transmission through direct contact disproven) by a team led by what physician? For this and other reasons, he is very possibly history's most recognizable U.S. Army physician, by name.

Answer: WALTER REED

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - There is one word redacted in this image. What is that word?[Click here](#)

Answer: SUCCOTASH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The ill-fated invasion of England led by the Spanish Armada in 1588 was precipitated, in large part, by the execution one year earlier of what rival to the English throne (held at the time by Elizabeth I)?

Answer: MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

Q6.: TELEVISION - Identify this man.[Click here](#)

Answer: BERNARD SHAW

Q1.: LITERATURE -David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants is the fifth New York Times best seller from what Canadian journalist and The New Yorker staff writer?

Answer: MALCOLM GLADWELL

Q2.: ART - Until King Louis XIV moved his main residence to the Palace of Versailles in 1682, this Parisian landmark was the monarch's official residence, having been enlarged over the years, integrated with the adjacent Tuileries Palace, and enhanced with an elaborately planned garden.

Answer: LOUVRE PALACE

Q3.: MATH - In geometry, two angles that add up to 90 degrees are said to be complementary. What is the term for angles that add up to 180 degrees?

Answer: SUPPLEMENTARY

Q4.: WORLD HIST - On two occasions in the late 13th century, attacks on Japan by Kublai Khan's armies were thwarted with the help of typhoons which the Japanese regarded as "divine winds." What was the Japanese term used for these typhoons? This term became common many years later in a different context.

Answer: KAMIKAZE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Give the name for the branch of metaphysics that studies being, the nature of reality, and the establishment of what is. It is a compound term derived from the Greek words for "being" and "science" or "knowledge".

Answer: ONTOLOGY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Fill in the blank in this excerpt from section 8.05 of the Major League Baseball Official Rules (2014 Edition): If there is a runner, or runners, it is a _____ when -- (a) The pitcher, while touching his plate, makes any motion naturally associated with his pitch and fails to make such delivery;

Answer: BALK

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the notable distinction shared by Africa's Lake Volta, Lake Kariba, and Lake Nasser? They are three of the four largest in the world, by volume, among those that share this distinction.

Answer: MAN-MADE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - In history, there is exactly one person who has been referred to in an official manner as Bundeskanzlerin. Name that person.

Answer: ANGELA MERKEL

Q3.: SCIENCE - In botany, abscission is the process through which a plant loses all its leaves for a part of the year. What is the botanical term, from Latin for "fall off," for the type of plant that goes through abscission?

Answer: DECIDUOUS

Q4.: THEATRE - What the fuck is the name of the fucking successful playwright whose early off-Broadway plays include The Duck Variations, Sexual Perversity in Chicago, and AmericanfuckingBuffalo?

Answer: DAVID FUCKING MAMET

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Tenochtitlan was the largest and most important altepetl of what Mesoamerican people?

Answer: AZTEC

Q6.: FILM - 1989's City of Sadness was the first internationally acclaimed feature film from what country after its lifting of martial law two years prior? Shortly thereafter, the "Father Knows Best" trilogy, which consisted of Pushing Hands, The Wedding Banquet, and Eat Drink Man Woman, brought greater attention to the nation's cinema.

Answer: REPUBLIC OF CHINA/TAIWAN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The Grammy-winning contemporary bluegrass trio Nickel Creek are protégés of what other successful bluegrass-country artist, who produced the band's first two major-label albums?

Answer: ALISON KRAUSS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In the People's Republic of China, theyuanis the basic unit of the official currency, which is known by what name (meaning literally "people's currency")?

Answer: RENMINBI

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Tenure of Office Act, a politically driven federal law that was ultimately declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, provided that federal office-holders whose appointment required Senate confirmation could not be removed without the approval of the Senate. The battles over its passage and enforcement were dominant factors (perhapsthe dominant factors) in the largely unsuccessful term of what U.S. president?

Answer: ANDREW JOHNSON

Q4.: LITERATURE - The 1927 Greta Garbo filmLoveis an adaptation of what classic 1877 novel? The film has a wildly alternative ending for American audiences: Garbo's character is reunited with her cavalry officer lover in the end and never throws herself under the carriage of a passing train at Obiralovka.

Answer: ANNA KARENINA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - This southern province of Thailand, which consists of the country's largest island and is a major tourist destination, made international news in late 2004 due to devastation caused by the Indian Ocean earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

Answer: PHUKET

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - In 1994, at age 29, this journalist (and future television host and talent competition judge) was appointed editor of the newspaperNews of the Worldby Rupert Murdoch, becoming the UK's youngest national newspaper editor in over 50 years.

Answer: PIERS MORGAN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - La Marzocco, Rancilio, Nuova Simonelli, and La Spaziale are among the leading manufacturers of machines used to produce what?

Answer: ESPRESSO

Q2.: SCIENCE - In mammals, the skeleton of what organ is formed by nine cartilages, including the thyroid cartilage, the arytenoid cartilages, and the epiglottis?

Answer: LARYNX

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In standard elite competitions of artistic gymnastics, men compete on six events, whereas women compete on four. Which two events/apparatus are shared by both men and women (i.e., components of both competitions)?

Answer: FLOOR EXERCISE, VAULT

Q4.: LITERATURE - A literary collection known as the Lunyu, believed to have been written during what is now known as the Warring States period, is a compilation of analects by whom?

Answer: CONFUCIUS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - This temple, built in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II as a dedication to the Hindu god Vishnu, remains the largest religious building in the world.

Answer: ANGKOR WAT

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The video for the song excerpted here, a remake of a 1966 hit by The Young Rascals, was the second ever broadcast on MTV on August 1, 1981. Identify the song. (16 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: YOU BETTER RUN

Q1.: ART - Identify the American architect and "father of skyscrapers" who, with his partner Dankmar Adler, is responsible for the buildings pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: LOUIS SULLIVAN

Q2.: LITERATURE - Nadine Gordimer, J.M. Coetzee, Athol Fugard, Breyten Breytenbach, and Bessie Head are all writers who were born in what country?

Answer: SOUTH AFRICA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here are two future athletes in what Olympic event?

[Click here](#)

Answer: DECATHLON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Between the first four "Rightly Guided" caliphs of the Rashidun Caliphate in the 7th century and the Ottoman Caliphate of 1517-1924, there were two other major Islamic caliphates, which ruled from 661 to 750 and from 750 to 1517. Give the most common name of either of the two.

Answer: UMAYYAD, ABBASID

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - W.A. Mozart's Serenade No. 13 for Strings in G Major, which was composed in 1787, is better known by what title (though it's believed that this was not Mozart's intentional title, but rather a notation for his records)?

Answer: EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK

Q6.: TELEVISION - Pictured here are characters from what television series?[Click here](#)

Answer: ORPHAN BLACK

Q1.: ART - Who painted this? [Click here](#)

Answer: EDWARD HOPPER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What English word, whose first usage is believed to be in the early 18th century (and definitely cannot be before 1605), is an adjective defined as "extravagantly chivalrous or romantic, and foolishly impractical"?

Answer: QUIXOTIC

Q3.: SCIENCE - The Jacquard system, devised by and named after French engineer Joseph Jacquard, is the use of a series of punched cards to direct the operation of what type of machine?

Answer: LOOM

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The first major land battle of the 1904 Russo-Japanese War was fought near (and is named after) the Yalu River, which today forms part of the border between what two nations?

Answer: CHINA, NORTH KOREA

Q5.: THEATRE - In this Shakespeare play, only Albany, Edgar, and Kent walk off the stage at the end of the long and relentlessly depressing final scene (with Kent predicting his imminent demise). Everyone else is dead.

Answer: KING LEAR

Q6.: TELEVISION - On the A&E network, this television series's fourth season premiere, which aired on August 14, 2013, drew 11.8 million viewers, making it the most-watched nonfiction cable series episode in television history.

Answer: DUCK DYNASTY

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Ambassador Organics is a brand of organic food products founded by what pioneering former U.S. senator, U.S. ambassador, and unsuccessful Chicago mayoral candidate?

Answer: CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN

Q2.: ART - Joseph Nicéphore Niépce, William Henry Fox Talbot, Sir John F.W. Herschel, Eadweard Muybridge, and Edwin H. Land are all important figures in the history of what field of art?

Answer: PHOTOGRAPHY

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - This is a screen capture from what website?[Click here](#)

Answer: TWITCH

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Santa Clara, which occurred in December 1958, was a decisive and final victory for Cuban revolutionaries, resulting in the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista and ascension of Fidel Castro. Name the military leader who commanded the victorious rebel forces in the Battle of Santa Clara.

Answer: CHE GUEVARA

Q5.: FILM - Alan Ritchson, Noel Fisher, Pete Ploszek, and Jeremy Howard play the title characters in what 2014 big-budget Hollywood blockbuster?

Answer: TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

Q6.: TELEVISION - What are the first names of the characters on the American comedy television show *The Office* whose wedding drives the plot in the series finale, which aired in May 2013?

Answer: DWIGHT, ANGELA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Provide the name missing from this otherwise complete list: Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson, _____.
Answer: HARRY STYLES

Q2.: SCIENCE - What base unit of measurement is now defined, per the standard International System of Units (SI), as the duration of 9,192,631,770 cycles of regulation of the cesium-133 isotope?
Answer: SECOND

Q3.: MATH - What is the determinant of the matrix in this image? Click here
Answer: FIVE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Córdoba, Rosario, Mendoza, and Tucumán are the second through fifth largest cities, by population, in what South American nation?
Answer: ARGENTINA

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the word, meaning "dry" or "unrefined" in French, that is used to describe champagne that is dry in style, with very low levels of sugar in the bottle?
Answer: BRUT (also SEC)

Q6.: FILM - Although it is a mostly forgettable box-office flop, the 1997 film Father's Day is notable today for being the only feature film in which what two comedians and close friends appear on screen together?
Answer: BILLY CRYSTAL, ROBIN WILLIAMS

Q1.: FILM - Upon its release, this 1948 Vittorio De Sica film received criticism domestically because of its negative depiction of Italians. Nevertheless, it is widely regarded as one of the greatest films of all time and certainly the masterpiece of the Italian Neorealism movement. What is the film?

Answer: BICYCLE THIEVES (THE BICYCLE THIEF/LADRI DI BICICLETTE)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Within two years after the formation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which was created just before the dissolution of the Soviet Union in December 1991, all but three of the former Soviet Republics were participating in the Commonwealth. Name any two of these three.

Answer: ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Name the Toronto-based publishing company that commands the market for romance novels sold in North America (releasing over 1,000 titles per year). Because of its domination of the market by the 1970s, the name of the company itself became synonymous with the genre.

Answer: HARLEQUIN ENTERPRISES

Q4.: SCIENCE - This polymeric carbohydrate has the formula $(C_6H_{10}O_5)_n$, is believed to be the most common organic compound in the earth's terrestrial environment, and has a multitude of practical uses. What is it best known as?

Answer: CELLULOSE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The WTA (Women's Tennis Association), founded by Billie Jean King, governs the major worldwide tour and ranking system for women's professional tennis. What is the three-letter abbreviation for the men's equivalent?

Answer: ATP

Q6.: TELEVISION - An episode titled "Chuckles Bites the Dust," whose plot centered on the death of a clown, and which is widely considered one of the greatest episodes in sitcom history, is from the 1975-76 season of what classic television series?

Answer: THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - While the Supreme Leader of Iran (since 1989, Ali Khamenei) is the nation's head of state, the highest popularly elected official is President. Identify the current President of Iran, who succeeded Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in August, 2013.

Answer: HASSAN ROUHANI

Q2.: AMER HIST - In addition to being a named party in the historic U.S. Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, long-time Dallas District Attorney Henry M. Wade also famously led the 1964 prosecution of whom?

Answer: JACK RUBY

Q3.: FILM - The 1921 Ryūnosuke Akutagawa short story "Yabu no Naka" ("In the Grove"), in which several characters relate mutually contradictory versions of a rape and murder, supplied the plot to what celebrated Akira Kurosawa film—whose title is taken, incidentally, from that of a different Akutagawa story?

Answer: RASHÔMON

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the aniseed-flavored liqueur native to southern France, similar to Pernod in the north, whose name comes from a local dialect for "mixed" or "confused," and which is no longer produced with any of the absinthe that made it most distinctive.

Answer: PASTIS

Q5.: SCIENCE - The Keck 1 and Keck 2, Hobby-Eberly, Subaru, and GranTeCan are among the world's largest what?

Answer: TELESCOPE

Q6.: LITERATURE - The book, culture, and current affairs journal abbreviated TLS is produced weekly by British-based newspaper publisher News UK, in cooperation with one of the company's main London dailies (but not as a part of it since 1914, despite the journal's name). What do the letters TLS stand for?

Answer: TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Name the only child of the actress (not character) highlighted with the red circle in this cast photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: LENNY KRAVITZ

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Franz Liszt's Transcendental compositions and Frédéric Chopin's collections numbered Opus 10 and 25 are among the better known (and more often performed) examples of what musical form, whose name indicates its primary purpose as practice material?

Answer: ÉTUDE

Q3.: SCIENCE - The period of geological time from 1.64 million years ago to today is known as the Quaternary Period, and is itself divided into two epochs: the Pleistocene (1.64 million to 10,000 years ago), and what other, which continues through to the present?

Answer: HOLOCENE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What city is this?[Click here](#)

Answer: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Q5.: ART - What was the occupation shared by Philadelphians David Hayes Agnew and Samuel D. Gross, while they were subjects of famous 19th century paintings by American artist Thomas Eakins?

Answer: PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

Q6.: MATH - What number is the geometric mean of 4 and 9?

Answer: SIX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - A failed coup d'etat (or putsch) led by Adolf Hitler in November, 1923, in Munich, led to the banning of the Nazi Party and his 264-day incarceration at Landsberg Prison, where he wrote *Mein Kampf*. This unsuccessful overthrow is known today by a name which references the type of business where it was launched—what is that type of business?

Answer: BEER HALL

Q2.: FILM - The three main stars of the 1979 film *The China Syndrome* all won Academy Awards for leading roles in other films, four times among the three. Name any one of these four other films (not actors).

Answer: KLUTE, SAVE THE TIGER, COMING HOME, WALL STREET

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The uniform number of basketball Hall-of-Famer David Robinson, when expressed in hexadecimal, becomes the uniform number of basketball Hall-of-Famer Magic Johnson. Please provide both numbers.

Answer: 50, 32

Q4.: SCIENCE - Red blood cells are produced in adult mammals through a process called hematopoiesis, which occurs mainly in what specific part of the body?

Answer: BONE MARROW

Q5.: LITERATURE - The Lightning Thief, The Sea of Monsters, The Titan's Curse, The Battle of the Labyrinth, and The Last Olympian are books in the young-adult series which features (and is named after) what main character, with the Olympians?

Answer: PERCY JACKSON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Wild, sweet, and pungent are the three most familiar types of what herb (pictured)? The "sweet" type is most popular in Mediterranean cuisine, while the "wild" type is more commonly known as oregano. [Click here](#)

Answer: MARJORAM

Q1.: THEATRE - In this audio clip, Barbra Streisand sings a song that was originally written for the climax to what successful Broadway musical? [Click here](#)
Answer: CATS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - At the time of the Soviet Union's dissolution in December, 1991, which of the fifteen Soviet republics was the second-most populous?
Answer: UKRAINE

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Name the business leader, baronet, philanthropist, and art collector who amassed his fortune as Britain's preeminent 19th Century sugar (and sugar cube) magnate.

Answer: HENRY TATE

Q4.: FILM - What took place on Saturday, March 24, 1984, at fictional Shermer High School in Shermer, Illinois?

Answer: THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Q5.: SCIENCE - A thermistor (which converts heat into electrical voltage), an electric motor (electrical voltage into mechanical energy), and a microphone (sound waves into electrical signals) are examples of what type of scientific device, whose name is derived from the Latin words for across and lead?

Answer: TRANSDUCER

Q6.: LITERATURE - Dictionnaire raisonné des sciences, des arts et des métiers, par une société de gens de lettres, mis en ordre par M. Diderot de l'Académie des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Prusse, et quant à la partie mathématique, par M. d'Alembert de l'Académie royale des Sciences de Paris, de celle de Prusse et de la Société royale de Londres is the cumbersome subtitle of an 18th Century work better known by its primary title, which is what?

Answer: ENCYCLOPÉDIE

Q1.: TELEVISION - The independent comedy film *Tiny Furniture*, in which liberal arts college graduate Aura returns home to New York to parent-funded malaise and directionlessness, provided the template for what television series?

Answer: GIRLS

Q2.: AMER HIST - The 1903 Hay-Herrán Treaty, which gave the USA the right to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, was an agreement between the United States and what other country (whose Senate rejected it, setting off events that resulted in the successful Panamanian revolt for independence, and ultimate completion of the Panama Canal in 1914)?

Answer: COLOMBIA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In 1965, three students at London's Regent Street Polytechnic formed a band named Sigma 6, shortly thereafter renamed Architectural Abdabs, before inviting an erratic Camberwell Art School student to form a quartet which the newcomer named after two Carolina bluesmen. What, ultimately, became the name of this legendary rock group?

Answer: PINK FLOYD

Q4.: SCIENCE - Foehn, haboob, chinook, ostriatic, and williwaw are various names for different types of what?

Answer: WIND

Q5.: ART - Pictured here are works among those featured at the Salon d'Automne in Paris in 1905, which critic Louis Vauxcelles described as "Donatello among the wild beasts." The quote (in its original French) inspired the name of the movement with which these works became associated. What is that name? [Click here](#)

Answer: FAUVISM

Q6.: WORLD HIST - At the turn of the 20th Century, the independent southern African republics the Orange Free State and the South African Republic (a.k.a. Transvaal) were known collectively as what "Republics", from the term for the settlers of the area?

Answer: BOER REPUBLICS

Q1.: ART - This photograph, taken in London's Tate Modern, displays paintings which are part of a series known as the Seagram Murals, by what artist? [Click here](#)
Answer: MARK ROTHKO

Q2.: WORLD HIST - For its final 117 years of existence, the Empire of Russia was ruled by five emperors who each had one of two different first names. Please provide both of these names.

Answer: ALEXANDER, NICHOLAS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What do the letters P, Q, S, and D typically stand for in this image? [Click here](#)

Answer: PRICE, QUANTITY, SUPPLY, DEMAND

Q4.: FILM - Anthony Lane, Andrew Sarris, Armond White, Wesley Morris, and Elvis Mitchell are all names most closely associated with what specific profession?

Answer: FILM CRITICISM

Q5.: SCIENCE - Diesel engines and gasoline engines are both piston-in-cylinder engines, but while a gasoline engine (a.k.a. Otto engine) takes an air-and-fuel mixture into the cylinder on the first piston stroke, a diesel engine instead takes in what, exactly?

Answer: AIR (ONLY)

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The song excerpted here, P.M. Dawn's "Looking Through Patient Eyes", which reached #6 on the Billboard singles chart in 1993, samples a song that reached #1 on the same chart five years earlier by what artist? (45 seconds) [Click here](#)

Answer: GEORGE MICHAEL

Q1.: THEATRE - Known in its original Italian as abattachio, the English name for this prop used in Commedia dell'Arte has endured in modern times as a term for a popular style of physical comedy. What is that term?

Answer: SLAPSTICK

Q2.: LANGUAGE - With approximately 300 million native speakers, what language is the world's most widely spoken among those that are customarily written from right to left?

Answer: ARABIC

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Name the politician who, since September 2010, has held the position of Leader of Her Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition in the United Kingdom.

Answer: ED MILIBAND

Q4.: TELEVISION - Pictured here is a screenshot from what movie series? [Click here](#)

Answer: SHARKNADO

Q5.: LITERATURE - "Two fathoms" is the literal meaning of what riverboat slang term and famous pseudonym?

Answer: MARK TWAIN

Q6.: MATH - A common symbol that is known in mathematics formally as alemniscate and is associated with (among other things) the ancient symbol ouroboros and acid-free paper is most often used to represent what concept?

Answer: INFINITY

Q1.: ART - This photograph is featured on the cover of the June 1985 issue of what magazine?[Click here](#)

Answer: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - These shoes incorporate the signature feature of what French footwear designer?[Click here](#)

Answer: CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

Q3.: LITERATURE - Although it's a term used today informally to refer to any poet, what title was awarded to a poet in medieval Ireland and Britain to signify membership in a privileged caste and responsibility for commemorating historic events and actions? It is similar but distinct from the Irishfili.

Answer: BARD

Q4.: SCIENCE - The most abundant isotope of hydrogen, known formally as hydrogen-1 or protium, contains no neutrons. What is the scientific name for the other stable hydrogen isotope that contains one neutron in its nucleus and is also known as hydrogen-d or "heavy hydrogen"?

Answer: DEUTERIUM

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Augusto César Sandino was, until his assassination in 1934, a revolutionary who led guerrilla resistance to U.S. occupation forces in what country, where he remains a national hero?

Answer: NICARAGUA

Q6.: FILM - Name any one of the four films that features the on-screen comic partnership of Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor.

Answer: SILVER STREAK; STIR CRAZY; SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL; ANOTHER YOU

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Provide the single word that fills in the blanks in all the following instances: Ludwig van Beethoven's Grosse _____, Op. 133; Dmitri Shostakovich's Prelude and _____ #4 in E minor; and J.S. Bach's The Art of _____.
Answer: FUGE/FUGUE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Among the original "Seven Commandments of Animalism" from George Orwell's Animal Farm, the first states "Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy." What word is missing from the second commandment, as follows? "Whatever goes upon four legs, or has _____, is a friend."

Answer: WINGS

Q3.: AMER HIST - Name the man, U.S. Secretary of State from 1947 to 1949 and Secretary of Defense from 1950 to 1951, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.

Answer: GEORGE MARSHALL

Q4.: TELEVISION - Through virtually the entire run of the animated sitcom King of the Hill, main protagonist Hank Hill works as a salesman of what product?

Answer: PROPANE (AND PROPANE ACCESSORIES)

Q5.: SCIENCE - The Danish physicist Hans Christian Ørsted gave his name to the unit oersted, now replaced by the SI unit ampere per meter, which both measure what? The Earth's is about 0.5 oersted.

Answer: MAGNETIC FIELD

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Of all islands with a population greater than 1 million, the world's most densely populated is New York's Manhattan Island, which covers 23 square miles. Close behind, with over 15 million inhabitants on its 240 square miles, is Salsette Island, which sits just off the western coast of what nation?

Answer: INDIA

Q1.: FILM - The calamities in a 2014 comedy film include gum in the title character's hair, a dead car battery, a baby at a job interview, a failed driving test, an overdose on cough medicine, and numerous others. What is the name of this film's title character?

Answer: ALEXANDER (AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY)

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What primary ingredient is shared by the dishes aligot, cripes, rösti, hachis Parmentier, and gratin dauphinois?

Answer: POTATOES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Two rounds of bilateral negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States regarding armament control, the first of which commenced in Helsinki in 1969 and the latter of which concluded in Vienna in 1979, are each best known today by what abbreviation (with a numerical suffix)?

Answer: SALT

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In 2014, the adidas Golden Boot, which is given to the top goal scorer in the FIFA World Cup, was awarded to attacking midfielder James Rodríguez. For what national team does James play?

Answer: COLOMBIA

Q5.: TELEVISION - In American television history, three series have ended their runs with their final seasons ranked at the top of the Nielsen ratings. This occurred in 1956-57, 1967-68, and 1997-98. Name any one of these three series.

Answer: I LOVE LUCY, THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW, SEINFELD

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Tappi Tíkarrass; Kukl; and, most successfully, Sykurmolarnir were bands that featured singer-songwriter Björk Guðmundsdóttir as vocalist. What is the English translation of the word Sykurmolarnir?

Answer: SUGARCUBES

Q1.: SCIENCE - For some insects, specific terms are used for the pupa stage of holometabolous development (coming between the juvenile larva and fully mature imago). For mosquitoes, the term is tumbler. What is the equivalent term for butterflies?
Answer: CHRYSALIS/NYMPHA

Q2.: FILM - With his Best Supporting Actor nomination at the 2011 Academy Awards (portraying Sir Laurence Olivier, to whom he has been compared), this British filmmaker became the first to be nominated in five different categories: Best Supporting Actor, Best Actor and Best Director (1989), Best Live Action Short Film (1992), and Best Adapted Screenplay (1996). Notably, he has yet to win.
Answer: KENNETH BRANAGH

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - A series of three orchestral suites written by George Frideric Handel that premiered in concert in July 1717, and was (possibly) written to gain the favor of King George I of Great Britain, is best known today by what name?
Answer: WATER MUSIC

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here is a former logo, from 1956, for what NFL team?
[Click here](#)
Answer: NEW YORK GIANTS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The current President of Kenya, who was elected to the position in March, 2013, is the son of the first President of Kenya, who served from 1964 to 1978. What last name do these men share?
Answer: KENYATTA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A complicated set of diplomatic conflicts and border disputes that is known collectively as the "Schleswig-Holstein Question" existed for the better part of 100 years (or more) between, originally, the German Confederation and what other nation?
Answer: DENMARK

Q1.: THEATRE - A traditional (and chaotic) 1980s Italian-American wedding and reception provide the setting for a popular immersive and largely improvisational theatre event that has run in over 200 cities across North America, including for over 20 years in New York beginning in 1985. The piece is named after the bride and groom. What are their names?

Answer: TONY, TINA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Although successful versions of the song "Dancing in the Street" were released by the Grateful Dead, Van Halen, and Mick Jagger and David Bowie (as a duo), it was first recorded in 1964 by what Motown group?

Answer: MARTHA AND THE VANDELLAS

Q3.: SCIENCE - As two of the three men (with Émile Durkheim) widely credited with founding sociology as a field of study, Karl Marx and this fellow German held some views that could hardly differ more. For example, whereas Marx saw economics as the major force in social change, this man attributed it to religion. Who was this Prussian-born philosopher, social theorist, and liberal German Democrat?

Answer: MAX WEBER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What Middle Eastern country's unique multi-confessional constitution (specifically via the unwritten National Pact of 1943) stipulates that the republic's President should always be a Maronite Christian, whereas its Prime Minister should always be a Sunni Muslim?

Answer: LEBANON

Q5.: LITERATURE - The critically panned 2014 film *The Best of Me* is the ninth film to be adapted from the works of what American novelist of romantic fiction?

Answer: NICHOLAS SPARKS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A surveyor's notation is the best known name for what is also known variously (and unofficially) as Chhogori, Dapsang, Kechu, Lamba Pahar, and Godwin-Austen. What is that notation?

Answer: K2

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Who is, by far, Major League Baseball's career leader in stolen bases, with 1,406? (Lou Brock is #2 with 938.)

Answer: RICKEY HENDERSON

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - In addition to being its continent's southernmost point, the rocky promontory known as Cape Agulhas is the official dividing point between what two oceans?

Answer: ATLANTIC, INDIAN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The gesture from American Sign Language demonstrated here is most commonly used to express what statement? [Click here](#)

Answer: I LOVE YOU

Q4.: LITERATURE - Widely regarded as one of the finest achievements in Japanese literature—and, perhaps, the world's first novel—is a work, written by Lady Murasaki, which chronicles court society and romantic love during the Heian period. It is best known in English as what?

Answer: THE TALE OF GENJI

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Songs recorded at the Winterland Ballroom in San Francisco and the Long Island Arena in Commack, New York, in the summer of 1975, are among the tracks on what would become the most successful live album in rock history, eventually selling over 11 million copies worldwide. What is the name of this double album?

Answer: FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE!

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Book of the Marvels of the World (Livre des Merveilles du Monde in its native French, and known in Italian as Il Milione) was written around the year 1300 by Rustichello da Pisa, based on accounts he heard while incarcerated with what Genoan prison mate?

Answer: MARCO POLO

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The first-ever controlled landing of a spacecraft on a comet occurred when a robotic lander built by the European Space Agency (ESA) touched down on comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on November 12, 2014. The space probe launched by the ESA is named Rosetta. What is the name of Rosetta's lander module that made physical contact with the comet itself?

Answer: PHILAE

Q2.: FILM - Name the actor, born near Alsace in 1918 and father of 48 before his death at age 13, who was credited in the mid-1920s as saving Warner Bros. studio (where he was known as "the mortgage lifter") from bankruptcy. He is said to have earned \$6,000 per month; have received 12,000 fan letters per week; have been insured for \$100,000; and have had his own valet, chef, limo, and driver.

Answer: RIN TIN TIN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - For culinary purposes, edible fish are often divided into two groups. The demersal group, also known as white fish, includes the cod and perch families, which typically live on or near the seafloor, whereas the pelagic group includes sardines, herring, salmon, and tuna, which live away from the bottom. What is the most common term for this latter group, used often in contrast to white fish?

Answer: OILY FISH

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The Ecumenical Patriarch, who serves as the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity and is currently Bartholomew I, is formally the Archbishop of what city?

Answer: CONSTANTINOPLE (ISTANBUL)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Among the 26 individuals inducted into the inaugural class of the U.S. National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1974 were two women. Identify either of these superstar athletes.

Answer: BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS, WILMA RUDOLPH

Q6.: LITERATURE - The most popular English foundling in the literature of the late 1740s shares his name with the most popular Welsh singer in the music of the late 1960s. What is that name?

Answer: TOM JONES

Q1.: AMER HIST - A historical series that began in Ottawa, Illinois, on August 21, 1858, and ended in Alton, Illinois, on October 15 of that same year ultimately resulted, the following January, in the re-election of what incumbent?
Answer: STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - From 1958 until 1984, the republic highlighted in green in this map was known by what name? [Click here](#)
Answer: UPPER VOLTA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The title of what Neil Diamond hit single refers not, as it might seem, to a prostitute (or "store-bought woman"), but rather to a type of wine?
Answer: CRACKLIN' ROSIE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What Swiss dish, typically served for breakfast, originally consisted of apples, oats, milk, and nuts when invented by physician Maximilian Bircher-Benner around the turn of the 20th century? Today, it often also includes other grains, fruits, and seeds.
Answer: MUESLI

Q5.: BUS/ECON - GAAP stands for "generally accepted accounting principles." An alternative and largely theoretical set of accounting principles, abbreviated LGAP, dictates full and transparent disclosure of all information, including information not normally reported under GAAP, such as all off-balance sheet items. After whom are the LGAP named?
Answer: LADY GODIVA

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - In the United States gubernatorial elections of 2014, a Republican incumbent lost to a Democratic challenger in only one of the 36 governorships that were up for grabs. The incumbent's deep unpopularity has been attributed to his views regarding gun control, Medicaid expansion, and same-sex marriage, as well as residual fallout from a child sex abuse scandal. Identify the state.
Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q1.: LITERATURE - The marriage of Edgar Linton and Catherine Earnshaw triggers rage and misery that lie at the center of what classic novel?

Answer: WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the name of the American television channel, co-produced by the entertainment company Discovery Communications, that debuted on New Year's Day 2011, replacing the Discovery Health Channel? Among its original programming are the three Tyler Perry-produced series The Haves and the Have Nots, Love Thy Neighbor, and Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse.

Answer: OWN (OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK)

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the tennis champion pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

Q4.: AMER HIST - Based on clubs formed by a country school principal in Ohio in 1902, a "Rural Youth Division" was established by the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1914, and took what official name five years later, which it retains today?

Answer: 4-H

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The geographic area precisely coterminous with Richmond County in New York State is most commonly referred to as what?

Answer: STATEN ISLAND

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The Daniel Burnham-designed building in this photograph, taken from above the intersection of Oxford and Orchard Streets in London, is the second-largest department store in the United Kingdom. It is the flagship for what department store chain?[Click here](#)

Answer: SELFRIDGES

Q1.: ART - Although this late 19th/early 20th century painter's ambition led him toward genre paintings and murals, he's probably best known for his vast and popular output of portraiture, including the controversial [Portrait of Madame X](#)(pictured). Click here

Answer: JOHN SINGER SARGENT

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The festival in the Western Christian Church known as [Quadragesima](#)(Latin for "fortieth") is better known by what other name?

Answer: LENT

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The Broadway musical [Kismet](#)is adapted from the work of Russian Romantic composer Alexander Borodin--specifically, his string quartets, symphonic poem [In the Steppes of Central Asia](#), and his unfinished opera that features what titular prince?

Answer: PRINCE IGOR

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The most populous urban area in Germany, which is located within the state of North Rhine-Westphalia and includes the cities of Essen, Dortmund, Bochum, and others, is most commonly referred to by what name, after the river that forms (or runs near) its southern border?

Answer: RUHR

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The French king who embarked on the Third Crusade in 1190, the Spanish king whose Armada was defeated in 1588, the "Good" Burgundian Duke whose troops captured Joan of Arc in 1430, and the Macedonian king who mastered all of independent Greece in 338 BC all shared what first name?

Answer: PHILIP

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - [Zymurgy](#)is a bimonthly magazine published in the United States by a not-for-profit association of members who share what hobby?

Answer: HOMEBREWING

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here is the board for what popular game?[Click here](#)
Answer: TICKET TO RIDE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The dishtamagoyaki, which often appears on Japanese (and especially sushi) restaurant menus as simplytamago, literally translates to English as "grilled" what?
Answer: EGG

Q3.: TELEVISION - During the 1990s, four Saturday Night Live cast members served as regular anchors of the fake-news sketch "Weekend Update". Name any two of these four men.

Answer: DENNIS MILLER, KEVIN NEALON, NORM MACDONALD, COLIN QUINN

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Four national capital cities sit on the banks of the Danube River, more than any other river in the world. Name any two of these four cities.

Answer: BELGRADE, BRATISLAVA, BUDAPEST, VIENNA

Q5.: AMER HIST - "Upon the whole, therefore, it is the judgment of this court, that it appears by the record before us that the plaintiff in error is not a citizen of Missouri, in the sense in which that word is used in the Constitution; and that the Circuit Court of the United States, for that reason, had no jurisdiction in the case, and could give no judgment in it. Its judgment for the defendant must, consequently, be reversed, and a mandate issued, directing the suit to be dismissed for want of jurisdiction." Who was the plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case whose majority opinion ended thus?

Answer: DRED SCOTT

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - The Donbass, the Rapid Trident military exercise, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, and "little green men" are all relevant to a current conflict between whom?

Answer: UKRAINE, RUSSIA

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The shipyards that constructed 747 U.S. vessels during WWII, a pioneering health maintenance organization that is today the largest of its kind, major aluminum and steel concerns, and a leading non-profit organization focusing on national and global health issues and policy were all started by (and named after) what American industrialist?

Answer: HENRY J. KAISER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Various peace treaties between Great Britain and "Pirate Coast" rulers beginning in 1820 created what came to be known as Trucial States, which were collectively a British protectorate until six of them federated to form a new independent country in 1971. Name anyone of these six former Trucial States.

Answer: ABU DHABI, AJMAN, DUBAI, FUJAIRAH, SHARJAH, UMM AL QAIWAIN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In the early 19th century, a Massachusetts estate containing recently planted Williams' bon chrétien pear trees was purchased, and became the genesis for the introduction of the variety into the United States. The man who purchased the estate named the variety after himself, unaware of its heritage, and that name endures today in North America for this most popular variety. What was the man's last name?

Answer: BARTLETT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name this rock band, who were possibly named after 17 elements of the periodic table (specifically, scandium, yttrium, and the fifteen lanthanides).
(28 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: RARE EARTH

Q5.: FILM - Identify either of the fellow actors who are the famous parents of this woman.[Click here](#)

Answer: MELANIE GRIFFITH, DON JOHNSON

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the literary term—from Middle English for "poor" or "worthless" and likely the diminutive for a certain animal, and comparable to the German knittelvers ("badly knit verse")—that describes verse with an irregular meter and loose construction? The term is often used for any clumsily executed and rhythmically plodding poetry.

Answer: DOGGEREL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the name of this character? [Click here](#)

Answer: STEVE

Q2.: ART - The mural in this photograph was commissioned in the late 15th century by Ludovico Sforza, who at the time was the Duke of what Lombard duchy? The painting remains today in the duchy's namesake city. [Click here](#)

Answer: MILAN

Q3.: AMER HIST - James P. Gray, Matt Gonzalez, Peter Camejo, Winona LaDuke, Pat Choate, and James Stockdale are the last six individuals to finish in third place in the election for what?

Answer: VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74, whose title is most often referred to by its French translation, *Pathétique*, was the last completed symphony of what legendary composer, who died nine days after leading its first performance in October of 1893?

Answer: PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - There are 193 current United Nations member states. Based on their official names/designations used for seating in General Assembly sessions, every letter of the alphabet is the first letter of at least one member state (e.g. Afghanistan, Bahamas, Cambodia, Denmark, etc.) except for two. One is "X" (that is, there is no U.N. member state whose name begins with the letter "X"). What is the other letter?

Answer: W

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The IPO of this company, which occurred in August 1995, is often credited as kickstarting the dot-com bubble of the late 1990s. Although it rose from an offering price of \$28 to close its first day at \$58.25 (with an intraday high of \$75 and ultimate peak of \$174), the company was acquired three years later, accelerating its downfall, and its signature product was defunct by 2008. Name the company.

Answer: NETSCAPE

Q1.: LITERATURE - The Folger Shakespeare Library, home to the world's largest collection of William Shakespeare's printed works, as well as other important cross-disciplinary collections of rare books and manuscripts from the early modern period, is located in what city?

Answer: WASHINGTON, DC

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What word, which is also a man's name, best fits within the red box in this diagram?[Click here](#)

Answer: CHUCK

Q3.: MATH - A polyhedron is a solid figure with four or more plane faces. The five "Platonic solids" are regular polyhedra, with all faces the same size and shape. Which Platonic solid is missing from this list?

Tetrahedron, cube, octahedron, icosahedron.

Answer: DODECAHEDRON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The German visionary war theorist who served for 30 years as chief of staff of the Prussian Army was the uncle of the man who led the German Army at the onset of WWI. What name did these men share?

Answer: HELMUTH VON MOLTKE

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Ancient Greek word χειρ, the source of "chir-" in the words chiropractic, chiropody, and chirality, translates to English as what?

Answer: HAND

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The English village of Silverstone, in the East Midlands county of Northamptonshire, is the location of Great Britain's premier event in what sport?

Answer: AUTO RACING/FORMULA ONE

Q1.: SCIENCE - These dogs are all members of what breed, thought to be one of the oldest still in existence? [Click here](#)

Answer: CHOW CHOW (CHOW)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - According to its first post-statehood census in 2011, 45% of the population of this Balkan country's 700,000 citizens identify ethnically as Crnogorci, with another 29% Srbi, 9% Bošnjaci, 5% Shqiptarët (Albanci), and 1% Hrvati. What is the country?

Answer: MONTENEGRO

Q3.: TELEVISION - What is the expression that is typically (and famously) represented in scripts and episode titles for the television show *The Simpsons* as "(annoyed grunt)"?

Answer: D'OH

Q4.: ART - This term, derived from Latin via Italian *forcavere* or *crypta* and used originally for an Ancient Roman style of decorative art, is today used in an art context for a highly fanciful, fantastic, and incongruous form that subverts the natural order by depicting figures metamorphosing into one another. What is the term?

Answer: GROTESQUE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What (in English) is the central ingredient of the classic Spanish specialty known natively as *chipirones en su tinta*?

Answer: SQUID

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What word is the English translation of the Russian Солнце, Hindi सूर्य (Sūrya), Tagalog Araw, Turkish Güneş, Swahili jua, Polish Słońce, Japanese 太陽 (Taiyō), and Greek Ήλιος (Ílios)? Note—if some characters do not render properly in your browser, follow this link to view an image: [Click here](#)

Answer: SUN

Q1.: BUS/ECON - As measured by market capitalization, Apple Inc. is the most valuable company on the NASDAQ Stock Market (or any public stock exchange). What is Apple's four-letter ticker symbol on the NASDAQ?

Answer: AAPL

Q2.: AMER HIST - British General John Burgoyne's failed attempt to isolate New England from the middle and southern colonies during the American Revolutionary War culminated in the late summer/early fall of 1777 at the Battles of Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights. Collectively, these battles became associated in the historical record with what town?

Answer: SARATOGA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The capital city of Chile, the home stadium of Newcastle United F.C., the brewery that produces Guinness beer, and the current home of Side Show on Broadway are all named after an individual best known as what in English?

Answer: ST. JAMES

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Among the four major North American professional sports leagues, baseball slugger Barry Bonds has won the second-most Most Valuable Player awards, with seven. Who has the most, with nine?

Answer: WAYNE GRETZKY

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the most common name for the notably soft mineral hydrous magnesium silicate, Mg₃Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂?

Answer: TALC

Q6.: FILM - Name the actress in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: ROSALIND RUSSELL

Q1.: SCIENCE - Typically, acne is caused by blockage and inflammation of what skin glands, due to the overproduction of the glands' oily secretion (from which the gland takes its name)?

Answer: SEBACEOUS GLANDS

Q2.: POP MUSIC - With the help of his sister Estelle Axton, Tennessee businessman Jim Stewart founded the seminal record label Satellite Records in 1957 and—after the discovery of another California-based Satellite Records—changed its name in 1961 to what new name, which it retained through its 1977 bankruptcy?

Answer: STAX RECORDS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - This English navigator sailed with Captain James Cook on explorations of Australia, New Zealand, and the Hawaiian Islands, but he is best remembered today for his extensive and precise survey work on the Pacific coast of northern North America, where numerous locations have been named in his honor (including a major city in the region). Name the man.

Answer: GEORGE VANCOUVER

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Whereas most leavened bread is yeast risen, the type of bread that instead uses NaHCO₃ as a leavening agent is best known generally as what? Specific examples include Scottish bannocks, Australian damper, and a popular Irish namesake variety.

Answer: SODA BREAD

Q5.: THEATRE - Name the successful and enduring 1959 play, the first written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway, whose title comes from the 1951 Langston Hughes poem "Harlem".

Answer: A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What American organization holds membership in the international federation that also includes Israel's Magen David Adom, Turkey's Türk Kızılayı, and Saudi Arabia's SSRCA?

Answer: AMERICAN RED CROSS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Hindu concept of Trimurti manifests the cosmic functions of the Supreme Being as represented by three forms. Identify any two of the three most common personifications of these functions.

Answer: BRAHMA, VISHNU, SHIVA

Q2.: SCIENCE - In the law of physics most commonly expressed as $PV = nRT$, the constant "R" is most often referred to as the "_____ constant." (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: GAS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In his 21-year baseball career, which ended in 2001, this Hall of Fame shortstop won the American League's Most Valuable Player Award twice, in 1983 and 1991. Name the player.

Answer: CAL RIPKEN, JR.

Q4.: ART - In modern digital photo cameras, the index rating for sensitivity to light (exposure index) is normally designated by a three-letter acronym. What is that acronym?

Answer: ISO

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Parkside, Platteville, River Falls, Stevens Point, Stout, and Whitewater are all campuses of four-year schools in what state's public university system?

Answer: WISCONSIN

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - This excerpt is from the fourth and final symphony of what composer? (49 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: JOHANNES BRAHMS

Q1.: FILM - Marion Ravenwood, a one-time barkeep in remote Nepal with a sarcastic wit and a very high tolerance for alcohol, is the sometimes girlfriend of what famous film character?

Answer: INDIANA JONES

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 24th and final Book of Homer's Iliad ends with the funeral of what Trojan hero?

Answer: HECTOR

Q3.: POP MUSIC - This cropped photograph, along with the redacted inset photo, appeared on a hit record album released in January of 1971. Name the two-year-old child in these photos, who is the thirty-five-year-old artist on the record. [Click here](#)

Answer: ELVIS PRESLEY

Q4.: SCIENCE - What unit of measurement is defined as the force needed to move a 1 kg object so that it accelerates at 1 m/s²? It is also used as a measure of weight, where one unit is the weight of a medium-sized apple, roughly.

Answer: NEWTON

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Of the items that shaped the legacy of British conservative politician Benjamin Disraeli, among the most prominent was his bitter, decades-long rivalry with what Liberal leader, who himself served four times as Prime Minister?

Answer: WILLIAM GLADSTONE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The culinary preparation known as duxelles (used in various dishes served à la duxelles) typically consists of chopped shallots, onions, and herbs, with what other main ingredient, all sautéed in butter?

Answer: MUSHROOMS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here is an assortment of real-life items which relate to the standard version of a particular board game, with one item missing. What is the missing item?[Click here](#)

Answer: ROPE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Episode plots in what acclaimed, technology-savvy CBS drama series have involved the internet search company "Chumhum", the social and news website "Scabbit", legal issues surrounding the invention of Bitcoin, and a ransomware attack?

Answer: THE GOOD WIFE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who seized control of the Pakistan government via a military coup d'état in October of 1999, and served as the country's President from 2001 until his resignation under threat of impeachment in August, 2008.

Answer: PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

Q4.: ART - A controversial and massive work of post-minimalist public art titled *Tilted Arc*, which was erected in Manhattan's Federal Plaza in 1981 and removed in 1989 after years of debate and legal action, was conceived by what American sculptor?

Answer: RICHARD SERRA

Q5.: SCIENCE - There are exactly two elements represented in the periodic table by single letters whose standard names (in English) do not begin with those letters. What are those elements' names? (As a counterexample, Oxygen begins with its symbol, O.)

Answer: POTASSIUM, TUNGSTEN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The principality of Monaco is traditionally divided into four Quartiers: Monaco-Ville, La Condamine, Fontvieille, and what fourth?

Answer: MONTE CARLO

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2011, a low-calorie (specifically, a TEN-calorie) variety of what popular soft drink was released in the United States, with a marketing message aimed at men-most directly in its tagline, "It's Not for Women."?

Answer: DR PEPPER

Q2.: AMER HIST - Name the only man who was elected governor of two different U.S. states, as well as the only man to be twice-elected President of the Republic of Texas.

Answer: SAM HOUSTON

Q3.: FILM - Who played the title character in the critically acclaimed 1971 film *ThrillerKlute*?

Answer: DONALD SUTHERLAND

Q4.: LITERATURE - *Eldest*, *Brisingr*, and *Inheritance* are the second-through-fourth books in author Christopher Paolini's *Inheritance Cycle* tetralogy. What is the name of the first novel in the series?

Answer: ERAGON

Q5.: SCIENCE - In May of 1796, pioneering English physician Edward Jenner inoculated his gardener's young son with pus from a milkmaid's blister, thereby rendering him immune to what infectious disease?

Answer: SMALLPOX

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Manzanares River, pictured here, passes through what national capital city?[Click here](#)

Answer: MADRID

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The name of the Rastafari movement is taken from Ras Tafari Makonnen, the personal pre-coronation name of the African emperor who was later (and better) known as what?

Answer: HAILE SELASSIE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - A Yiddish word for "stuffed" is applied commonly (and nearly exclusively) to a particular classic Jewish dish, suitable for serving during the Sabbath (when cooking is not permitted). What is that word?

Answer: GEFILTE

Q3.: MATH - A special type of quadrilateral defined as having two pairs of sides, with each pair made up of adjacent sides that equal in length, is sometimes referred to as a deltoid, but is better known in geometry as, appropriately, a what?

Answer: KITE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What last name do these brothers share? [Click here](#)

Answer: KOCH

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Manitoulin Island, the world's largest "freshwater island", sits within Georgian Bay, an inlet which protrudes from what lake?

Answer: LAKE HURON

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Following the 1978 implosion of the Sex Pistols, master media manipulator Malcolm McLaren collected three members of Adam and the Ants (basically, the Ants) and a fourteen-year-old part-time laundress and Burmese immigrant to form what new band, which was perhaps only slightly less controversial than the Pistols?

Answer: BOW WOW WOW

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - OPI, Seche, Sally Hansen, Deborah Lippman, and CND are all fashion brands most associated with what product?

Answer: NAIL POLISH

Q2.: AMER HIST - The war which resulted in the U.S. acquiring some 500,000 square miles of new territory is widely regarded as the first U.S. war to be photographed, the first covered by newspaper correspondents, and the first fought primarily on foreign soil. In what country was this war fought?

Answer: MEXICO

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In June 2013, National Security Agency subcontractor Edward Snowden met with journalists Glenn Greenwald and Laura Poitras and revealed details of classified United States government surveillance programs. This meeting took place at the Mira Hotel in what city?

Answer: HONG KONG

Q4.: TELEVISION - A Los Angeles physician awakens, and turns to see a yellow Labrador retriever walking through a thicket of bamboo. So begins what television series?

Answer: LOST

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Give thefull nameof the controversial soprano, often falsely reported at the time of her death in 2006 as the aunt of an American military general, who was renowned particularly for her lieder interpretations and signature portrayals of Richard Strauss and Mozart heroines.

Answer: ELISABETH SCHWARZKOPF

Q6.: SCIENCE - In many computer operating systems, notably DOS and Unix, what is the four-letter command used to display a message (a string of text) on the terminal or output to a file? In many computer operating systems, notably DOS and Unix, what is the four-letter command used to display a message (a string of text) on the terminal or output to a file?

Answer: ECHO

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The River Alma, Balaclava, and Inkerman were major battle sites of what 1850s war, which is also notable for the nursing of Florence Nightingale and the reporting of The Times correspondent William Howard Russell?

Answer: CRIMEAN WAR

Q2.: FILM - An independent travel booktore owner in central London, a child psychologist father-to-be, an ungentlemanly publishing company boss, and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom are among the prominent film roles portrayed by what actor?

Answer: HUGH GRANT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Certain insects and other arthropods possess what are known as stridulatory organs, which are used specifically to produce what?

Answer: SOUND

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In finance and financial analysis, what feline term is used colloquially to describe a small and temporary phase of recovery that occurs during a prolonged period of decline, after which is a quick and sustained continuation of the downward trend?

Answer: DEAD CAT BOUNCE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Fulton J. Sheen, who was the only Emmy winner in the DuMont television network's ten years of existence, hosted for many years (on DuMont and elsewhere) the program Life is Worth Living. What was Sheen's primary occupation?

Answer: CATHOLIC PRIEST (BISHOP/ARCHBISHOP)

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the basketball Hall of Famer who won the Michigan High School Class A Boys Basketball Championship in 1977, the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship in 1979, and his first NBA Finals in 1980.

Answer: MAGIC JOHNSON

Q1.: LITERATURE - Of the two title characters in the sixth (and penultimate) book of the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the second (after Harry himself) is better known throughout the series by what name?

Answer: SEVERUS SNAPE

Q2.: THEATRE - Name the famous 1927 musical by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II, regarded by some as the first successful, totally American operetta, which includes the classics "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man", "Make Believe", "Why Do I Love You", and "Ol' Man River".

Answer: SHOW BOAT

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What is the German translation of the French word montagne?

Answer: BERG

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the anatomical term for a muscle that bends a limb, working as an antagonist in opposition to extensors? Examples in the human body include the biceps, deltoid, and the sartorius?

Answer: FLEXOR

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Of the twelve studio albums released by the rock band Van Halen, two of them, released consecutively in the mid-1980s, have titles which are four-digit numbers. Please give either of those two numbers.

Answer: 1984, 5150

Q6.: ART - ___ forum, ___ Review, and ___ news: these are all names of magazines which are missing the same first three letters—letters which spell the genre these magazines cover. What are the three missing letters?

Answer: ART

Q1.: SCIENCE - "Dear King Philip Came Over For Good Soup." In this mnemonic, the word "soup" stands in for what other word?

Answer: SPECIES

Q2.: ART - The Radiant Child, a crawling baby in a halo of light, was the personal logo of what American artist?

Answer: KEITH HARING

Q3.: FILM - Name the Academy Award-winning director who was screenwriter (but not director) of the films *Midnight Express*, *Conan the Barbarian*, *Scarface*, and *Evita*.

Answer: OLIVER STONE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What expression, popular from the early days of WWII, is used to describe enemy sympathizers who may provide active assistance to invading forces? The term originates from the Spanish Civil War, when sympathizers supported a quartet of rebel battalions advancing on Madrid.

Answer: FIFTH COLUMN

Q5.: THEATRE - Massachusetts-born 19th c. publisher Samuel French first achieved success publishing works of what literary form? The namesake company he founded in the 1850s continues to dominate the particular market to this day.

Answer: PLAYS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - There are two rivers in Africa which each has two different countries named after it. Please name both rivers.

Answer: CONGO, NIGER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The 1,099-mile-long Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline transports crude oil originating from fields in what body of water?

Answer: CASPIAN SEA

Q2.: TELEVISION - What was private investigator and guesthouse-resident Thomas S. Magnum's favorite baseball team?

Answer: DETROIT TIGERS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Shortly after the conclusion of WWII hostilities in Europe in May of 1945, the #1 single on the Billboard "Best Sellers in Stores" chart was, fittingly, "Sentimental Journey", which became an unofficial homecoming theme for returning veterans. This original recording, backed by Les Brown and His Band of Renown, was the first #1 hit for what artist, who would soon become a major star of music and film in her own right?

Answer: DORIS DAY

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The paradoxically cordial-sounding Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation, and Mutual Assistance was formed in May of 1955 as the military complement to an economic organization formally named the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. By what name is this treaty best known?

Answer: WARSAW PACT

Q5.: SCIENCE - The ultramafic igneous rock known as kimberlite is today the world's primary source of what mineral with important scientific and industrial applications?

Answer: DIAMOND

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem which appeared in his 1863 Tales of a Wayside Inn collection as "The Landlord's Tale" describes legendary (and largely fictional) exploits of what American hero?

Answer: PAUL REVERE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Provide the name that completes this list: Elmer Layden, Bert Bell, Austin Gunsel, Pete Rozelle, Paul Tagliabue.

Answer: ROGER GOODELL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What Asian municipality of roughly 250,000 people, planned by Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker and built from 1912 to 1929, was inaugurated in 1931 as capital, and remains its country's seat of government today?

Answer: NEW DELHI

Q3.: THEATRE - A one-act play by David Belasco and John Luther Long, which ran on Broadway for 24 performances in 1900, would likely be totally forgotten today had Giacomo Puccini not created an opera from it four years later—and had a smash Broadway musical adapted in part from the opera not been produced 85 years afterwards. What name do the original play and Puccini's opera share?

Answer: MADAME BUTTERFLY

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Rounded to the nearest thousand, what is the current level of the NASDAQ Composite index?

Answer: 5000

Q5.: FILM - The plot of the original Star Wars film (Episode IV) involves plans to the Galactic Empire's Death Star being stolen by spies for the Rebel Alliance. Near the beginning of the film, these plans are hidden, by Alderaan Princess Leia Organa, where?

Answer: R2-D2

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Of the official cookie varieties offered for sale during fundraisers for the Girl Scouts of the USA, which is the only one to have the Girl Scouts logo embossed on the cookie's face?

Answer: TREFOILS/SHORTBREAD

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The popular card game Klondike, which uses a standard 52-card deck with no Jokers, is also known (and perhaps better known) by an alternate name that is actually the category of card game under which Klondike falls. What is that other name?

Answer: SOLITAIRE (PATIENCE)

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Mick Jones, guitarist and founding member of the rock band Foreigner, is the (former) stepfather of what current chart-topping English musician and producer (as well as his twin sisters)?

Answer: MARK RONSON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Following France's humiliating defeat at the hands of the North German Confederation (the soon-to-be German Empire) in 1871, a socialist revolutionary uprising gained rule in the nation's capital city via the election of a municipal council, which was hastily and very violently suppressed by the monarchist French government by May of that year. What is the common name given both to this council and the uprising itself?

Answer: PARIS COMMUNE

Q4.: SCIENCE - Treatment of animal fats or vegetable oils with sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide is the fundamental process used most often to create what?

Answer: SOAP

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The verb in the following sentence is in the present tense; please rewrite the sentence with the verb in the present perfect tense. I enjoy eating cheese.

Answer: I HAVE ENJOYED EATING CHEESE

Q6.: MATH - What is the term from mathematics for the fractional part of a common logarithm (i.e. the part after the decimal point)? It's also used more generally for the fractional part of any real number—for example, the .259 in 8.259.

Answer: MANTISSA

Q1.: LITERATURE -Tomorrow, I'll think of some way to get him back. After all, tomorrow is another day.Thus ends what novel, in lines spoken by the story's vain, spoiled, shrewd, strong-willed, thrice-married heroine?

Answer: GONE WITH THE WIND

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What term from music, derived from a Greek word for "song" or "tune", refers to a group of notes sung to a single syllable of text, normally including a primary note and ornamentation? Gregorian chants are an old example; more recent examples are basically anything by Whitney Houston or Mariah Carey.

Answer: MELISMA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the hurler, the winner of the National League Cy Young Award after the 1969, 1973, and 1975 seasons, who is the only member of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, whose plaque sports a New York Mets cap.

Answer: TOM SEAVER

Q4.: TELEVISION - Name the actor who plays Senator Gil John Biggs in the TV seriesAlpha House, Congressman Scott Tally in the filmThe Campaign, Congressman Chuck Long in the filmEvan Almighty, and Speaker of the House Glenallen Walken in the TV seriesThe West Wing.

Answer: JOHN GOODMAN

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - "I do not believe that the president loves America. He doesn't love you. And he doesn't love me. He wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up, through love of this country." Who reportedly spoke these words, in reference to President Barack Obama, at a private group dinner featuring Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker on February 18, 2015?

Answer: RUDOLPH GIULIANI

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What name was shared by three English monarchs before the Norman Conquest (the Elder, the Martyr, and the Confessor) and by another eight English monarchs after the conquest?

Answer: EDWARD

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - "Tropical," "Wild Berry," "Sour," "Darkside," "Desserts," and a 2014 limited-edition football-themed "Seattle Mix" are among the produced varieties of what confection brand?

Answer: SKITTLES

Q2.: FILM - The plot of what 1998 movie is driven in part by circumstances surrounding brothers named Daniel, Sean, Peter, and James, the last of whom is the only one still alive at the end of the film?

Answer: SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the standard term in ice hockey for the period of time when one team has more players on the ice than the other team, due to one or more penalties committed by the short-handed team?

Answer: POWER PLAY

Q4.: ART - The influential 15th-century painter born Guido di Pietro took the name Giovanni upon entering the Dominican order in the city of Fiesole, near Florence, around 1418, but is best known by what posthumous nickname?

Answer: FRA ANGELICO

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - As measured by cargo throughput, the second- through fourth-largest shipping ports in Europe are in Antwerp, Hamburg, and Novorossiysk. Europe's largest, equivalent to the next three combined, is the port of what city?

Answer: ROTTERDAM

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who replaced Zhao Ziyang as general secretary of the Communist Party of China following the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, serving in that post until 2002, while also serving as the nation's president from 1993 to 2003.

Answer: JIANG ZEMIN

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Though the term was originally associated with medieval French poetry, ballade was first applied to instrumental music in the 1830s/40s by Ballades No. 1 to 4, which are considered today among the most technically (and poetically) challenging pieces of the standard piano repertoire. Who composed these ballades?

Answer: FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A popular card game, whose object is not to hold the one unmatchable card in the deck at the end, is known in various countries as "Black Peter" (in native languages). What is this game's best-known English name?

Answer: OLD MAID

Q3.: SCIENCE - Though perhaps associated most with rocker Ted Nugent, the pathogen *Bartonella henselae* is named after scientist Alberto Barton and lab technologist Diane Hensel. It causes a benign infectious disease which is best known colloquially as what?

Answer: CAT SCRATCH FEVER (DISEASE)

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In June, 1974, Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum was the first product purchased in the United States to feature what innovative and now widespread technology?

Answer: BAR CODES

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The hip hop artists T.I., Ludacris, Big Boi and André 3000 (of Outkast), B.o.B., Soulja Boy, and Young Jeezy are all most closely associated with what city?

Answer: ATLANTA

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the pseudonym-misunderstood during a failed introduction-of the guileless main character in the 1971 Jerzy Kosinski novel *Being There*?

Answer: CHAUNCEY GARDINER

Q1.: LITERATURE - Pulitzer Prizes were first awarded in 1917 by what American university, which administers the awards to this day?

Answer: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The municipalities of Villa de Guadalupe in Mexico; Paris, France; Lourdes, France; and Fatima, Portugal most distinctively have what in common?

Answer: APPARITIONS OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Q3.: POP MUSIC - On the cover of the 1969 album palindromically titled Aoxomoxoa, the art displaying the band's name is an ambigram which, reportedly, can also be viewed as "we ate the acid." What is the band's name?

Answer: GRATEFUL DEAD

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the chemical formula of the hydrocarbon that is the primary component of natural gas?

Answer: CH4

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Give the name of any of the men who won one (or more) of the Major Championships in men's golf in the year 2014.

Answer: BUBBA WATSON, MARTIN KAYMER, RORY MCILROY

Q6.: FILM - What successful 1988 film was the first of many featuring action roles for an Emmy winner who had theretofore been known primarily as a television comedy actor and, perhaps, wine-cooler pitchman? The film has been described as an interracial buddy movie, though the buddies don't actually meet until after the climax.

Answer: DIE HARD

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The Québécois dishfrite sauce, with the addition offromage en grains, becomes a dish best known as what?

Answer: POUTINE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In the United States, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes a measurement of average changes in fees received by originators of all output created domestically, at all stages of processing. The measure is abbreviated PPI, which stands for what?

Answer: PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the Czech-born Austrian composer, considered a transitional artist between the Romantic and Modernist periods, who wrote Symphony No. 8 in E-flat Major ("Symphony of a Thousand"). The symphony, first performed in 1910, is notable for its massive scale, which can include a gigantic orchestra, eight vocal soloists, a boy's choir, and two adult choirs.

Answer: GUSTAV MAHLER

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The first pop album to produce five singles that all reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart was Michael Jackson's Bad in 1987. The second album to do so (and the first by a female artist) was released in 2010 by what pop superstar?

Answer: KATY PERRY

Q5.: AMER HIST - What is today the common name of the island, ceded to the United States in the 1898 treaty that ended the Spanish-American War, that was originally called Borinquen by its native Taíno people?

Answer: PUERTO RICO

Q6.: LITERATURE - The main character in Nathanael West's second novel is a male advice columnist for the lovelorn in Depression-era New York who goes by what name?

Answer: MISS LONELYHEARTS

Q1.: TELEVISION - Actor Alfonso Ribeiro, Olympic skater Meryl Davis, actress Amber Riley, country musician Kellie Pickler, and Green Bay Packers wide receiver Donald Driver all have what most prominently in common?

Answer: DANCING WITH THE STARS CHAMPIONS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What man, a former peasant and adviser to Tsar Nicholas II and Empress Alexandra, is history's most famous (alleged) elder in the schismatic and ecstatic ritual-practicing Russian Orthodox sect known as Khlysty?

Answer: GRIGORIY RASPUTIN

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Bertha Franklin, a manager at the Hacienda Motel in south Los Angeles, was found to have committed justifiable homicide in the December 1964 fatal shooting of what 33-year-old pioneering superstar of soul music?

Answer: SAM COOKE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the play by Victorien Sardou, which takes place in a summer month during the French Revolution, that gives its title to a dish created and named in the play's honor upon its premiere in January, 1894. One current recipe for the dish consists of lobster cubes mixed with cream, seasoned with mustard, served in two halves of the shell, sprinkled with cheese, and cooked au gratin.

Answer: THERMIDOR

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the man who served as conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra from 1930 until his death in July 1979.

Answer: ARTHUR FIEDLER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The medieval counties of Vaduz and Schellenberg (specifically, a countship and lordship, respectively) were united in 1719 to become a sovereign member state of the Holy Roman Empire, and ultimately an independent nation, with what name?

Answer: LIECHTENSTEIN

Q1.: TELEVISION - The actor Fred Rerun Berry achieved fame primarily as the character "Rerun" (which he subsequently adopted as his legal middle name) on what ABC television sitcom, which aired original episodes in the late 1970s, with a syndicated sequel series airing a decade later?

Answer: WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Q2.: AMER HIST - In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the U.S. Senators Alan Cranston, Dennis DeConcini, John Glenn, John McCain, and Donald Riegle were, as a complete set, closely associated with what criminal?

Answer: CHARLES KEATING

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A law known as the Reinheitsgebot, which originated in the Holy Roman Empire in 1487 and was endorsed more broadly in 1516, famously regulated practices associated with what type of business?

Answer: BEER BREWING

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Pacific island nations of Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea are within a region of Oceania known by what term, derived from the Greek term for "black islands"?

Answer: MELANESIA

Q5.: ART - Among the famous works of Renaissance painter El Greco are "views" of what Spanish city, which was the artist's home from 1577 until his death in 1614?

Answer: TOLEDO

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What term for "Hungarian" (as an ethnic group) is also the name of the country's official language, which is the most widely spoken non-Indo-European language in Europe?

Answer: MAGYAR

Q1.: LITERATURE - Thomas Gradgrind, Nell Trent, Esther Summerson, John Harmon (Rokesmith), and Seth Pecksniff are among the main characters in the works of what author?

Answer: CHARLES DICKENS

Q2.: FILM - Name the producer and director, an early pioneer of screen comedy widely credited as the progenitor of slapstick on film, who founded Keystone Studios in 1913 and is also remembered for his "bathing beauties" of the era.

Answer: MACK SENNETT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Twin sons of Ares and Aphrodite, who were the Greek mythological personifications of fear and terror, gave their names (thanks to American astronomer Asaph Hall) to celestial objects that are most closely and uniquely associated with what other celestial object?

Answer: MARS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the suburb of Portland, Oregon, that best fits in this list of municipalities: Peachtree City, Georgia; Prairie City, Illinois; Gem, Idaho; Centennial, Colorado; Silver Springs, Nevada; Magnolia, Mississippi; Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

Answer: BEAVERTON

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Pork Chop Hill, Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, and Battle of the Bowling Alley were engagements fought during what war?

Answer: KOREAN WAR

Q6.: POP MUSIC - For 17 of 18 weeks from late October 2002 to early March 2003, Billboardmagazine's "Modern Rock" chart was topped by three songs from three different bands that all shared a member (who served as drummer on two songs and guitarist and lead vocalist on the third). The songs were "You Know You're Right," "No One Knows," and "All My Life." Name the musician who was a member of all three bands.

Answer: DAVE GROHL

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The name of what company is formed from a portmanteau of Danish words that translate to English as "play well"?

Answer: LEGO

Q2.: LITERATURE - I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked, dragging themselves through the negro streets at dawn looking for an angry fix...Thus begins what influential poem, regarded generally as the anthem of the Beat Generation?

Answer: HOWL

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The 1920 Treaty of Tartu established the borders between what two nations, which held until the treaty was broken by the Winter War of 1939–40?

Answer: FINLAND, RUSSIA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Squads in the world's premier annual team tennis tournament represent their countries in a battle for a trophy purchased in 1900 by the event's founder, a Harvard student and future U.S. Secretary of War. What is the name of this trophy—and, by extension, event?

Answer: DAVIS CUP

Q5.: THEATRE - The pushy leading character in what stage musical has been portrayed on Broadway by theatre legends Ethel Merman (1959), Angela Lansbury (1975), Tyne Daly (1989), Bernadette Peters (2003), and Patti LuPone (2008)?

Answer: GYPSY

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the base shared by the sauces known around the world
as nước mắm, patis, nam pla, jeotgal, and colatura d'alici?

Answer: FISH

Q1.: FILM - The fictional Amazing Amy series of children's books is based on the childhood of the title character from what popular 2014 film?

Answer: GONE GIRL

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Name the Russian scientist, politician, former first deputy prime minister, and opposition leader who was murdered while walking home from dinner in Moscow late in the evening of February 27, 2015.

Answer: BORIS NEMTSOV

Q3.: SCIENCE - The medical condition goiter, which is an abnormal enlargement of the thyroid gland causing swelling of the larynx or neck, is most often caused by the dietary lack of what?

Answer: IODINE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The 2014 running of what prestigious automobile race, which concluded on Sunday, June 15, was won by Swiss Marcel Fässler, Frenchman Benoît Tréluyer, and German André Lotterer?

Answer: 24 HOURS OF LE MANS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - For a period up until the early 1990s, many international maps displayed a diamond-shaped, 4400 mi² "Neutral Zone," whose existence was a result of the 1922 Treaty of Muhammarah. Between what two nations did this Neutral Zone sit?

Answer: IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA

Q6.: AMER HIST - Organized groups in the British colonies of North America who resisted the Stamp Act, passed by Parliament in 1765, came to be known collectively by what moniker? The groups, who remained active through the collapse of royal authority ten years later, have a name that is similar to (and surely inspired) a modern crime-drama television series.

Answer: SONS OF LIBERTY

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The initiative that aims to establish a set of high-quality academic standards in mathematics and English language arts/literacy in the United States, and is underwritten by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association, is best known by what term?

Answer: COMMON CORE

Q2.: ART - In November 2013, casino empire cofounder Elaine Wynn purchased an oil-on-canvas triptych for over \$142 million, setting the world record for art sold at an auction. Identify either the 20th c. Irish-born British artist who painted this triptych or his friend and rival, the 20th c. German-born British artist who is the subject of this work.

Answer: FRANCIS BACON, LUCIEN FREUD

Q3.: LITERATURE - As referenced in its title, a bestselling allegorical business book by Dr. Spencer Johnson, published in 1998, specifically addresses the moving of what?

Answer: CHEESE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What notoriously fickle but high-quality red wine grape variety, one of the three traditional champagne grape varieties (together with Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier), is the cultivar most associated with France's Burgundy region, which is its viticultural home?

Answer: PINOT NOIR

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Roman Empire's Julio-Claudian dynasty lasted for 95 years, comprising roughly the first half of Pax Romana, from the ascension of Augustus in 27 BC until the suicide of Nero in 68 AD. Name any two of the other three emperors who ruled during the dynasty.

Answer: TIBERIUS, CALIGULA, CLAUDIUS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - As measured by land area, what is currently the largest country in Europe that was not a part of the USSR?

Answer: FRANCE (DENMARK, TURKEY also accepted)

Q1.: AMER HIST - Independence Day was not formally celebrated for over 80 years in what southern U.S. city, due to painful memories of the city's fall to Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Union forces on July 4, 1863, following a dreadful six-week siege?

Answer: VICKSBURG

Q2.: FILM - Although he appears on screen only briefly in the movie's first few moments, U.S. Marine PFC William Santiago is central to the storyline of what 1992 film?

Answer: A FEW GOOD MEN

Q3.: LITERATURE - Give the precise title (in English) of the smash bestselling novel by Haruki Murakami first published in Japanese in 2009, and English in 2011. The title is a play on the Japanese pronunciation of a George Orwell novel.

Answer: 1Q84

Q4.: MATH - The array pictured here is most commonly named after what Frenchman?

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Answer: BLAISE PASCAL

Q5.: ART - This montage is representative of the work of what photographer?[Click here](#)

Answer: RICHARD AVEDON

Q6.: SCIENCE - The supernova remnant Messier 1 (better known as the Crab Nebula) and the orange giant star Aldebaran are within what zodiacal constellation, through which the Sun passes from mid-May to late June?

Answer: TAURUS

Q1.: TELEVISION - Got kind of tired packing and unpacking, / Town to town and up and down the dial / Maybe you and me were never meant to be, / But baby think of me once in awhile. The opening theme of what television sitcom includes these lyrics, which refer to character Andy Travis's decision to settle down after years of moving from job to job?

Answer: WKRP IN CINCINNATI

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Infiniti, first introduced as a brand in the United States in 1989, is the luxury division of what automobile manufacturer?

Answer: NISSAN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Unguja Island, which sits just off the southeast coast of Africa northwest of Madagascar., is a major producer of the world's supply of cloves and the largest member of an archipelago once known as the Spice Islands. The island is better known by what name?

Answer: ZANZIBAR

Q4.: AMER HIST - Of the four heads carved into Mount Rushmore, which president's is on the far right?

Answer: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Q5.: THEATRE - "There is a kind of merry war betwixt Signior Benedick and her: they never meet but there's a skirmish of wit between them." This line is uttered by Leonato in Act I Scene I of what Shakespeare play?

Answer: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Q6.: MATH - If $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $D = \{4, 5, 6\}$, then $C \cap D = ?$

Answer: $\{4, 5\}$

Q1.: LITERATURE - Le Pédant joué and L'Autre monde ou les états et empires de la Lune are among the works of what French dramatist and romantic (pictured), who is perhaps best known today for fictional depictions of him in other works? [Click here](#)
Answer: CYRANO DE BERGERAC

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Mme Nadezhda von Meck is remembered today for her patronage, as well as her complex and exclusively epistolary relationship, with what composer, who dedicated his Fourth Symphony to her in 1877?

Answer: PYOTR TCHAIKOVSKY

Q3.: FILM - The staging of a theatrical adaptation of "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love," a short story from a 1981 collection of the same title by Raymond Carver, provides the basis for what Academy Award-winning film?

Answer: BIRDMAN

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the New Jersey university named after the woman who became the first native-born U.S. citizen to be canonized as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

Answer: SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the five teams that have won the Cricket World Cup in its history, four are nations (India, Australia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka), while the fifth is a multinational team known by what name?

Answer: WEST INDIES

Q6.: SCIENCE - If an atom (or group of atoms) gains electrons or loses protons, it becomes a specific type of ion called an anion. What is the term for the opposite—an ion in which an atom loses electrons?

Answer: CATION

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Due to a unique distinction that lasted until his retirement in 1997, long-time NHL center Craig MacTavish is today most closely associated with what ice hockey accoutrement?

Answer: HELMET

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the first name shared by the three female characters in this montage?[Click here](#)

Answer: TRIXIE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Popular native dishes, such as a ubiquitous preparation in the tradition of Japanesemusubi, as well as local varieties manufactured exclusively for the state, help make Hawaiians by far the greatest per capita consumers of what food item?

Answer: SPAM

Q4.: AMER HIST - Toussaint Charbonneau, Sergeant Charles Floyd, Alexander Hamilton Willard, John Ordway, and York are individuals among a group most closely associated in the historical record with what other two men?

Answer: MERIWETHER LEWIS, WILLIAM CLARK

Q5.: FILM - A restaurant located at Reisterstown Road and Rogers Avenue near the Pimlico Race Course in northwest Baltimore provided the title, and the basis, for what 1982 film?

Answer: DINER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - This city was a royal residence of Charlemagne in the 8th c., the coronation location of Holy Roman Emperors from the 16th c. until the empire's dissolution in 1806, the seat of the diet of the German Confederation in the 19th c., and today the main world financial center of continental Europe. Name the city.

Answer: FRANKFURT

Q1.: THEATRE - Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik, and—most distinctively—Audrey II are main characters in what stage musical?

Answer: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Q2.: LITERATURE - What Renaissance literary figure, often called the "Father of Humanism", is also widely considered the first modern poet, due to his mastery of the sonnet form, as evidenced (for example) by works in *Il Canzoniere*?

Answer: PETRARCH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The period of British history that began in 1660—a period which started with Charles II's reclamation of the crown of England and ended with the ascension of William and Mary during the Glorious Revolution—is best known by what one-word term?

Answer: RESTORATION

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Freedom Williams, Martha Wash, and Zelma Davis were among the vocalists hired by dance-pop producers David Cole and Robert Clivillés to be featured on the producers' early 1990s singles, in a project that went by what name?

Answer: C+C MUSIC FACTORY

Q5.: SCIENCE - What, precisely, is the mass of the platinum-iridium cylinder currently held under strict supervision at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures in the Parc de Saint-Cloud, at Sèvres, France?

Answer: ONE KILOGRAM

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What U.S. Senator was the primary legislative sponsor of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, as well as the namesake for one of the law's best known and most enduring creations?

Answer: WILLIAM ROTH

Q1.: MATH - In statistics, the distribution that expresses the probability of a given number of independent events occurring within a time interval (if these events occur with a known frequency) is named after what French mathematician?
Answer: SIMÉON DENIS POISSON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Name the political party which manifested from an Islamic ideology of the 1930s espousing Marxist social analysis, nationalism, and unification of the Arab world. It would eventually become the ruling party of Iraq and Syria (and still leads the latter).

Answer: BA'ATH PARTY

Q3.: SCIENCE - While it means literally "little ear", the term auricle in older medical texts referred to another specific and unrelated part of anatomy. What is the term now in standard usage, replacing auricle (which now applies to something else, nearby and related, but different)?

Answer: ATRIUM

Q4.: ART - There are paintings by this English portraitist in almost all major art museums in the United States and Great Britain, including his masterful portrait of (possibly) merchant's son Jonathan Buttall at The Huntington in San Marino, California. Name the artist.

Answer: THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1814's Waverley, the first of the long series of namesake romantic "Waverley Novels", was the work of what author?

Answer: SIR WALTER SCOTT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - While led since 1993 by Prime Ministers Manuel Esquivel, Said Musa, and Dean Barrow, Queen Elizabeth II, represented by Governor-General Colville Young, is the official head of state of what Latin American nation?

Answer: BELIZE

Q1.: BUS/ECON - General Growth Properties, Westfield Corporation, Mills Corporation, and Simon Property Group are (or were) all companies which focus primarily on what specific type of business?

Answer: SHOPPING MALLS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Plays by New York Giants center fielder Willie Mays in the 1954 World Series, San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark in the 1982 NFC Championship, and New York Mets left fielder Endy Chávez in the 2006 NLCS, are each known today by what generic term?

Answer: THE CATCH

Q3.: AMER HIST - What was the first Confederate state capital city to be lost to the Union during the U.S. Civil War, as a result of the fall of Fort Donelson to Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in February, 1862?

Answer: NASHVILLE

Q4.: ART - In its best-known form, chalk is (nearly) pure calcium carbonate. The special drawing chalk cut from a red ochre variety of hematite is most commonly called what, directly from the French for "blood-red"?

Answer: SANGUINE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - British Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party won an absolute majority in the UK's 2015 general election, gaining him the right to govern without a coalition partner. In his first term, he governed in coalition with what centrist party, which won only eight of the 650 seats in the House of Commons in the recent election (down from a previous 56)?

Answer: LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name of this doll?[Click here](#)

Answer: RAGGEDY ANN

Q1.: FILM - Name the frenzied and fast-paced musical comedy film from 1964 whose loose plot involves four musicians preparing for a London television appearance while minding a mischievous grandfather.

Answer: A HARD DAY'S NIGHT

Q2.: TELEVISION - The most watched television series in the U.S. for the 2013-14 season outside the four major networks (ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC)—and #1 among all networks for adults 18-49—was what epic drama series, which airs original episodes Sundays at 9:00pm ET on AMC?

Answer: THE WALKING DEAD

Q3.: SCIENCE - The decay of uranium, the most radioactive element in the earth's crust, gives rise to essentially all other radioactive elements in nature, before its final decay into what common, heavy, stable element?

Answer: LEAD

Q4.: ART - Jacopo Tintoretto, Salvador Dalí, Peter Paul Rubens, Andrea del Castagno, and Lucas Cranach the Elder all painted works of a specific event that was depicted most famously by what other artist?

Answer: LEONARDO DA VINCI (The Last Supper) or MICHELANGELO (Pieta)

Q5.: AMER HIST - In the history of the city of New York, there have been four mayors who have served for three successive four-year terms (making them the city's longest-serving). The most recent was Michael Bloomberg; give the last names of anytwoof the other three.

Answer: LA GUARDIA, WAGNER, KOCH

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK -Kumis, leben, kefir, chal, and shubatare all regional culinary items made from what?

Answer: MILK

Q1.: LITERATURE - His Norman Mailer Prize for Lifetime Achievement, won in 2014, is the most recent of the numerous prestigious awards won by what American novelist, whose latest works include the short story collection *The Angel Esmeralda* and the novels *Point Omega*, *Falling Man*, and *Cosmopolis*?

Answer: DON DELILLO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the musical instrument pictured here, a member of the zither family used commonly in the music of Appalachia. [Click here](#)

Answer: DULCIMER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The Order of Friars Minor, also known simply as the Franciscans, is headquartered in what Italian comune, which was the birthplace of the order's founder in (or around) 1181?

Answer: ASSISI

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the botanical term, derived from the Latin for "little foot," for the stalk that attaches a plant's leaf blade (lamina) to its stem?

Answer: PETIOLE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The song "See You Again," featured in the 2015 film *Furious 7* and written as a tribute to the late actor Paul Walker, set streaming and download records while shooting to the top of the *Billboard* chart in concurrence with the film's release. What hip hop artist recorded the song, which also featured the song's writer, Charlie Puth?

Answer: WIZ KHALIFA

Q6.: AMER HIST - Name the 1975 National Medal of Science recipient who was chief architect of the Saturn V rocket launch vehicle program in the late 1960s/early 1970s, as well as a central participant in operation Paperclip and Projekt Amerikai in the 1940s.

Answer: WERNHER VON BRAUN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Amora, Plochman's, Händlmaier, Colman's, and Gulden's are among the notable brands of what food product?

Answer: MUSTARD

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The American patriotic song "My Country 'Tis of Thee" ("America") is sung to the tune of a national anthem, the world's oldest, first sung in 1745. What is the title of that anthem?

Answer: GOD SAVE THE KING/QUEEN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Among the 48 U.S. states officially subdivided into counties, Delaware has the fewest, with three. Georgia has the second-most, with 159—what state has the most, with 254?

Answer: TEXAS

Q4.: MATH - An ancient Greek term combining the words for "under" and "length" provides the etymology for what geometric term, common in relation to triangles?

Answer: HYPOTENUSE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the 7th c. BCE Athenian legislator who is famous today for his harsh and wildly unpopular codification of the law, which declared death the penalty for most offenses.

Answer: DRACO

Q6.: LITERATURE - Name the English poet who authored the 1821 pastoral elegy *Adonaïs*, or the fellow poet and friend whom the elegy memorialized.

Answer: PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY, JOHN KEATS

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the most common name of the largest object in the region of the solar system known as the Kuiper belt(excepting Eris, which may be in the belt or the "scattered disc," depending on the source)?

Answer: PLUTO

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Name the French fashion designer whose designs included the "H" line and "A" line and who first achieved worldwide fame in 1947 with his long-skirted "New Look" (pictured).[Click here](#)

Answer: CHRISTIAN DIOR

Q3.: TELEVISION - Dr. Tim Whatley, Babu Bhatt, Jake Jarmel, Marla Penny, Rebecca DeMornay, and Ruthie Cohen were minor characters in what television series?

Answer: SEINFELD

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Irish composer and pianist John Field is widely considered the initiator of what type of musical composition? Evocatively dreamy and pensive, the form was mastered famously by Frédéric Chopin's 21 compositions of the style, including what may be the best known of all his works, Op. 9, No. 2.

Answer: NOCTURNE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What begins in Furtwangen im Schwarzwald, a small city in the Black Forest region of far southwestern Germany, and ends on the Black Sea coast, roughly around the Romania/Ukraine border?

Answer: DANUBE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - With over 2,600 stores in 34 states, what supermarket chain is the largest in the U.S. by revenue? In addition to its namesake banner, it also operates stores under the names Dillons, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, Owen's, QFC, Ralphs, Smith's, and others.

Answer: KROGER

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Adi Granth, compiled by Arjan Dev Ji in the early 17th c., is a text revered today (in expanded modern form) by followers of what religion?

Answer: SIKHISM

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The highest peak in New Zealand, the strait that separates that country's North and South Islands, and an island nation in the South Pacific associated with New Zealand are all named after what navigator?

Answer: JAMES COOK

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In April, 2015, Pope Francis kindled a diplomatic confrontation by describing as "the first genocide of the 20th century" the "senseless slaughter" during WWI of members of what ethnic group?

Answer: ARMENIANS

Q4.: AMER HIST - While the origination of this phrase is sometimes credited to Common Sense, it never actually appeared in Thomas Paine's pamphlet. Rather, its first documentary evidence appears in an article in a March 1776 edition of The Virginia Gazette, anonymously signed "A PLANTER". What is this very familiar, nationally known phrase?

Answer: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What pop music superstar, early in his career, wrote commercial jingles for Band-Aid ("I am stuck on Band-Aid, 'cause Band-Aid's stuck on me"), Stridex ("Give your face something to smile about with Stridex..."), State Farm ("Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there"), and McDonald's ("You Deserve a Break Today")?

Answer: BARRY MANILOW

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the technique of using ultrasound, X-rays, or other penetrating waves to procure diagnostic images of structures deep within a body via sectioning? It is the "T" in CAT scan.

Answer: TOMOGRAPHY

Q1.: MATH - Goldbach's conjecture, which Christian Goldbach first made in a letter to Leonhard Euler in 1742, states that every even integer greater than two can be expressed as the sum of two what?

Answer: PRIME NUMBERS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What American car model takes its name from a small warship designed for convoy escort duties during WWII? Prior to that, it was a three-masted, single gun-decked sailing vessel.

Answer: CORVETTE

Q3.: ART - This artistic term for a very small painting (typically applied to portraits and manuscript illuminations) is not actually related to the Latin for "tiny," but rather derives from a word for a pigment known today as red lead. What is the artistic term?

Answer: MINIATURE

Q4.: SCIENCE - Cheap and large-scale mass production of steel brought about the end of commercial production for what tough and malleable ferrous alloy, a form of which was used to produce the Eiffel Tower, the gates of Westminster Abbey, and the armature of the Statue of Liberty?

Answer: WROUGHT IRON

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What six-time MVP and twenty-three-time NHL All-Star was the oldest player, by far, on the roster of the 1979-80 Hartford Whalers?

Answer: GORDIE HOWE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - The chanter, chanter reed, and drone are among the components that make up what musical instrument?

Answer: BAGPIPES

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The two tone movement and musical genre, as represented by the music of the 2 Tone Records label and popular in Britain in the late 1970s, combined components of punk rock with traditional elements from what other musical genre?
Answer: SKA/REGGAE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 13th c. military leader and civil administrator named Tolui, also known as Jui-Tsung, is remembered today (if he's remembered at all) for his famous father and famous son. Give the name of either.

Answer: GENGHIS KHAN, KUBLAI KHAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - Naturally occurring dyes include cochineal, a red dye made from crushed insects, logwood and madder produced from plants, and what other plant-based dye, extremely common for use in blue jean denim and food colorant FD&C Blue No. 2?
Answer: INDIGO

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What is the term (Greek for "long") for the diacritic used to mark a long vowel? It consists of a straight bar placed above a letter.

Answer: MACRON

Q5.: FILM - Name the duo, subjects of a "New Hollywood" film from 1967, who died 33 years earlier in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Answer: BONNIE (PARKER) & CLYDE (BARROW)

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 20 (or so) municipalities in the United States with this name, Ohio's is the most populous, Maryland's is the oldest, and Mississippi's is the most literary, but their namesake in England surpasses them in all three areas. What's the name?

Answer: OXFORD

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - As hero troops, the Archer Queen and Barbarian King are the most powerful troops in what video game, which also features Goblins, Wall Breakers, P.E.K.K.As, Hog Riders, and Lava Hounds?

Answer: CLASH OF CLANS

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Known asil prete rosso("the redheaded priest"), as he was educated both for music and the priesthood, this prodigious Italian Baroque composer's extant works include 500-odd concertos (including a famous tetralogy within Opus 8), 49 operas (including *Tito Manlio*, said to be completed in five days), as well as numerous cantatas, oratorios, and motets. Name this composer.

Answer: ANTONIO VIVALDI

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Almost Paradise... Love Theme from Footloose" was a 1984 smash duet by singers Mike Reno and Ann Wilson, who at the time were members of what other two bands?

Answer: LOVERBOY, HEART

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - While Kirsch is a brandy made from fermented cherries, Cognac is made from grapes, and Slivovitz from plums, what fruit is used to produce Calvados?

Answer: APPLES

Q5.: SCIENCE - Supercell, squall line, multi-cell, and single-cell--these are the four standard classifications (listed in order of severity) of what specific scientific phenomenon?

Answer: THUNDERSTORMS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Fill in the blank (diacriticals not required): yī, èr, sān, sì, wǔ, liù, ___, bā, jiǔ, shí.

Answer: Qī

Q1.: TELEVISION - Popular spinoffs of The Oprah Winfrey Show have included programs hosted by psychologist Dr. Phil McGraw, celebrity chef Rachael Ray, cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Mehmet Oz, and what Chicago-based interior decorator?

Answer: NATE BERKUS

Q2.: FILM - "Fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy night." This line, one of the most famous in cinematic history, is uttered at a party by the hostess, Margo Channing, in what film?

Answer: ALL ABOUT EVE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What country, a U.N. member, is a principality ruled by co-princes, currently Joan Enric Vives Sicilia and François Hollande (who are also the Bishop of Urgell and the president of France, respectively)?

Answer: ANDORRA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What National Basketball Association franchise has most recently relocated to a new state, having moved to its present home for the 2012-2013 season (returning to the state where it played from 1968 to 1977)?

Answer: BROOKLYN NETS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Secret negotiations in Oslo in 1993 led to a historic agreement signed at a public ceremony in Washington in September of that year, hosted by President Bill Clinton and attended by what two world leaders, representing the two sides of negotiations?

Answer: YITZHAK RABIN, YASSER ARAFAT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the electromagnet formed by a cylindrical coil of wire when an electric current is passed through it, creating a magnetic field that magnetizes an iron rod placed on its axis? One example is used to relay energy from a car battery to a starter motor.

Answer: SOLENOID

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the name for the branch of physics that deals with the transformation of heat into, and from, other forms of energy? The term, first used by Lord Kelvin in the mid-19th c., is derived in part from the Greek for "heat."
Answer: THERMODYNAMICS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Everton F.C., which has competed in the top division of English soccer for a record 110 seasons (and continuously since 1954), has, since 1892, played its home fixtures at Goodison Park, which is located in what city?
Answer: LIVERPOOL

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the most common Japanese name for the item the youngster is holding in this photo?[Click here](#)

Answer: NORI

Q4.: ART - In October 1990, a jury famously acquitted Dennis Barrie, director of the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati, of obscenity charges stemming from an exhibition of pictures by what American photographer?

Answer: ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Willow Rosenberg, Tabitha Stephens, and sisters Prue, Piper, and Phoebe Halliwell were all TV characters who were most distinctive for being what?

Answer: WITCHES

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The Russian phrase *Do svидани* translates idiomatically to what in English?

Answer: GOODBYE

Q1.: FILM - The contents of a box, labeled "1952" and found inside the basement of an old animation building at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, California, served as inspiration (and provided the working title) for what popular 2015 film?

Answer: TOMORROWLAND

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Over the course of the 1960s, what was created on the border of Egypt and Sudan, and named after Egypt's second president, causing the resettlement of over 100,000 Nubians?

Answer: LAKE NASSER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Similar in preparation to Salisbury steak, the method of cooking a steak by grinding the beef and shaping it into a flat round patty before grilling (or frying) is said to be a style associated with what European port city?

Answer: HAMBURG

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the influential (though largely useless) Geneva-based organization created by the Treaty of Versailles in 1919?

Answer: LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Sgt. Suzanne (or Leanne) "Pepper" Anderson of the LAPD's Criminal Conspiracy Unit was the main character in what is generally considered to be the first successful dramatic TV series featuring a female in the title role. What was the name of that series?

Answer: POLICE WOMAN

Q6.: LITERATURE - Silent Spring, by Rachel Carson; In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote; Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil, by Hannah Arendt; and "Letter from a Region in My Mind" (an essay that forms half of The Fire Next Time), by James Baldwin: These works all appeared, wholly or serially, in what publication?

Answer: THE NEW YORKER

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The United Fruit Company, formed in 1899, held monopolistic power in much of Central America, and contributed greatly (and in many cases, negatively) to the national politics of the region, particularly in countries that came to be known as "banana republics" due to the company's influence. After a series of mergers and acquisitions, UFC is now what successor company?

Answer: CHIQUITA (BRANDS INTERNATIONAL)

Q2.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film? [Click here](#)

Answer: SPIRITED AWAY

Q3.: LITERATURE - Michiko Kakutani, who has been on staff at the New York Times since 1979, and in her current role since 1983, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1998 in what category?

Answer: CRITICISM

Q4.: POP MUSIC - 1963's "Green, Green"; 1973's "Panama Red"; 1983's "Blue Monday"; 1989's "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind)"; 1993's "7"; 1996's "Hit Me Off"; and 1998's "You Get What You Give" are songs by bands that all have what word in their names?

Answer: NEW

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The 2001 EDSA Revolution was a political protest in January of that year resulting in the peaceful overthrow of President Joseph Estrada, who was the 13th president of what nation?

Answer: PHILIPPINES

Q6.: THEATRE - The transformation of a men's shoe factory in the East Midlands of England into one that produces women's footwear, but catering to men, is the central plotline to what Tony award-winning Broadway musical?

Answer: KINKY BOOTS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - While there were a small number of fatalities in numerous countries, including the United States, the vast majority of victims in the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa occurred in three countries. Name any one of these three countries.

Answer: GUINEA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE

Q2.: AMER HIST - Political adviser, U.S. Air Force veteran, and civil rights figure James Howard Meredith is a 1963 graduate of what university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Pictured here is the chorus to what song (lyrics redacted), written in 1908 and first performed in the manner most associated with the song in the early 1930s?[Click here](#)

Answer: TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The 1884 Treaty of Valparaiso, at the end of the four-year War of the Pacific, resulted in the complete loss of sea coastline for what country, which has remained landlocked ever since?

Answer: BOLIVIA

Q5.: FILM - Name the 1994 film whose plot is constructed in four segments, three of which are titled "The Gold Watch," "The Bonnie Situation," and "The Diner."

Answer: PULP FICTION

Q6.: LITERATURE - The name of Boris Badenov, a Pottsylvania villain in the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons of the 1960s, is a play on that of a tsar who was title character of an 1831 play and an 1873 opera. Identify the author/composer of either work.

Answer: ALEKSANDR PUSHKIN, MODEST MUSSORGSKY

Q1.: LITERATURE - Carados, Claudin, Erec, Hector de Maris, Lionel, Pelleas, and Tor are lesser-known literary characters among a group that is best known, collectively, as what?

Answer: KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Dramas that were an hour-and-a-half in length were the distinctive trademark (evidenced by its title) of what acclaimed and influential anthology series that aired on CBS in the 1950s?

Answer: PLAYHOUSE 90

Q3.: SCIENCE - "Melissa," "I Love You," "Klez," "Nimda," "Oompa-A," and "Anna Kournikova" are all famous examples of what?

Answer: COMPUTER VIRUSES

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In April 1992, the surviving members of what rock band were joined by a surfeit of stars for a widely broadcast memorial concert at London's Wembley Stadium, at a time when the band was (unrelatedly) enjoying a resurgence in popularity in the U.S., thanks to the film *Wayne's World*?

Answer: QUEEN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The region of Imperial Russia known as the Pale, which existed from the late 18th c. until the fall of the empire in 1917, is historically significant for the residency there of what group?

Answer: JEWS

Q6.: ART - This is the work of what Post-Impressionist? [Click here](#)

Answer: PAUL CEZANNE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - On a list of the largest countries in Africa by area, ranked from biggest to smallest, Algeria moved from second to first in July, 2011. What historical event caused this promotion?

Answer: INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTH SUDAN

Q2.: THEATRE - A character from ancient mythology, a sculptor, fell in love with a statue he carved and was granted the wish that it come to life by Aphrodite. This character provided the inspiration – and the title – for what play, which premiered in 1913?

Answer: PYGMALION

Q3.: FILM - The hijinks of an eager-to-please but hapless Jewish nurse and a Long Island Christian family that witnesses and endures the hijinks are central to the plot of what 2000 comedy film?

Answer: MEET THE PARENTS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who was, beginning in 1919, president of the exiled Korean Provisional Government during the Imperial Japanese rule of Korea, and three decades later became the first elected president of South Korea, a position he would hold until his resignation in 1960.

Answer: SYNGMAN RHEE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The New York Jets defensive foursome of Mark Gastineau, Joe Klecko, Marty Lyons, and Abdul Salaam were given what moniker in the early 1980s in honor of their talent for tackling the opposing quarterback behind the line of scrimmage before he is able to throw a pass?

Answer: NEW YORK SACK EXCHANGE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Satirae, Epodes, Ars Poetica, and Odes, the latter of which contains the famous aphorism "carpe diem," are among the enduring works of what leading Roman lyric poet of the Augustan age?

Answer: HORACE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What is the common name for the modern jazz style, a blending of jazz and classical music, that emerged in the late 1940s/early 1950s as a softer and more reserved alternative to bebop? Associated with West Coast jazz, its "prince" was Chet Baker and its birth was captured on a Miles Davis album released in 1957.

Answer: COOL JAZZ

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Sugarloaf Mountain is the English name of a prominent peak that contributes to the distinctive skyline of what harbor city?

Answer: RIO DE JANEIRO

Q3.: FILM - A dead horse on a piano, ants emerging from the palm of a man's hand, and –most famously– a razor slicing open an eyeball are all images from what work of surrealistic cinema?

Answer: UN CHIEN ANDALOU

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Rafael Esquivel, Nicolas Leoz, Jeffrey Webb, Jack Warner, Eduardo Li, Eugenio Figueiredo and Jose Maria Marin are individuals most closely associated with what international organization?

Answer: FIFA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In October 1971, a lavish party was held in celebration of an imperial 2,500-year anniversary. The festivities, considered the most lavish banquet in modern history, lasted five days, required 10 years of planning, cost a reported \$100 million, and were a factor in the host's eventual abdication. Who was the host of this celebration, which did leave an enduring legacy despite its gross excess?

Answer: MOHAMMAD REZA SHAH PAHLAVI OF IRAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the classic version of the board game Stratego, there are four pieces with exactly one available per player: the Marshal, the General, the Flag, and what other piece? A relatively weak piece, it can only defeat the Marshal (or capture the flag); if it attacks any other piece, or is attacked by any piece, it is defeated.

Answer: SPY

Q1.: AMER HIST - Of the eight battleships damaged during the December 7, 1941, attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, four were sunk, and one was never raised, her wreckage still lying today at the bottom of the harbor. What is the name of that ship, where 1,177 officers and crewmen were killed?

Answer: USS ARIZONA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the sweetmeat confection, a specialty of southeastern France (where it is one of the traditional Provencal "thirteen Christmas desserts"), whose original ancient Roman recipe was based on honey, walnuts, and eggs. Its modern mass-produced version, such as in ZERO candy bars and Salted Nut Rolls, is rather different.

Answer: NOUGAT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Mitochondria, chloroplasts, lysosomes, ribosomes, and nucleare examples of discrete and specialized functional structures within living cells, structures that are best known by what biological term?

Answer: ORGANELLES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The South China city of Guangzhou, the country's third-most-populous city and the economic and manufacturing hub of the Pearl River Delta, has for much of its history been known by what Romanized name, which is still somewhat common (particularly in its adjectival form)?

Answer: CANTON

Q5.: THEATRE - In the semi-autobiographical Eugene Trilogy, whose three plays premiered on Broadway in the mid-1980s, the central character, Eugene Jerome is the alter-ego of what playwright?

Answer: NEIL SIMON

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A jazz supergroup of sorts, which included saxophonist Branford Marsalis, Weather Report drummer Omar Hakim, prolific session bassist Darryl Jones, and classical jazz keyboardist Kenny Kirkland, was assembled as the studio and touring band for the smash 1985 debut solo album by what pop and rock superstar?

Answer: STING

Q1.: TELEVISION - While she has appeared on such shows as *Fear Factor*, *The Surreal Life*, *Girls Behaving Badly*, and *Plastic Surgery: Before & After*, this reality TV star first achieved fame as the shrewd villain in the first season of the NBC reality show *The Apprentice*. She is known today by her first name, which is what?

Answer: OMAROSA

Q2.: MATH - A curve joining all points around two foci such that the sum of the distances from those fixed points is always constant – thus defines what conic section?

Answer: ELLIPSE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The war known as the First Indochina War was fought between the Viet Minh and French forces, while in the Second Indochina War (a.k.a. the Vietnam War), North Vietnam fought United States-led forces. The Third Indochina War, by far the shortest and least bloody of the three, was fought in 1979 between Vietnam and what other country?

Answer: CHINA/CAMBODIA

Q4.: LITERATURE - The *Galactic Empire* series, *Foundation* series, and *Robot* series are among the more than 300 volumes published by what science fiction author and member of the biochemistry faculty at Boston University?

Answer: ISAAC ASIMOV

Q5.: FILM - The 1994 Peter Jackson-directed film *Heavenly Creatures*, which interprets the story of a murder case involving two girls in 1952 in New Zealand, was the feature film debut of what future Oscar, Grammy, and Emmy winner?

Answer: KATE WINSLET

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What current Miami Marlin holds the Major League Baseball record for most consecutive seasons with 200 or more base hits (10) and is the active leader for five-hit games (seven), stolen bases (493), and singles (2,348)?

Answer: ICHIRO SUZUKI

Q1.: ART - What is the term from art and printmaking for the process of transferring an image, in paint or ink, from the surface on which it is drawn or painted (e.g. metal or glass) to a sheet of paper (or other surface), creating one unique copy – as the name implies?

Answer: MONOTYPE/MONOPRINT

Q2.: LITERATURE - The stories collected in Arabian Nights, which include the tales of Aladdin, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and Sinbad, are framed by a story in which a Persian King's wife delays her execution by telling these tales over the course of 1,001 nights. What was her name?

Answer: SCHEHERAZADE

Q3.: SCIENCE - Chloroquine, mefloquine, quinidine, and atovaquone-proguanil are all drugs indicated for the treatment of what disease?

Answer: MALARIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Cabinet of the President of the United States includes the Vice President and the heads of 15 executive departments. Fourteen are listed here. Name the one that is missing: Attorney General and the Secretaries of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs.

Answer: SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Q5.: TELEVISION - The Tangiers, Rampart, Eclipse, Mediterranean, Whiskey Town, and Pike's Gambling Hall are all casinos that appear in what TV series that premiered in 2000?

Answer: CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Identify this man.[Click here](#)

Answer: TIM COOK

Q1.: FILM - The aggressive, condescending, and arrogant Yankees are the victors at the end of what rowdy and vulgar 1976 film comedy?

Answer: THE BAD NEWS BEARS

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The jihadist group in northeastern Nigeria known officially as Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'Awati Wal-Jihad (People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophet's Teachings and Jihad) is better known internationally by what name, which translates loosely into English as "Western education is forbidden"?

Answer: BOKO HARAM

Q3.: WORLD HIST - El Grito de Dolores, the anniversary of which is celebrated as Mexican Independence Day, was a famous speech calling on the Mexican people to rebel against the Spanish colonial government. Name the Roman Catholic priest and revolutionary who gave this speech on September 16, 1810.

Answer: DON MIGUEL HIDALGO

Q4.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of Billboard magazine's No. 1 country song for 2013, "In this brand new Chevy with a lift kit, would look a hell of a lot better with you up in it, so baby you a song, you make me wanna roll my windows down and..." what?

Answer: CRUISE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The MacArthur, Julia Tuttle, John F. Kennedy, Broad, and Rickenbacker Causeways all span what bay?

Answer: BISCAYNE BAY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Jack Sock, Sam Querrey, Donald Young, Steve Johnson, and Tim Smyczek are among the highest-ranked Americans internationally in what sport?

Answer: TENNIS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Pact of Steel, known formally (in English) as the Pact of Friendship and Alliance, was an agreement between what two countries, formalized in May 1939 and canceled effectively in 1943?

Answer: GERMANY, ITALY

Q2.: LITERATURE - Akigo, kireji, and a ternary set of 17onare among the strictly defined characteristics of what, as mastered by Matsuo Basho?

Answer: HAIKU

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Most speakers of the Amharic language, the second-most-spoken Semitic language in the world after Arabic, are citizens of (or emigrants from) what country?

Answer: ETHIOPIA

Q4.: THEATRE - Also called equity light after the stage actors' labor union that mandated its use, what is the most common, superstition-influenced name for the light that is left illuminated on a stage when a theatre is unoccupied?

Answer: GHOST LIGHT

Q5.: SCIENCE - The bird species photographed here, *Icterus galbula*, is associated with (and commonly named after) what city, because of the bird's distinctive coloring? [Click here](#)

Answer: BALTIMORE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A controversial technique known as gavage is widely used in the production of what food product?

Answer: FOIE GRAS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Between the years 1971 and 1975, a duo had five consecutive #1 hits on the Billboard Country charts, (including "After the Fire Is Gone" and "Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man"), and was named the CMA's Vocal Duo of the Year annually from 1972 to 1975 while becoming the most awarded and most successful male/female duo in country music history. Name either artist, who both had very successful solo careers in their own rights.

Answer: LORETTA LYNN, CONWAY TWITTY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the sport—played exclusively right-handed, by rule—which is played in four to eight seven-minute chukkas, with a continuous clock during each chukka stopped only for penalties, equipment malfunction, or injury (player or non-player).

Answer: POLO

Q3.: LITERATURE - The Dan Brown novel *The Da Vinci Code* both begins (with the prologue) and ends (with the epilogue) with scenes in the proximity of what building?

Answer: THE LOUVRE

Q4.: SCIENCE - *P. camemberti* and *P. roquefortiae* used in making cheese, *P. expansum* is a post-harvest plant pathogen, and *P. chrysogenum* (formerly *P. notatum*) is most famously the source of what antibiotic?

Answer: PENICILLIN

Q5.: TELEVISION - Provide the two names that fill in the blanks in the following quote, which ended most broadcasts of the *Huntley-Brinkley Report* from 1956 to 1970: "Good night, _____. Good night, _____. And good night, for NBC News."

Answer: CHET, DAVID

Q6.: THEATRE - Name either of the first two items Maria lists among her favorite things in the Broadway musical *The Sound of Music*?

Answer: RAINDROPS ON ROSES, WHISKERS ON KITTENS

Q1.: FILM - 2001 Odyssey, located at 802 64th Street in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn, was the setting for pivotal scenes in what iconic film?
Answer: SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Q2.: LITERATURE -Of cloudless climes and starry skies—This is the second line of a famous lyric poem from 1813. What is the first line?
Answer: SHE WALKS IN BEAUTY, LIKE THE NIGHT

Q3.: BUS/ECON - JSE Limited, a major stock exchange which is its country's (and its continent's) largest as measured by market capitalization, is located in what city?
Answer: JOHANNESBURG

Q4.: POP MUSIC - While the last five studio albums from this English alternative rock band have reached #1 on the UK Album Chart, their first top ten in the US was 2006's Black Holes and Revelations, and their first #1 is 2015's Drones. Name the band.

Answer: MUSE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - "Hot gates" is the English translation of a narrow coastal passage in Greece where, in 480 BCE, vastly outnumbered Greek forces held off a huge Persian army and navy led by Xerxes. What is the name of this location?

Answer: THERMOPYLAE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Despite his death in 2005, this attorney's namesake law firm, founded in 1998 in Los Angeles and Tuskegee, Alabama, remains one of the nation's largest personal injury and criminal defense firms.

Answer: JOHNNIE COCHRAN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In 2007, the newly refurbished Iffley Road Track in Oxford, England, was renamed for what man, honoring an event 53 years prior?

Answer: ROGER BANNISTER

Q2.: LITERATURE - Jonathan and Mina Harker, Lucy Westenra, Arthur Holmwood, and Abraham Van Helsing are characters from what classic 1897 novel?

Answer: DRACULA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The first human spaceflight program managed by NASA had what name? It ran from 1959 until 1963, with an express goal of sending a solo human into Earth orbit and returning him safely before the Soviet Union.

Answer: PROJECT MERCURY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only national capital city in the world which borders two other sovereign nations? Its border with one of them, for ~46 years, also formed part of the Iron Curtain.

Answer: BRATISLAVA

Q5.: TELEVISION - Equestria Girls and Rainbow Rocks are the subtitles of feature films spun off from a successful television series. What is the full name of this series, considered the fourth generation of its franchise?

Answer: MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What term, later co-opted by Nazi Germany as an ideology of German expansion, was originally coined by German geographer Friedrich Ratzel to describe his theory in which the health of a species (including humans) requires continual geographic adaptation and migration?

Answer: LEBENSRAUM

Q1.: BUS/ECON - 72% of the liquid natural gas (LNG) imported into the U.S. comes from what Caribbean twin-island nation which, due largely to its petrochemical and industrial economy, is, by per capita GDP, the third-richest country in the Americas after the U.S. and Canada?

Answer: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Q2.: LITERATURE - In the comic strip Calvin and Hobbes, Calvin starts a club called "G.R.O.S.S.", directed primarily at Susie Derkins (and usually unsuccessfully). The club could more accurately, though less colorfully, be named G.R.O.S.G-in any case, what do the letters in the club's name stand for ?

Answer: GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the city, built upon what was once a seven island archipelago, that was renamed in 1996 as part of a broader movement to strengthen its local Marathi identity?

Answer: MUMBAI (BOMBAY)

Q4.: TELEVISION - What was the name of the original British television series, running from 2001 to 2003, which was first adapted in Poland as Idol, and later in the U.S. as American Idol, in France as Nouvelle Star, in Australia as Australian Idol, and many others?

Answer: POP IDOL

Q5.: AMER HIST - O.J. and Nicole Brown Simpson's Akita, who is believed to have witnessed the murder of Nicole and Ronald Goldman, shared a name with another prominent figure in People of the State of California v. Orenthal James Simpson. What was that name?

Answer: KATO

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the traditional English translation of the name of the Tuscan port city of Livorno? The term is used for the breed of chicken which originated there and was introduced to North America in the early 19th c. (and, by extension, the name for a famous fictional fowl).

Answer: LEGHORN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - While Algeria's and Tunisia's are close, which is the only African capital city whose name is exactly the same as the country it's in?

Answer: DJIBOUTI

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The language known in Afghanistan as Dari and in Tajikistan as Tajiki is mostly identical to the language which is known in the rest of the world by one of two other names. What is either of these names?

Answer: FARSI/PERSIAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - There are fifteen elements of the periodic table whose symbols are also US state postal codes. Of these, which element (and its symbol) comes first alphabetically?

Answer: ALUMINUM

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Canadian Football League (CFL) currently has nine active teams, four of which are in the league's East Division. Identify anyone of these teams (both city and nickname required) the CFL's East Division.

Answer: HAMILTON TIGER-CATS, MONTREAL ALOUETTES, OTTAWA REDBLACKS, TORONTO ARGONAUTS

Q5.: TELEVISION - The fictional Rosie's Bar, which was inspired by a similar establishment that existed in Seoul, was featured prominently in what television series?

Answer: M*A*S*H

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify this song.[Click here](#)

Answer: MY BONNIE LIES OVER THE OCEAN

Q1.: ART - Among the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is one which purports to be "the most comprehensive single-artist museum in the world." For what American artist is this museum exclusively dedicated?

Answer: ANDY WARHOL

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Theocratic guerrilla leader Joseph Kony heads a central Africa-based organization commonly abbreviated LRA. What do the letters in LRA stand for?

Answer: LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the essential ingredient in any dish described as florentine?

Answer: SPINACH

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the dental specialty that focuses on the treatment and care of the tissues that surround and support the teeth?

Answer: PERIODONTICS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The partially experimental economic system known simply (in English) as the "New Economic Policy," which was abolished in 1928, was first introduced in 1921 by what person?

Answer: VLADIMIR LENIN

Q6.: LITERATURE - In Greek mythology, the "pithos" ($\pi\acute{\imath}\thetao\varsigma$) that introduced evil and dread to mankind is today best known by what term?

Answer: PANDORA'S BOX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - It's believed that Cyrus the Great chose the site, and that it was built by Darius the Great, and it's certain that Alexander the Great took and plundered it. Today, this city, whose ruins are located near the Iranian city of Shiraz, is commonly known by what name?

Answer: PERSEPOLIS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - A 1950 film starring Ingrid Bergman and set on (and named after) an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea gives its name to a food item which is, essentially, a pizza turnover. What is that name?

Answer: STROMBOLI

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Give the titles, in German, of anytwoof the four epic operas that constitute Richard Wagner'sDer Ring des Nibelungen.

Answer: DAS RHEINGOLD, DIE WALKÜRE, SIEGFRIED, GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - An organization known as the Arab Maghreb Union is mostly inactive, due in large part to a dispute over the territory known as Western Sahara. Name either of the Union's member countries who are the main parties to this dispute.

Answer: ALGERIA, MOROCCO

Q5.: SCIENCE - Due to its role as an ingredient used to manufacture methamphetamine, what product has been replaced in many over-the-counter decongestant medicines with the less effective (and possibly ineffective) phenylephrine?

Answer: PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In card games of the Rummy family (such as Gin, Canasta, Conquian, and Vatican), a valid combination of matching cards which are played from one's hand in order to make a score or go out is known by what term, derived from the German for "register"?

Answer: MELD

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who succeeded Helmut Kohl, and preceded Angela Merkel, as Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Answer: GERHARD SCHRÖDER

Q2.: FILM - What was the first Vietnam War film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture (as well as Best Director and Best Supporting Actor)?

Answer: THE DEER HUNTER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In a current chart-topping single from Jamaica-born artist OMI, the singer does not really feel like cheating because he thinks that he's found himself a what?

Answer: CHEERLEADER

Q4.: ART - This sculpture was found on, and is commonly named after, what Greek island?[Click here](#)

Answer: SAMOTHRACE

Q5.: SCIENCE - While other common units of pressure are the bar and the torr, the SI unit of pressure—named after a 17th c. polymath and equal to a pressure of one newton per square meter—is what?

Answer: PASCAL

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Daikon, Spanish black, Icicle, and Cherry Belle are among the better known varieties of what vegetable?

Answer: RADISH

Q1.: LITERATURE - A young girl in turn-of-the-century New York named Francie Nolan comes of age, flourishing despite hardships, in what metaphorical (and metaphorically titled) 1943 novel?

Answer: A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name any two of the four people, other than Carol herself, who appeared for more than one full season as regular cast members on the variety comedy series *The Carol Burnett Show*, during its eleven-season run in the late 1960s and 1970s.

Answer: TIM CONWAY, HARVEY KORMAN, VICKI LAWRENCE, LYLE WAGGONER

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - For its roughly 100 years of existence beginning in 1852, the French penal colony of Cayenne (known commonly as Devil's Island) was located in what French département d'outre-mer?

Answer: FRENCH GUIANA

Q4.: THEATRE - Name the successful Broadway musical whose story is based on the 1860s adventures of Englishwoman Anna Leonowens.

Answer: THE KING AND I

Q5.: SCIENCE - Unlike astigmatism, nearsightedness, and farsightedness, this age-related eye condition is not related to eyeball shape, but rather to a gradual thickening and stiffening of the lens. What is the medical term for this very common condition—translating to English roughly as "old man eye"—in which the eye loses ability to focus on near objects?

Answer: PRESBYOPIA

Q6.: ART - Identify the photographer in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: WILLIAM WEGMAN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Starting not far from the city of Lubbock, what river flows past the campus of Baylor University in Waco and past facilities of Texas A&M in College Station before passing south of Houston and emptying into the Gulf of Mexico at Freeport?

Answer: BRAZOS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Halászlé, Pörkölt, Körözött (Liptai túró), lecsó, and gulyás are all dishes noteworthy for the prominence of what spice?

Answer: PAPRIKA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Grammy-winning EDM artist Anton Zaslavski has a stage name that is a play on the initial of his last name. Spelled out, what is that stage name?

Answer: ZEDD

Q4.: ART - While it sometimes includes all modernist painters between the two World Wars, the "School of" this city is a term typically applied by art historians to a certain group known as les maudits, including Amedeo Modigliani, Marc Chagall, Chaim Soutine, and Jules Pascin. Name the city.

Answer: PARIS

Q5.: FILM - Main character Leonard Shelby suffers from a rare but real condition known as anterograde amnesia in what 2000 film?

Answer: MEMENTO

Q6.: LITERATURE - 42 years in the making, and published posthumously in 1999, Juneteenth is the name of the second novel of what American writer and critic? A re-edited manuscript of Juneteenth was published in 2010 as Three Days Before the Shooting....

Answer: RALPH ELLISON

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Fotheringay Castle, located in the East Midlands county of Northamptonshire for 500 years until its dismantling in the 1630s, is most famous today as the site of final imprisonment and execution of what monarch, in 1587?
Answer: MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - While he is regarded for composing what might be the most famous oratorio in the English language, this German-born is credited also with writing the first English oratorio, Esther, which was completed in 1732. Name the composer.
Answer: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Q3.: FILM - Of the 34 feature films directed by Clint Eastwood, name any one in which he does not appear as a credited actor.

Answer: BIRD, MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, MYSTIC RIVER, FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA, CHANGELING, INVICTUS, HEREAFTER, J. EDGAR, JERSEY BOYS, AMERICAN SNIPER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - For five of the last six seasons, the regular season leading scorer in the National Basketball Association has been one of two players on what team? The exception is the New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony in 2012-13.

Answer: OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER

Q5.: SCIENCE - As defined by ISO 80000-3, what is the standard acceleration due to gravity (a.k.a. "standard gravity"), rounded to the nearest whole number, in either meters per second² or feet per second²?

Answer: 10, 32

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the largest majority Spanish-speaking country in the world, measured by area?

Answer: ARGENTINA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Mashed potatoes with cabbage or kale, cream, butter, salt, pepper, and perhaps onions, a traditional Irish dish that has historically been associated with the shamhna (Halloween), is known by what name, from the Gaelic for "white-headed cabbage"?

Answer: COLCANNON

Q2.: POP MUSIC - "Nightshift," released in 1985 as a tribute to the singers Marvin Gaye and Jackie Wilson (who had died the previous year), was the first (and only) hit song from a popular R&B group after the departure of its most famous member to focus on his solo career. Name either the group that released "Nightshift," or this successful solo artist/former member.

Answer: COMMODORES, LIONEL RICHIE

Q3.: MATH - In geometry, this term (derived in part from the Greek for "upright") is synonymous with "right-angled" or "perpendicular", and has evolved for use in other fields, including statistics, computer science, and communications.

Answer: ORTHOGONAL

Q4.: ART - Referred to as "Master" by his disciple Frank Lloyd Wright, what American architectural giant's legacy endures in part by virtue of the modernist principle that evolved from his dictum, "form ever follows function"?

Answer: LOUIS SULLIVAN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Central African Federation, also known as the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, was a semi-independent union of three African territories that existed from 1953 to 1963. Today, the area that comprised this federation makes up three independent nations. Give the present name of any of these three current African nations.

Answer: MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

Q6.: THEATRE - What famed choreographer's namesake Broadway revue, which debuted in February 1989, featured sequences from nine of the fifteen productions he had choreographed, including *On the Town*, *Peter Pan*, *West Side Story*, *Gypsy*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*?

Answer: JEROME ROBBINS

Q1.: AMER HIST - The Morrill Land-Grant Acts, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1862 and 1890, provided for the creation of what type of institution?

Answer: COLLEGES

Q2.: FILM - One specific portion of a song that spent three weeks at #1 on the Billboard chart in August 1965 appeared ten different times as diegetic music (i.e. occurring in the scenes themselves, not added in) in what popular comedy film?

Answer: GROUNDHOG DAY

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A popular British emergency dish since the Middle Ages is what descriptively (and accurately) named porridge of wheat flour and boiling milk or water? Originating (as a term) in the late 1500s, its recipe was recorded in 1747 in Hannah Glasse's *The Art of Cookery Made Plain and Easy*.

Answer: HASTY PUDDING

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Although no player has eclipsed a .400 batting average in Major League Baseball since Ted Williams's .406 in 1941, what late perennial All-Star outfielder and Hall of Famer has come the closest, finishing with a .394 average in the strike-shortened 1994 season?

Answer: TONY GWYNN

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Selling tens of millions per year during its heyday (but very few today), the "spider," commissioned by business executive David Sarnoff and created by American inventor Thomas Hutchison, was used as an adaptor for what product?

Answer: 45 RPM RECORD

Q6.: SCIENCE - From the Latin for "center" and "seek," what is the term from physics for the net force acting on an object moving in a circular path (the force directed toward the center of that path)?

Answer: CENTRIPETAL FORCE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A group of islands in the north Atlantic Ocean is the birthplace, namesake, and—per EU regulations—exclusive production location for what Portuguese fortified wine?

Answer: MADEIRA

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Two men were arrested on August 22, 2015, after authorities discovered weapons and ammunition in their hotel room following social media threats made to individuals attending the world championships of what trading card and video game competition, held that weekend at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston?

Answer: POKÉMON

Q3.: TELEVISION - "NYPD Blue will not be successful when I leave." This was reportedly, and incorrectly, uttered by what actor, who left the series in 1994 after its debut season to pursue a lackluster film career?

Answer: DAVID CARUSO

Q4.: ART - Who painted this?[Click here](#)

Answer: GEORGES BRAQUE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Lateran Treaty, part of the Lateran Pacts of 1929, set the establishment of what state?

Answer: VATICAN CITY

Q6.: FILM - The 1960s films *A Fistful of Dollars*, *The Outrage*, and *The Magnificent Seven* are Western remodels of films from what director?

Answer: AKIRA KUROSAWA

Q1.: AMER HIST - The arrest of three Cuban exiles, a Cuban American, and a former CIA officer by the name of James W. McCord Jr. triggered events that all came to be associated with a particular name, based on the location where the arrests took place. What is that name?

Answer: WATERGATE

Q2.: FILM - What moderately successful 2005 film is probably most famous today for the fact that its main actors, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, fell in love during its filming?

Answer: MR. & MRS. SMITH

Q3.: LITERATURE - Name the novelist, born in a traditional Jewish household in the Romanian village of Sighet in September, 1928, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

Answer: ELIE WIESEL

Q4.: SCIENCE - Glands that discharge their secretions ("hormones") directly into the bloodstream are commonly called "ductless glands" and are best known medically as what type of gland? The term is also used for this entire gland system, and by extension for the branch of medicine that deals with the system, its diseases, and hormones in general.

Answer: ENDOCRINE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify either of the seas, both of which are named after British sailors, that lie in the largest coastal indentations of Antarctica and are the largest seas of the Southern Ocean (containing the ocean's two gyres).

Answer: WEDDELL SEA, ROSS SEA

Q6.: THEATRE - What 1931 musical, with book by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, lyrics by Ira Gershwin, and music by George Gershwin, was the first musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama? Its title is inspired by a phrase in the song "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Answer: OF THEE I SING

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Of the ten candidates at the first debate of the 2016 Republican presidential primary season, held at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on August 6, 2015, three have last names that start with the same letter. What are those three last names?

Answer: CARSON, CHRISTIE, CRUZ

Q2.: TELEVISION - Identify these anthropomorphic magpies.[Click here](#)

Answer: HECKLE AND JECKLE

Q3.: MATH - If @ is defined for all positive numbers a and b by $a @ b = 6ab - b^3$, then $6 @ 2 = ?$

Answer: 64

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The biblical story of Esther centers on the unsuccessful attempts of the Persian chief minister to kill all Jews on the fourteenth of Adar. This is read publicly during which Jewish festival, which is associated with Hamantaschen and heavy drinking?

Answer: PURIM

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The first multiparty elections were held in Paraguay in 1993, four years after a coup overthrew what president, who first seized power with U.S. backing in 1954 after a protracted civil war?

Answer: ALFREDO STROESSNER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "Solsbury Hill," "D.I.Y.," "Games Without Frontiers," and "Shock the Monkey" are singles from the first four solo albums, all self-titled, of what artist?

Answer: PETER GABRIEL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What exclusive resort town was selected to host the first Olympic Winter Games after WWII, in 1948, due in large part to its location within a neutral zone during the war, and also to its facilities and organizational advantages from having hosted the games twenty years prior?

Answer: ST. MORITZ

Q2.: SCIENCE - The mineral known commonly through much of history as pitchblende is a major ore for what metal—a metal that in fact was discovered in 1789 from a pitchblende deposit in Germany?

Answer: URANIUM

Q3.: FILM - Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley, Martin Balsam, and Jack Klugman are among the dozen main actors in what claustrophobic and sweaty 1957 drama film?

Answer: 12 ANGRY MEN

Q4.: LITERATURE - Werther, an 1887 opera by Jules Massenet, is based loosely on a somewhat-autobiographical novel from one hundred years earlier by whom?

Answer: JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Presently there exist six political parties recognized officially in India as National Parties. Two are considered the major Indian parties and have the greatest representation in the country's parliament. Name either one, represented by the lotus and hand, respectively.

Answer: BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP), INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (INC)

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is and has been, every year for over a decade, the top-selling domestic beer brand in the United States?

Answer: BUD LIGHT

Q1.: THEATRE - On Broadway, the brother originated Bobby in Urinetown and Benny in Hands on a Hardbody, and revived Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors, and the sister originated the title character in Thoroughly Modern Millie and Janet in The Drowsy Chaperone, and revived Reno in Anything Goes. What is the last name shared by these actors and siblings?

Answer: FOSTER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Today, what is the name of the island that was once (along with the British penal colony located on it) named Van Diemen's Land, after the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies?

Answer: TASMANIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - In physics, this is a position in a standing wave pattern at which there is no vibration. In 2D and 3D geometry, it's where a curve intersects itself. In networking, it's the start or crossing point of routes. What is the term?

Answer: NODE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Name the man who sought to upend the dominance of classical economic thought, and introduce what would become his namesake macroeconomic theory, with the revolutionary 1936 opus The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money.

Answer: JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the common name of the novel whose official title ends on The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death?

Answer: SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE

Q6.: FILM - Arguably initiated by 1971's Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song, sparked by Shaft that same year, and continuing through the 1970s with Super Fly, Foxy Brown, and others, what film subgenre's name is a portmanteau coined by Junius Griffin, then head of the Los Angeles NAACP?

Answer: BLAXPLOITATION

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the English translation of the Spanish phrase manzanas y naranjas?

Answer: APPLES AND ORANGES

Q2.: AMER HIST - Whereas Abraham Lincoln won the 1860 U.S. presidential election running as a Republican, what Californian ran four years earlier as that party's first-ever official candidate for the office, losing to Democrat James Buchanan?

Answer: JOHN C. FRÉMONT

Q3.: MATH - No three positive integers a, b, and c can satisfy the equation $a^n + b^n = c^n$ for any integer value of n greater than two. This was first proven by British mathematician Andrew Wiles in 1994, and first conjectured in 1637 by whom?

Answer: PIERRE DE FERMAT

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The People's Republic of China shares a land border with fourteen other sovereign nations, but its longest border is with what country? It is the fourth-longest international land border in the world, after Canada/United States, Kazakhstan/Russia, and Argentina/Chile.

Answer: MONGOLIA

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - This phrase, literally translating to "Lord have mercy," was originally the people's response to the petitions of alitany, but although the litany eventually disappeared from the Catholic mass, the response remains as a fixed part. What is the phrase?

Answer: KYRIE ELEISON

Q6.: TELEVISION - Boy Meets Grill, Throwdown!, Grillin' & Chillin', and 3 Days to Open, along with self-titled programs centered on brunch, BBQ, and "dinner battles," are among the television series featuring what celebrity chef?

Answer: BOBBY FLAY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Although it's known in English as the Strait of Dover, the waterway at the narrowest part of the English Channel (La Manche) is named in French after what other city, which overlooks the strait on its southeastern side?
Answer: CALAIS

Q2.: TELEVISION - Roman Brady, Stefano DiMera, Steve "Patch" Johnson, and Hope Brady Williams are among the characters that have returned from being "dead" on what daytime soap opera?

Answer: DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Q3.: ART - 1939's Lobster Trap and Fish Tailat MoMA in New York City, 1961's The Four Elements, installed at the entrance to Moderna Museet in Stockholm, and 125, commissioned for Idlewild Airport in 1957 (and still there, now known as JFK Airport, hanging on display in Terminal 4)—these are all works of what Philadelphia-born artist?

Answer: ALEXANDER CALDER

Q4.: SCIENCE - Whereas hydrogen cyanide (aka prussic acid) is a well-known and powerful poison, the term cyanide in general is defined in chemistry as any compound that contains a particularly bonded pair of atoms of what two elements?

Answer: CARBON, NITROGEN

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - First performed in April 1824, Mass in D Major, op. 123 ("Missa solemnis"), one of the most noteworthy sacred pieces in classical music, is the work of what composer?

Answer: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Fans of The Doobie Brothers heard the band's sound shift from funky guitar-based country rock to a more electric piano-driven, blue-eyed soul (and, perhaps, "yacht rock") sound with the 1976 LP Takin' It to the Streets. This change was due in major part to the addition of what bandmember?

Answer: MICHAEL MCDONALD

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In the standard English language version of the game Scrabble, of the one hundred letter tiles, there is one that is worth exactly five points. What letter is on that tile?

Answer: K

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Emmental, Maritime, Ligurian, Cottian, Graian, Dauphiné, Lepontine, Rhaetian, Bernese, Noric, Dinaric, Hohe Tauern, Karawanken: these are all among the most widely known examples of what, specifically?

Answer: ALPINE MOUNTAIN RANGES

Q3.: SCIENCE - Not including the Sun itself, Jupiter is the largest object in the solar system, with an equatorial radius of over 71,000 km. The seventh-largest object (still excluding the Sun), with a radius just under 4,000 km, is best known by what name?

Answer: MARS

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Pictured here is the logo for what multinational corporation? [Click here](#)

Answer: LG

Q5.: AMER HIST - A precursor to minstrel show popularity in the mid-nineteenth-century United States was a nationally famous song-and-dance routine done in blackface by white performer Thomas Dartmouth Rice. The ethnic caricature Rice performed went by what name—a name whose racist connotation and association would be applied more broadly over the subsequent 100+ years?

Answer: JIM CROW

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Although perhaps rivaled by the Medjool, the world commerce of what fruit has long been dominated by the sweet, mild, and slightly nutty Deglet Noor?

Answer: DATE

Q1.: AMER HIST - List all three of the certain unalienable Rights that all men are endowed by their Creator, according to the Preamble of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Answer: LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Q2.: POP MUSIC - "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," "Taxman," "Something," "Here Comes the Sun," and "If I Needed Someone" are the most successful of around two dozen songs, released by The Beatles before their 1970 breakup, that share what distinction?

Answer: GEORGE HARRISON SONG (SONGWRITER/LEAD VOCALIST)

Q3.: LIFESTYLE -

Abrigandine, plackart, hauberk, gorget, barbute, sallet, burgonet, cuirass, rondel, and vambrace are all items that collectively can be best described as what?

Answer: ARMOR

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The points on the Earth's surface where the Sun's rays strike the Earth perpendicularly on (or right around) December 22 form a parallel of latitude that is known as what?

Answer: TROPIC OF CAPRICORN

Q5.: TELEVISION - Identify this superhero. [Click here](#)

Answer: WORD GIRL

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Of the main types of Japanese noodles, the most common are ramen and udon, made from wheat flour, and soba, which usually contains some wheat flour added to the flour of what other crop? In fact, "soba" is the Japanese name for this plant.

Answer: BUCKWHEAT

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1368, a Chinese nativist rebellion led by an ex-Buddhist monk named Zhu Yuanzhang overthrew the Mongol rulers of the Yuan dynasty, establishing what ethnic Han dynasty that led China until 1644?

Answer: MING

Q2.: LITERATURE - A charismatic and wildly hypocritical evangelist is the title character of what popular but controversial and widely banned 1927 satirical novel?

Answer: ELMER GANTRY

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the common medical term for the mass of lymphoid tissue, considered vestigial in adults, that is sometimes referred to as pharyngeal tonsils?

Answer: ADENOIDS

Q4.: ART - This cathedral is located in what French city?[Click here](#)

Answer: ROUEN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What rock band's 2003 album *St. Anger*, although a financial smash and modest critical hit upon release, is perhaps best remembered today for its overprocessed guitar sound, unprecedented lack of guitar solos, and comically clangy drum tone?

Answer: METALLICA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Swollen stems of the taro plant are boiled, pounded into a paste with water, and eaten fresh or fermented into a sour product. In either case, this dish is best known by what name?

Answer: POI

Q1.: BUS/ECON - TIAA-CREF, the financial services giant, was created originally to serve a specific sector of customer. This is reflected today in the "T" in its name, which stands for what?

Answer: TEACHERS

Q2.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what film?Click here

Answer: MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - ROGUE NATION

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Isandlwana, Battle of Rorke's Drift, Siege of Eshowe, and ultimate Battle of Ulundi were major engagements in the 1879 war between the British Empire and what foe?

Answer: ZULU KINGDOM

Q4.: THEATRE - On four separate occasions, actors playing the same character were nominated for the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical: Zero Mostel in 1965, Herschel Bernardi in 1982, Chaim Topol in 1991, and Alfred Molina in 2004. In what musical were these actors performing?

Answer: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Q5.: LITERATURE - "How are you? You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive?" These are the famous first lines uttered by one famous fictional character to another. Name either one.

Answer: SHERLOCK HOLMES, DR. WATSON

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Just as the name "Caesar" gave rise to the termskaiser, czar, and others, the word for "king" in many European languages (including Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Russian, etc.) comes from the name of what other historical figure?

Answer: CHARLEMAGNE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify this athlete.[Click here](#)

Answer: CARLI LLOYD

Q2.: SCIENCE - With some astronomical exceptions, photon radiation emitted by electrons outside the nucleus is, by definition and common practice, x-rays.

Alternately, radiation produced by a nuclear reaction, subatomic particle decay, or radioactive decay within the nucleus is, in this convention, best known as what?

Answer: GAMMA RAYS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - At the time this photograph was taken, the individuals in it constituted the complete set of people who shared what distinction?[Click here](#)

Answer: FEMALE UNITED STATES SENATORS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the country highlighted in red on this map.[Click here](#)

Answer: AZERBAIJAN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Branford and Wynton Marsalis, Keith Jarrett, Wayne Shorter, Chuck Mangione, Benny Golson, and Woody Shaw are among the many successful alumni of a group known as The Jazz Messengers, which for its over three decades of existence was led by what drummer and bandleader?

Answer: ART BLKEY

Q6.: LITERATURE - Which is the only Shakespeare play whose title contains an English place name?

Answer: THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The dish pictured here appears on menus across the southern United States most commonly as what duo? This includes at an annual Charleston, SC, chefs' competition, and a namesake festival in Jekyll Island, GA.[Click here](#)
Answer: SHRIMP AND GRITS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam are all currently engaged in land border disputes (in varying levels of conflict) with what other country?
Answer: CAMBODIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What animal enzyme, the first to be discovered (in 1836), breaks down proteins during digestion, and was (allegedly) an original ingredient in what was known as "Brad's Drink"?

Answer: PEPSIN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the baseball player who, in a herald of greater things to come, set a Pacific Coast League record at age 18 with a 61-game hitting streak, while playing for his hometown San Francisco Seals in 1933.

Answer: JOE DIMAGGIO

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Stick on his back a mustard plaster, put him in the scuppers with a hose-pipe on him, scrape the hair off his chest with a hoop-iron razor, and tie him to the taffrail when she's yardarm under--these are some of the responses to the question posed in what sea shanty?

Answer: (WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE) DRUNKEN SAILOR?

Q6.: THEATRE -The Murder of Gonzago, retitled as The Mouse-trap, is a play-within-a-play featured in what work?

Answer: HAMLET

Q1.: LITERATURE - A messianic young man's exposure to a unique herb provides him the power to resist a violent regime on the planet Arrakis in what 1965 novel?
Answer: DUNE

Q2.: SCIENCE - What metal is customarily a principal component of the alloys britannium, pewter, "ordinary" solder, and terne?
Answer: TIN

Q3.: ART - Eight cowboys on their horses, galloping toward the viewer while being chased by a band of Apaches--this is the scene from A Dash for the Timber, which is the work of what American artist?
Answer: FREDERIC REMINGTON

Q4.: FILM - The 1901 film What Happened on Twenty-third Street, New York City, in its 74-second run time, shows a sequence that was replicated in what 1955 film, in a scene that would produce the latter movie's iconic image?
Answer: THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Based on his ability to always deliver (except perhaps in his final season, when he left the Utah Jazz to unsuccessfully seek an NBA title with the L.A. Lakers), what basketball Hall of Famer and two-time NBA MVP was given the nickname "The Mailman"?
Answer: KARL MALONE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Varieties of this fruit--a composite formed by 100-200 berry-like fruitlets that provide its tessellated appearance--includes smooth cayenne, Natal queen, Red Spanish, and sugarloaf.
Answer: PINEAPPLE

Q1.: LITERATURE - The Pulitzer Prize-winning 1968 novel *House Made of Dawn*, which tells the story of a young man's return from military service to his Kiowa pueblo, is the work of what Native American novelist and poet?

Answer: N. SCOTT MOMADAY

Q2.: AMER HIST - Three U.S. federal legislative amendments between 1982 and 1984, known collectively as the Boland Amendment, aimed to restrict United States government assistance to what group (but were scandalously unsuccessful in doing so)?

Answer: CONTRAS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Give the term, common in classical music, which is a Latin translation (in the nominative case) of the word *works*. Note, this word is a plural noun.

Answer: OPERA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The 1982 Carolyn Seebohm biography *The Man Who Was Vogue* describes the life and times of what famous American magazine publisher and lover of luxury?

Answer: CONDÉ NAST

Q5.: SCIENCE - Loam is a term used for a particular fertile soil that contains, in significant percentages, all three soil texture particle sizes. One of these three is silt, which makes up about 40% of loam; name both of the other two, which constitute 40% and 20% of loam, respectively.

Answer: SAND, CLAY

Q6.: TELEVISION - On *The Honeymooners*, Ralph and Ed were faithful members of the Bensonhurst chapter of the Royal Order of Raccoons. On *The Flintstones*, beginning toward the end of the show's first season, Fred and Barney were members of the Loyal Order of what?

Answer: WATER BUFFALO

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In Nazi terminology, the Third Reich was the Nazi state, and the Second Reich was the German Empire of the Hohenzollerns. What was considered the First Reich, a political institution whose common title was first used in 1254, centuries after the institution itself came into being?

Answer: HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (SACRUM ROMANUM IMPERIUM)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Several mountain ranges in Mexico, including those specified as Occidental, Oriental, and del Sur, all share what name?

Answer: SIERRA MADRE

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The head of what man is obscured in this redacted image?[Click here](#)

Answer: ULYSSES S. GRANT

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What term is commonly used for a ranking system applied in many Japanese arts and organizations (notably, martial arts and go)? The kanji character for the term means step or grade, and—unrelatedly and with a different pronunciation—the word is a common male first name in English.

Answer: DAN

Q5.: SCIENCE - Identify the constellation pictured here.[Click here](#)

Answer: ORION

Q6.: POP MUSIC - This rock band, considered a part of the "New Wave of British Heavy Metal" movement, won American Music Awards in 1989 for Favorite Heavy Metal/Hard Rock Artist and Favorite Heavy Metal/Hard Rock Album, still the only act to do so with a drummer having just one arm.

Answer: DEF LEPPARD

Q1.: THEATRE - Alvin, Martin Beck, Broadhurst, Cort, Imperial, Marquis, New Amsterdam, and St. James are (or once were) all names of what?
Answer: (BROADWAY) THEATRES

Q2.: LITERATURE - Miss Felicity Lemon, whose first appearance in a novel is in 1955's Hickory Dickory Dock, is a fictional character most prominent as the secretary of what detective?

Answer: HERCULE POIROT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics (and title) of a hit country single by Keith Urban, the singer learned everything he needed to know from what three "Johns"?

Answer: JOHN COUGAR, JOHN DEERE, JOHN 3:16

Q4.: TELEVISION - The vector in this image is most closely associated with what television series? [Click here](#)

Answer: STARSKY AND HUTCH

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the anatomical term for either of the two bony structures that form the jaw in humans (colloquially, the "upper jaw" and "lower jaw")?

Answer: MAXILLA, MANDIBLE

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1998, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky swore an affidavit denying a relationship with President Bill Clinton. This affidavit, signed on January 7, was filed in a case brought by what former Arkansas state employee?

Answer: PAULA JONES

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - On November 9, a defamation lawsuit was filed against Rolling Stonemagazine and reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely, based on an article published in November 2014 that has since been retracted. This suit was filed by the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity chapter at what university?

Answer: VIRGINIA

Q2.: SCIENCE - The various compounds with the chemical formulas C₆H₁₂O₆ and C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁ are all carbohydrates (and saccharides) which form the majority of a group most commonly known as what?

Answer: SUGARS

Q3.: TELEVISION - The characters of what television series included 600-year-old sisters Zelda and Hilda Spellman (aunts of the show's title character) and a talking cat named Salem?

Answer: SABRINA THE TEENAGE WITCH

Q4.: BUS/ECON - The last words of Gary Gilmore, who was convicted of murder in Utah and executed by firing squad in 1977, are credited with inspiring what well-known corporate slogan?

Answer: JUST DO IT

Q5.: LITERATURE - Regarding this allegorical 1590 poem, the author suggests in a letter to fellow countryman Sir Walter Raleigh (appended to the first edition) that characters represent virtues and vices: Book One's Redcrosse Knight is holiness; Book Two's Sir Guyon is Temperance; Book Three's Britomart is Chastity; etc. What is this poem?

Answer: THE FAERIE QUEENE

Q6.: AMER HIST - Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, who met after being denied seats at the World Anti-Slavery Conference in London, organized in 1848 a pivotal feminist conference—formally, a "Women's Rights Convention," and the first of its kind. What locality hosted this conference, which is widely credited as the foundational event in the women's rights movement?

Answer: SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In standard versions of the card game euchre, if the suit of clubs is made the trump suit, then the jack of clubs and the jack of spades are, respectively, the "right" and "left" what?

Answer: BOWER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 118 islands of French Polynesia, the largest and most important is which island, which has more than 68% of the overseas collectivity's population and is its political and cultural center?

Answer: TAHITI

Q3.: FILM - Viper, Jester, Cougar, Wolfman, Merlin, Sundown, Hollywood, Iceman, Charlie, and Goose is a list of characters (not including the main character) from what blockbuster film?

Answer: TOP GUN

Q4.: SCIENCE - Lake Ronkonkoma, the largest lake on Long Island, and Boston's Jamaica Pond are examples of a specific type of body of water that goes by what name? Formed when an ice block melts after being isolated and buried by the sediment of a receding glacier (as pictured), such bodies of water are named after hole's typical shape, resembling a kitchen item.[Click here](#)

Answer: KETTLE/POTHOLE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Taylor Swift has released a total of five studio albums, starting with her self-titled debut in 2006. Give the title of anytwoof her four subsequent releases.

Answer: FEARLESS, SPEAK NOW, RED, 1989

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Kuomintang of China(KMT), the Chinese Nationalist Party led for nearly 40 years by Chiang Kai-shek, was founded (more precisely, re-founded) in 1919 and led initially by what revolutionary?

Answer: SUN YAT-SEN

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What slang term for a marine, either in the US Marine Corps or British Corps of Royal Marines, arose (according to one theory) from the lining of the rigid and uncomfortable standing collar that was once part of the full dress uniform?

Answer: LEATHERNECK

Q2.: MATH - The mathematical constantpi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, is 3.1 when rounded to the nearest tenth. Likewise, what is the value of the mathematical constante, the base of the natural logarithm, when rounded to the nearest tenth?

Answer: 2.7

Q3.: WORLD HIST - From 1948 to 1974, U Nu, Ba Swe, and Ne Win served as the first prime ministers of what country, in a position that was abolished in a 2008 constitutional referendum approved by 94% of voters (allegedly)?

Answer: BURMA/MYANMAR

Q4.: FILM - Before finally winning the 1993 Academy Award for Best Actor, Al Pacino had previously been nominated for the Best Actor Oscar four times. Once was forThe Godfather Part II-name any one of the other three films.

Answer: SERPICO, DOG DAY AFTERNOON, ...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1945'sA Street in Bronzevilletakes its title from a name journalists gave to Chicago's ghetto. It's the first book of what poet, who became the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize for poetry with her second book of poems,Annie Allen?

Answer: GWENDOLYN BROOKS

Q6.: ART - Julia Morgan, a graduate of engineering at UC Berkeley (the only female engineering student in her class) and of the École des Beaux-Arts (the first female architecture student admitted) is most famous today for designing the palatial residence of whom, starting in the late 1910s?

Answer: WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In its original form, the essential ingredients of this dish, derived from the culinary traditions of Arabs who occupied much of Spain from the 8th to 13th centuries, included bread, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and water. "New World" ingredients that are now common, like tomato, were incorporated later. What is this dish, usually served in liquid form and typically cold?

Answer: GAZPACHO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Tom DeLay, Billy Dee Williams, Ralph Macchio, Bill Nye, and Tommy Chong are among the many individuals who have suffered injuries in association with what television program?

Answer: DANCING WITH THE STARS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Two different pairs of former Israeli prime ministers share a first name. Give the first names in both of these instances (note: two first names required).

Answer: YITZHAK, EHUD

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Which is the only South American national capital city that sits on the shores of the Pacific Ocean?

Answer: LIMA

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The informal operating philosophy, recently affirmed by new U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, that requires support from a "majority of the majority" before a bill is allowed on the floor for a vote, is commonly named after what man, who wielded it starting in the 1990s?

Answer: HASTERT (RULE)

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Although it's not exactly true that this airline has never had an aircraft crash (as asserted in a 1988 film), it is true that its last accident fatality occurred in July 1951. Name this international airline, lauded in a rating endorsed by the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization as the world's safest.

Answer: QANTAS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Don McLean's "American Pie" reached #1 on the Billboard chart in 1972, where it remained for four weeks. A 2000 cover version reached #1 in over a dozen countries worldwide while reaching #29 on the Billboard Hot 100 (and #1 on the "Dance Club Songs" chart) despite not being released domestically as a single. Name the pop superstar who recorded this 2000 version.

Answer: MADONNA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A 1789 breadfruit-collecting voyage in the South Seas was the basis for what famous historical event?

Answer: MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Minuet in G, op. 14/1, one of six Humoresques de concert, is arguably the most famous work of what composer and pianist who served, in 1919, as prime minister of Poland?

Answer: IGNACY JAN PADEREWSKI

Q4.: LITERATURE - Per its current title, as well as the title of the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1920 novel it is believed to have inspired, the painting pictured here depicts what "Age"? Click here

Answer: THE AGE OF INNOCENCE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Quadrantids, Lyrids, Kappa Cygnids, June Bootids, Pi Puppids, and Draconids (formerly Giacobinids) are various specific examples of what?

Answer: METEOR SHOWERS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - An invention by Charles C. Cretors in Chicago in the late 19th c., introduced at Chicago's Columbian Exposition in 1893 and essentially a modification of a peanut roasting machine, marked the beginning of the commercial history of what snack item?

Answer: POPCORN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Evolve, Call of Duty: Black Ops III, Battlefield Hardline, and Halo 5: Guardians are examples of popular FPS video games released in 2015. What do the letters in FPS stand for, most typically?

Answer: FIRST PERSON SHOOTER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The collection of mud hovels that in Roman times was known as Lutetia (possibly from the Latin lutum, "mud") became the Merovingian capital of Clovis I, and is today known by what name?

Answer: PARIS

Q3.: TELEVISION - The 1997 animated short film Larry & Steve, about a middle-aged doofus and his intellectual talking dog, along with its predecessor The Life of Larry, led directly to the development of what TV sitcom?

Answer: FAMILY GUY

Q4.: ART - Identify the artist in this montage of her works. [Click here](#)

Answer: MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - As measured by land area, which US state is the fourth-largest?

Answer: MONTANA

Q6.: THEATRE - Cinderella and her Prince, Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf, Jack the Giant Killer, Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, and Snow White are among the characters in what popular and frequently produced musical that debuted on Broadway in November 1987?

Answer: INTO THE WOODS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE -Muharram,Safar,Rabi' I,Rabi' II,Jumada I,Jumada II, andRajabare, in order, some (but not all) specific Muslim examples of what?

Answer: MONTHS

Q2.: FILM - The expression paparazzi originates from the character Paparazzo, an insect-like photojournalist who accompanies the sleazy gossip columnist main character in what satirical and influential 1960 film?

Answer: LA DOLCE VITA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The specific species of plant pictured here exudes a latex that is best known by what name?Click here

Answer: OPIUM

Q4.: AMER HIST - The yellow box in this photo redacts what name, which is also indicated by the insignia above the box?Click here

Answer: EISENHOWER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Due in large part to its local Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and the town's namesake links, what former Scottish town on the eastern coast of Fife claims to be "the home of golf"?

Answer: ST ANDREWS

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - In the Canadian federal election of 2015, the Liberal Party, led by Justin Trudeau, won 184 seats, while incumbent Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Party became the Official Opposition with 99 seats. What is the name of the third party, led by Thomas Mulcair, which won 44 seats?

Answer: NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP/NPD)

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What part of the body is most often used to operate what is known as atreadle?

Answer: FOOT

Q2.: POP MUSIC - "Nothing's Gonna Stop You Now" by Loverboy, "Street Thunder" by Foreigner, "Grace" by Quincy Jones, and "Power" by Bill Conti, as well as tracks by Giorgio Moroder, Philip Glass, and John Williams, all appeared on an album released in 1984 in association with what?

Answer: SUMMER OLYMPICS IN LOS ANGELES

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Although it's largely a historical artifact today, with less than 1% of its ~180,000 people of Jewish descent, the only Jewish territory in the world with official status—outside of the Levant—is in what country?

Answer: RUSSIA

Q4.: LITERATURE - Squirrel Nutkin, Miss Moppet, Jemima Puddle-Duck, Mr. Samuel Whiskers, and Mr. Jeremy Fisher are all characters created by what author and illustrator?

Answer: BEATRIX POTTER

Q5.: ART - Domestic scenes filled with the glow of light, such as this canvas of her mother and sister, are typical of the work of what painter and cofounder of Impressionism?[Click here](#)

Answer: BERTHE MORISOT

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name used commonly for *Prosopis juliflora* and related species of small trees, which have various uses but are best known in the United States (and particularly the US southwest) for their use as a fuel for barbecues, and also perhaps for the namesake Dallas suburb?

Answer: MESQUITE

Q1.: TELEVISION - What man, since January 2012 (and from September 2002 to January 2010), serves as host of the ABC Sunday morning political affairs news program This Week?

Answer: GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

Q2.: FILM - "All I need are some tasty waves, a cool buzz, and I'm fine." This quote, uttered by a future Oscar-winner (over 20 years later), is among the many memorable lines from what film?

Answer: FAST TIMES AT RIDGEMONT HIGH

Q3.: MATH - The symbol in this image is used in mathematics to represent a specific set of numbers. What is the sum of the first three numbers in the set referenced by this symbol? [Click here](#)

Answer: 3

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Some blame for the 2007-10 global financial crisis has been levied at what are known as the "Big Three" credit agencies, which hold a total of over 90% of global market share for assignment of credit ratings for businesses and governments. Name any two of the three agencies.

Answer: FITCH GROUP, MOODY'S, STANDARD & POOR'S

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the man singing in this clip. (5 seconds) [Click here](#)

Answer: DON MEREDITH

Q6.: THEATRE - What is the title of the song being sung in this photo, which also describes what the character is doing at the moment? [Click here](#)

Answer: DEFYING GRAVITY

Q1.: SCIENCE - The equation that considers the electron in terms of waves of probability, and specifies how these waves are affected by external forces—the basis for wave mechanics—is named after what Austrian physicist and Nobel Laureate who developed the equation in 1925?

Answer: ERWIN SCHRÖDINGER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - When it was admitted to the union in 1907, what US state's capital city was Guthrie, before relocating 32 miles south to its present location in 1910? (Note: name the state.)

Answer: OKLAHOMA

Q3.: FILM - Pictured here is a screenshot from what 2015 movie megaflop?[Click here](#)

Answer: JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - 1914's "Keep the Home Fires Burning," popular in the UK during WWI, is the most famous song from what Welsh composer and actor? His legacy also endures through his namesake awards for composing and songwriting, presented annually by the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers, and Authors?

Answer: IVOR NOVELLO

Q5.: ART - A certain style of three-quarter length portrait painting, instanced in the work pictured here, is known by what name, based on an early 18th-century English organization of aristocratic Whigs? Members' portraits in this style, painted by fellow member Sir Godfrey Kneller, were hung in the group's meeting place, and are now in the collection of London's National Portrait Gallery.[Click here](#)

Answer: KIT-CAT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Howard Cosell's famous exclamation "Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier!" occurred less than two minutes into a fight that took place in January 1973 in Kingston, Jamaica, and was billed as "The Sunshine Showdown." Who was Joe Frazier's opponent in that fight?

Answer: GEORGE FOREMAN

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What man, the Soviet Union's powerful minister of foreign affairs from 1985 to 1991, became Georgia's head of state in 1992, and was elected the country's president in 1995, a position he would hold until the Rose Revolution of 2003?

Answer: EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here are the main characters from what television series?[Click here](#)

Answer: WE BARE BEARS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Steve Jones, Glen Matlock, and Paul Cook were original members of a rowdy and influential musical group founded in London in 1975. Name either of the band's other two official members (one an original member, the other Matlock's replacement on bass guitar). Note: looking for a band member, not the band name.

Answer: JOHN LYDON/JOHNNY ROTTEN, SID VICIOUS

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In Greek mythology, what is the name of either of the twin archers, themselves major Olympian deities, born to Zeus and the Titan Leto?

Answer: APOLLO, ARTEMIS

Q5.: LITERATURE - The 2004 novel *The Namesake* centers, in part, on the Bengali tradition of giving a child two names—*abhaalo naam* (formal name) and *daak naam* (pet name). The novel's author herself has *abhaalo naam* of Nilanjana Sudeshna—what is this Pulitzer-winner's *daak naam* (i.e. her common first name-- note that last name alone is not sufficient)?

Answer: JHUMPA (LAHIRI)

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - The use of the archaic British term *colly*, an adjective derived from coal and meaning "black," has been replaced with a similar-sounding (but unsimilar-meaning) word in modern versions of what Christmas carol?

Answer: THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Q1.: FILM - The 1930 film adaptation of the Eugene O'Neill play *Annie Christie* is famous, and was specifically marketed during its initial release, as the first talking picture featuring what theretofore silent film star?

Answer: GRETA GARBO

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - This creatively shaped board is designed for use in what game?

[Click here](#)

Answer: CRIBBAGE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - In addition to the autonomous provinces of Kosovo and Vojvodina, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which existed from 1943 until 1992, comprised six republics, all of which are sovereign nations today. Which of those six is missing from the following list? Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.

Answer: SLOVENIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - Name the politician, considered the "Father of the United Nations" (and Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 1945 "for his long and indefatigable work for understanding between nations"), who was—by far—the longest-serving secretary of state in U.S. history.

Answer: CORDELL HULL

Q5.: ART - Robert Capa, Margaret Bourke-White, Garry Winogrand, Walker Evans, and Martin Parr are all best known as practitioners of what profession?

Answer: PHOTOGRAPHY

Q6.: SCIENCE - Parasites that live outside the host, such as lice and fleas, are referred to as ectoparasites. What is the corresponding term for parasites that live in the interior, such as tapeworms and flukes?

Answer: ENDOPARASITES

Q1.: SCIENCE -Sesamoidbones develop in tendons subjected to pressure, where the bones protect and increase the efficiency of the tendons by gliding over angular structures. In humans, these bones are typically very small ("sesamoid" is derived from the Latin for "sesame seed"), with one prominent exception. What is a common name for this largest sesamoid bone in humans?

Answer: PATELLA/KNEECAP

Q2.: TELEVISION - Give the name of any one of the characters (first name alone is acceptable) who are essentially the American counterparts to the British characters David Brent, Gareth Keenan, Tim Canterbury, and Dawn Tinsley.

Answer: MICHAEL (SCOTT), DWIGHT (SCHRUTE), JIM (HALPERT), PAM (BEESLY)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The vast First Persian Empire, founded by Cyrus the Great in 550 BCE, is also known commonly by what name, after the dynastic house to which Cyrus belonged? The house itself is named after a relatively minor (and perhaps even mythical) seventh-century BCE chieftain.

Answer: ACHAEMENID EMPIRE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Pictured here is one of the many, many incarnations of what enduring folk music group, which was founded in 1961 and still performs today, and was the inspiration for the neuftet in the Christopher Guest mockumentary *A Mighty Wind*?[Click here](#)

Answer: THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - With a population of around 528,000 in 1900, this state ranked thirty-second among all U.S. states that year and last by far among former states of the Confederacy. In the latter ranking, it has moved all the way up to a present spot of second. What is the state?

Answer: FLORIDA

Q6.: LITERATURE -The Ballad of East and Westbegins with the famous line, "Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." It was written and published in 1889 by what famed English poet, novelist, and short-story master (and, one could argue, celebrator of British imperialism)?

Answer: RUDYARD KIPLING

Q1.: WORLD HIST - On October 5, 1847, Joseph Jenkins Roberts, who was born in 1809 in Norfolk, Virginia, was elected president of what country?

Answer: LIBERIA

Q2.: SCIENCE - In computing, one type of integrated circuit commonly used in electronic products is known asTTL. In this abbreviation, L stands for "logic" and both Ts stand for the same word, repeated, representing the bipolar devices used for both amplifying and logic gating. What is that word?

Answer: TRANSISTOR

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - A ritual in which a young girl dances herself to death, as a sacrifice to win the favor of the fertility god, is central to the story of what ballet, which created one of the most legendary theatrical events of the twentieth century?

Answer: THE RITE OF SPRING

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Currently, there are three living former presidents of France. One is Valéry Giscard d'Estaing; namebothof the other two.

Answer: JACQUES CHIRAC, NICOLAS SARKOZY

Q5.: TELEVISION - Name the man who preceded Jon Stewart as the host ofThe Daily Show, and Craig Ferguson as the host ofThe Late Late Show.

Answer: CRAIG KILBORN

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Although the city gives its name to the somewhat similar but lesser "bologna" ("baloney") sausage common commercially in the United States, the Italian city of Bologna originated and is associated with what large, pink pork sausage (pictured), which was banned for import into the US for thirty-three years starting in 1967?[Click here](#)

Answer: MORTADELLA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Japanese era that constitutes the first half of the Japanese Empire lasting from 1868 until 1912, whose rapid modernization formed the foundation for contemporary Japan, is commonly named for what emperor who reigned during the period?

Answer: MEIJI

Q2.: LITERATURE - Zephir, Isabelle, Pom, Flora, Alexander, and Celeste are among the characters in the series of children's books featuring what fictional benevolent dictator (who is both Celeste's second cousin and husband)?

Answer: BABAR

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What "forbidden city," the birthplace of its namesake dog breed and historically Tibet's religious center, is the home of the Potala Palace, the pre-refugee residence of the Dalai Lama?

Answer: LHASA

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the bite-sized candy, a variation introduced by the Hershey Company in 1993, which consists of strips of milk chocolate and sweet white cream formed into a familiar flat-bottomed teardrop shape?

Answer: HUGS

Q5.: THEATRE - The theatrical drama *Inherit the Wind*, which debuted on Broadway in April 1955, is a barely veiled fictionalization of what historical event from thirty years prior?

Answer: SCOPES MONKEY TRIAL

Q6.: MATH - In the common elementary mathematical order-of-operations mnemonic PEMDAS, what operation does the letter E stand for?

Answer: EXPONENTS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - What business term is defined as either the gradual paying off of a debt in regular installments over a fixed payment schedule, or the depreciation of the book value of an asset over a time period?

Answer: AMORTIZATION

Q2.: AMER HIST - A region that includes the Arizona cities of Yuma, Tucson, Nogales, and Florence, as well as the El Paso suburb of Sunland Park, New Mexico, is today a part of the United States thanks largely to the bargaining efforts in the 1850s of what American diplomat and ambassador to Mexico?

Answer: JAMES GADSDEN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Princely House of Grimaldi is the royal family that currently rules what sovereign state?

Answer: MONACO

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Various similar deities in the mythology of Mesoamerican civilizations, including Kukulkan, Q'uq'umatz, Tohil, and Quetzalcoatl, take a supernatural feathered form of what type of animal?

Answer: SERPENT/SNAKE

Q5.: SCIENCE - The current geological epoch, which began 10,000-12,000 years ago after the last Pleistocene ice age, is most commonly known by what name, from the Greek for (roughly) "entirely new"?

Answer: HOLOCENE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The popularity of the man pictured here is derived primarily from what sport?[Click here](#)

Answer: SOCCER

Q1.: ART - A series of works by Young British Artist Damien Hirst features animals—including a tiger shark, sheep, cows, and a unicorn—submerged in a tank of what fluid?

Answer: FORMALDEHYDE (FORMALIN)

Q2.: SCIENCE - This photo demonstrates an example of one unit of what official measurement? Unofficial measurements use this term preceded by [face](#), [sheldon](#), [country](#), and [kitchen](#), among others.[Click here](#)

Answer: CORD

Q3.: FILM - Name the gritty and complex superhero film noir from 2009 that involves a costumed crimefighting team, coming out of retirement to confront a global conspiracy, during an alternate history version of the Cold War 1980s.

Answer: WATCHMEN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The French Revolutionary coup d'état known as the Thermidorian Reaction led directly to the execution of Maximilien Robespierre and, the following year (1795), the ultimate disestablishment of a political body first set up by the National Convention in April 1793? What was the name of this political body and de facto executive government?

Answer: COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY (COMITÉ DE SALUT PUBLIC)

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Identify the artist in this clip. (18 seconds)[Click here](#)

Answer: THE WEEKND

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What ingredient is shared by the standard recipes for a Black Velvet, Boilermaker, Flaming Dr Pepper, Shandy, and Snakebite?

Answer: BEER

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the term, based on the name of an eighteenth-century Italian scientist, for the process of rustproofing iron or steel by applying a protective coat of zinc, either molten or via electroplating?

Answer: GALVANIZATION

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Fill in the blank in this list of male/female counterparts from peerage in the United Kingdom: duke/duchess, marquess/marchioness, earl/_ , viscount/viscountess, baron/baroness.

Answer: COUNTESS

Q3.: AMER HIST - Over the duration of the US Civil War, four men served as Commanding General, the most senior officer position of the U.S. Army. The fourth of these was Ulysses S. Grant; name any one of the three men who preceded him during this period.

Answer: WINFIELD SCOTT, GEORGE MCCLELLAN, HENRY HALLECK

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - As it passes through a region of tropical rainforests, what is the only major African river with a constant volume of water, providing the second-largest river flow in the world (after the Amazon)?

Answer: CONGO

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What word is obscured by the red box in this image? [Click here](#)

Answer: KUGEL

Q6.: TELEVISION - Murder House, Asylum, Coven, Freak Show, and Hotel are subtitles of seasons from what currently running anthology television series?

Answer: AMERICAN HORROR STORY

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify either the medieval Latin poem being sung in this excerpt, or the cantata, first staged in 1937, in which it famously appears. [Click here](#)

Answer: O FORTUNA/CARMINA BURANA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A symbolic victory for Bolshevik revolutionaries occurred on November 7, 1917, with the storming of a building that sits between its namesake square and St. Petersburg's Neva River. Now part of a larger museum complex with a different name, this famous building itself is (and was at the time) known as what?

Answer: WINTER PALACE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Though it appears in dictionaries from the mid-1800s, infamously ill-spoken U.S. Senator Warren G. Harding was criticized in May 1920 for giving a stump speech that notoriously included what word? The word was believed to be both a malapropism and a neologism, although it is arguably neither.

Answer: NORMALCY

Q4.: LITERATURE - Dr. Pangloss, a professor of "métaphysico-théologo-cosmolonigologie" and self-described optimist, is a secondary but important character in what famous and influential (and controversial) 1759 novella, which itself is ironically subtitled *ou l'Optimisme* ("or Optimism")?

Answer: CANDIDE

Q5.: FILM - Phil, Stu, and Alan travel to Las Vegas to attend a bachelor party celebrating the upcoming marriage of their friend Doug. This is the premise for what commercially and critically successful comedy film?

Answer: THE HANGOVER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Abaco, Eleuthera, Bimini, Andros, Great Exuma, and New Providence are among the islands that form what country?

Answer: BAHAMAS

Q1.: LITERATURE - Italian children's novelist Carlo Collodi died in 1890 and thus was unable to witness the incredible popularity of his most famous creation—a character whose adventures have been widely adapted in various media, perhaps most famously in a 1940 Disney film. What is the name of this iconic character?

Answer: PINOCCHIO

Q2.: ART - The famous Alfred Eisenstaedt photograph titled V-J Day in Times Square, which shows a sailor smooching a woman in a white dress, was first published in what magazine, in August 1945?

Answer: LIFE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated on June 28, 1914, by Gavrilo Princip, while visiting what city?

Answer: SARAJEVO

Q4.: BUS/ECON - One major component of the U.S. government's \$700 billion financial bailout plan of 2008 was a significant purchase of equity from financial services firms to stabilize the nation's financial system and restart economic growth. Signed into law by President Bush in October 2008, it is best known as TARP, which stands for what?

Answer: TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

Q5.: SCIENCE - Going in order of atomic number, starting with hydrogen at 1, what is the first element of the periodic table whose atomic number is greater than the number of letters in the element's common English name? Incidentally, it's also true of every single element that comes afterwards.

Answer: OXYGEN (8)

Q6.: THEATRE - What Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera details the farcical goings-on in the exotic fictional Japanese town of Titipu?

Answer: THE MIKADO

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What is the common name of the singing game and nursery rhyme that begins with an agricultural worker taking a bride, involves a cow, dog, and cat, and often ends with cheese, standing alone?

Answer: THE FARMER IN THE DELL

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Although the dish's name means literally "covered with bread," shortcrust pastry is more often used to prepare what savory treat of Spain and Latin America?

Answer: EMPANADA

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Zip2, SolarCity, PayPal, and SpaceX are among a small set of companies that share a distinction most particularly with what automaker?

Answer: TESLA MOTORS

Q4.: FILM - In what film does criminal mastermind Vincent Ludwig plan to assassinate Queen Elizabeth II while she attends a baseball game between the California Angels and Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Stadium (which looks suspiciously like Dodger Stadium)?

Answer: THE NAKED GUN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Harry, Homer, Lizzie, and Henry are the original names of the edacious foursome in what game, first published in the late 1960s and introduced by Milton Bradley in 1978?

Answer: HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Among the group of Australian outlaws that came to be known as "bushrangers," what son of an Irish convict was the most famous by far, due to his daring and profligate horse stealing, bank robbing, and police killing? His turn at the gallows in Melbourne in 1880 at age twenty-five is considered the end of the bushranger era.

Answer: NED KELLY

Q1.: ART - What material and artistic medium, whose name refers to fired but unglazed clay, was a favorite for architectural ornamentation during the Etruscan era and much later, during the Art Deco era? It was used in one of the most stunning archaeological finds in history, which occurred in 1974.

Answer: TERRA COTTA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name of the hybrid—cute or horrific depending on one's tastes—that has been used recently to advertise the sparkling caffeinated soda-juice beverage Mountain Dew Kickstart?

Answer: PUPPYMONKEYBABY

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What is the Sanskrit word, roughly meaning "weighty," that is associated with the names Nanak, Angad, Amar Das, Ram Das, Arjan, and others?

Answer: GURU

Q4.: AMER HIST - In a historical ranked list that places the names Sandy, Ike, Andrew, Wilma, and Ivan in positions two through six, what name goes in the number-one spot?

Answer: KATRINA

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Swiss alphorn melodies accompany the massive choruses, grandiose sets, and energetic finale of what 1829 Gioachino Rossini opera, his first and last in the French Grand Opera style (and, in fact, his last opera overall, though he would live until 1868)?

Answer: GUILLAUME TELL (WILLIAM TELL)

Q6.: SCIENCE - Polish American biochemist Casimir Funk is credited with coining a word, common on food packaging, for a type of chemical compound necessary for life and believed (at the time) always to be derived from ammonia. What is that word?

Answer: VITAMIN

Q1.: SCIENCE - The frequency of a wave is defined as the number of vibrations per unit of time. What is the term most commonly used for the reciprocal of frequency?
Answer: PERIOD

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Tom Moreland Interchange of Interstates 85 and 285 outside Atlanta, Georgia; the Kennedy Interchange of Interstates 64, 65, and 71 in downtown Louisville, Kentucky; the freeway interchange near downtown Las Vegas, Nevada, of Interstates 15 and 515 with U.S. Routes 93 and 95; and, originally, the Gravelly Hill Interchange on the M6 motorway in Birmingham, England: These all have nicknames that reference what food item?

Answer: SPAGHETTI

Q3.: LITERATURE - What men's fragrance, an eau de toilette first introduced by Estée Lauder in 1964, takes its name from a character in Alexandre Dumas' The Three Musketeers?

Answer: ARAMIS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What was the one-word title of the projected album by the Beach Boys intended for release in the late 1960s as a follow-up to Pet Sounds, but mostly scrapped and shelved? It became legendary in its mysteriousness until the proper release of its demo sessions in 2011.

Answer: SMILE

Q5.: FILM - With a running time around three-and-a-half hours, what film is considered the longest motion picture—and is certainly the only Best Picture Oscar-winner—with no women in speaking or starring roles?

Answer: LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of San Carlos, Battle of Goose Green, Assault on Mount Kent, Bluff Cove Air Attacks, and Battle of Mount Longdon were among the most significant engagements in what twentieth-century war?

Answer: FALKLANDS WAR

Q1.: TELEVISION - Despite the advice of his sidekick Boo Boo and the efforts of Ranger Smith, Yogi Bear was a habitual stealer of pic-a-nic baskets from campers in what park?

Answer: JELLYSTONE PARK

Q2.: ART - A famous series of black-and-white drawings dating from the 1890s depicted one particular ideal of feminine physical beauty (tall and slender, with ample hips, buttocks, and bosom). This ideal came to be known by a personification named after the illustrator who created the drawings. What was that name given to this "girl"?

Answer: GIBSON

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The popular variation of ice cream sundae whose recipe consists of vanilla ice cream, hot fudge and hot caramel sauces, and toasted pecans (and perhaps whipped cream and cherry on top) is most often given a name that it shares with what animal?

Answer: TURTLE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Whereas the City of New York Police Department is nicknamed "New York's Finest," the Fire Department is "New York's Bravest," and the Department of Correction is "New York's Boldest," what other uniformed municipal force is nicknamed "New York's Strongest"?

Answer: DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION (GARBAGE COLLECTION)

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - What is the name of the U.S. National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt, that sits on roughly 190,000 acres near the northern edge of the Great Basin watershed in Eastern Oregon?

Answer: MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Q6.: MATH - A base-2 numeral system isbinary, a base-3 systemternary, a base-10 systemdecimal, and base-16 systemhexadecimal. What is the most common term for a base-20 numeral system?

Answer: VIGESIMAL

Q1.: LITERATURE - The first name of a certain titular literary hero, "Lemuel," literally means "devoted to God" (probably intended ironically), and his last name suggests a particular type of naïveté. In what 1726 classic does this character appear?

Answer: GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - The modern form of what instrument was invented in the 1650s as an offspring of the shawm, and quickly became popular—evidenced by a famous French band of the era, Les douze grandes Hautbois du Roi, which featured ten of this instrument accompanied by two bassoons?

Answer: OBOE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What man has won five of the last six (and six of the last nine) Australian Open men's singles tennis championships, placing him in a tie with Roy Emerson for the most in history?

Answer: NOVAK DJOKOVIC

Q4.: AMER HIST - Name the judge, possibly the most highly regarded jurist in American history who never sat on the Supreme Court (though he was known as the Court's "tenth man"), who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in his native New York from 1924 to 1961.

Answer: LEARNED HAND

Q5.: SCIENCE - Of the various basic database models in computing, two are network and hierarchical. What is the common name for the most popular of them all, in which data is viewed as a collection of linked two-dimensional tables, and which is defined by an unofficial set of principles known as "Codd's 12 rules"? The word was used in an early name for the Oracle Corporation.

Answer: RELATIONAL

Q6.: THEATRE - A 1943 musical set in a soon-to-be U.S. state; a musical based on Charles Dickens's second novel; an avant-garde revue with total nudity; a musical about a Republican mayor of New York City; the most Tony-winning musical of the twentieth-century: The titles of all of these Broadway shows have what in common, most distinctively?

Answer: EXCLAMATION MARKS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What London landmark's 2006 restoration, which included a repair of the left arm and pigeon-proofing, revealed it to be just over 169 feet (51.5 meters) tall, at least fourteen and a half feet shorter than previously thought?
Answer: NELSON'S COLUMN

Q2.: LITERATURE - Upon its original publication in 1900, the book on which the musical and film *The Wizard of Oz* were based contained a word in its title missing from the title of the adaptations. What is that word?

Answer: WONDERFUL

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In France (and elsewhere), especially small gherkins, often paired with capers or served as a condiment with classical dishes such as pâté, are typically sold under what French name?

Answer: CORNICHONS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Although the team has held opponents to one hit in a game over two dozen times (thanks to pitchers Randy Jones, Mat Latos, Andy Benes, Andrew Cashner, Dave Dravecky, and others), this major league baseball franchise has never thrown a no-hitter in its history. To add insult, Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Dock Ellis in 1970 threw one against this team while allegedly under the influence of LSD.
What is the team?

Answer: SAN DIEGO PADRES

Q5.: SCIENCE - In chemistry, the standard set of conditions for experimental measurements is abbreviated STP, for standard temperature and pressure. Per both the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), as well as most chemistry textbooks, how many kelvins (to the nearest integer) are standard in this set?

Answer: 273

Q6.: AMER HIST - Early 20th century events in New York City known as the "Uprising of 20,000" (1909) and "Great Revolt" (1910), which led to lasting victories for organized labor in the United States, were led by a workers' union known as the ILGWU. What do the letters LG stand for in the union's name?

Answer: LADIES' GARMENT

Q1.: POP MUSIC - A July 1983 concert attended by hundreds of thousands in New York's Central Park is legendary today for the intense thunderstorm that cut it short. The performer returned the following evening, but proceeds from a televised special were insufficient to sponsor a promised new playground in the park, so the artist ultimately paid for it with her own funds. Who is this pop superstar?

Answer: DIANA ROSS

Q2.: ART - The Galleria dell'Accademia art museum in Florence, Italy, includes in its collection most famously a statue of whom? Commissioned originally for the Florence Cathedral's roofline, in 1504 it was instead (due in part to its six-ton weight) unveiled at ground level outside the city's Palazzo della Signoria, where it remained until 1873.

Answer: DAVID

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The "Copacabana" is the "hottest spot north of Havana" in the 1978 hit song by Barry Manilow, but the actual 2.2-mile-long Copacabana Beach is located in what other city?

Answer: RIO DE JANEIRO

Q4.: SCIENCE - Although he is famous today as a discoverer of oxygen, what English chemist and Unitarian minister was possibly most famous during his time for creating "directions for impregnating water with fixed air," setting off a European craze for soda water?

Answer: JOSEPH PRIESTLEY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A bakery owned by Thomas Farriner on Pudding Lane near London Bridge in the City of London is widely believed to have originated what?

Answer: GREAT FIRE OF LONDON (OF 1666)

Q6.: FILM - An Academy Award-winning 1964 film was an adaptation of a 1956 Lerner and Loewe stage musical, which was itself based on a 1938 film adaptation of a 1913 play. What was the name of any of these four productions?

Answer: MY FAIR LADY, PYGMALION

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Today it's Japan's third-largest public company (after Toyota and Mitsubishi), with wide-ranging operations in mobile and fixed-line telecommunications, Internet and technology services, online gaming, and other businesses. What is this corporation—not primarily a financial services company despite what might be inferred from its name—which began in 1981 as a distributor of packaged computer programs?

Answer: SOFTBANK

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Different styles of what lively dance in 2/4 meter, which is associated with Bedřich Smetana and is the state dance of Wisconsin, include Slovenian-style (or Cleveland-style), Chicago honky, Chicago push, and Eastern-style?

Answer: POLKA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Episode titles of this drama television series, which featured Kristen Bell as the off-screen titular narrator, were based on the name of a film or novel (e.g., "The Wild Brunch," "Seventeen Candles," "New Haven Can Wait," "The Unblairable Lightness of Being," "Riding in Town Cars with Boys"). What is the series?

Answer: GOSSIP GIRL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A "pinochle" in the card game of the same name, as well as a "bezique" in the eponymous game from which pinochle is derived, is a distinct set of two cards. What are the ranks (not suits) of these two cards?

Answer: QUEEN, JACK

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The USS St. Lo, a US Navy escort carrier lost during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944, is most remembered today as the first major warship to have what distinction?

Answer: SUNK BY KAMIKAZE (SUICIDE ATTACK)

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Also known as longfin, it is the only species that US law legally permits to be marketed as "white meat tuna." What is the most common name for this member of the tuna family (a name used on products sold by Starkist, Bumble Bee, Chicken of the Sea, and other brands)?

Answer: ALBACORE

Q1.: AMER HIST - What name—originally used for a special type of military person—has been applied to the intercontinental ballistic missiles that have constituted the majority of the US land-based nuclear arsenal since the early 1960s?

Answer: MINUTEMAN

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Give thefirstname of anyoneof the last four men elected to the position of President of the United Mexican States (including the current officeholder).

Answer: ERNESTO, VICENTE, FELIPE, ENRIQUE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro sits about a dozen miles from the border of what two countries?

Answer: TANZANIA, KENYA

Q4.: FILM -Luxo Jr., Tin Toy, For the Birds, One Man Band, The Blue Umbrella, and Sanjay's Super Team are among the films produced by what movie studio?

Answer: PIXAR

Q5.: SCIENCE - The boat of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's ancient mariner stagnated "as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean"—possibly because it was caught within an area of low atmospheric pressure in the intertropical convergence zone along the equator, where the northeast and southeast trade winds converge. What is the maritime term used for this zone?

Answer: DOLDRUMS

Q6.: LITERATURE - Her real name is Aldonza Lorenzo, but the hero's sweetheart in The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha (maybe not so sweet if you believe Sancho) was dubbed what by her knight admirer?

Answer: DULCINEA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Though never actually a resident of the city (or country), what ethnic Albanian and Nobel Peace Prize laureate is the eponym for both the largest hospital and only international airport in Tirana, Albania?

Answer: MOTHER TERESA

Q2.: SCIENCE - In astronomy, the "circumstellar habitable zone" (orCHZ) is the area around a star within which a planet (or other object) is just the right distance so that its surface temperature can support liquid water, given sufficient atmospheric pressure. This zone is also known by a name that references a famous fictional character. Who is that character?

Answer: GOLDILOCKS

Q3.: ART - "Man at the Crossroads Looking with Hope and High Vision to the Choosing of a New and Better Future." This was the theme of a mural commissioned for New York's Rockefeller Center in 1933, but destroyed by Nelson Rockefeller before its completion due largely to its inclusion of a portrait of Lenin. Name the Mexican Marxist and avowed Communist who painted this ill-fated mural.

Answer: DIEGO RIVERA

Q4.: TELEVISION - What was the name of both the owner/proprietor and (through the first seven seasons) his enthusiastic assistant on the television series Fantasy Island?

Answer: MR. ROARKE, TATTOO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Fill in the blank in this ordered list of cities (note that this series is a segment of a complete list): Helsinki, Melbourne, Rome, _____, Mexico City, Munich, Montreal, Moscow.

Answer: TOKYO

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Complete these lyrics, written and first recorded in 1962: How many roads must a man walk down Before you call him a man? How many seas must a white dove sail Before she sleeps in the sand? How many times must the cannonballs fly Before they're forever banned? The answer, my friend, is_____.

Answer: BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Originally applied to a stew of game birds, this term now refers to the edible internal organs of a fowl (particularly the heart, liver, and gizzard). What is this term, which often precedes the word "gravy" on Thanksgiving menus in the United States?

Answer: GIBLET

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - In Twelver Shia Islam, the highest-ranking clerical authorities on religious law, known as marāji', are afforded the "Grand" version of what title?

Answer: AYATOLLAH

Q3.: TELEVISION - Susan Stafford, paired with Chuck Woolery, was in 1975 the first to hold a unique job that has been held since 1982 by what other woman?

Answer: VANNA WHITE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Of the twenty-six different states federated during the formal unification of Germany in January 1871, four were kingdoms. Prussia was one of those kingdoms; name anyone of the other three, all of whose names endure today in some German state names.

Answer: BAVARIA, SAXONY, WÜRTTEMBERG

Q5.: FILM - Of the six characters in the Quentin Tarantino film Reservoir Dogs who use a "color" alias, which one flees at the very end with the briefcase of diamonds (only to be immediately apprehended by the police, off-screen)?

Answer: MR. PINK

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - In January 2016, the Mexican drug lord Joaquín Guzmán Loera was apprehended by Mexican marines in his home state of Sinaloa six months after escaping from the country's most secure prison. By what nickname is this kingpin widely known?

Answer: EL CHAPO

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The name of what leading American investment research and management company, formed in 1984 with a focus on mutual funds, comes from a line at the end of Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*(and not from a medieval fighting weapon, as might otherwise be suspected)?

Answer: MORNINGSTAR

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Charlotte Amalie of Hesse-Kassel, who reigned as queen consort of Denmark and Norway during the late 17th century, gave her name to a Danish West Indian island town that today serves as the capital city of what archipelagic territory?

Answer: U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Good Vibrations," which sampled the 1980 Loleatta Holloway hit "Love Vibration," and "Wildside," sampling Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side," were hit hip-hop songs from 1991. Name either the group who recorded these songs or its leader.

Answer: MARKY MARK AND THE FUNKY BUNCH

Q4.: SCIENCE - Kitti's hog-nosed is the smallest species (in physical size), whereas members of the *Pteropus* genus are the biggest of what type of mammal? The type, as a taxonomic order, constitutes nearly a fourth of all mammalian species worldwide—the second-most speciated, after rodents (*Rodentia*) .

Answer: BATS/CHIROPTERA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name any school, other than the University of Connecticut, that has won the Women's NCAA Division I basketball championship in the 21st century.

Answer: NOTRE DAME, BAYLOR, MARYLAND, TENNESSEE, TEXAS A&M

Q6.: LITERATURE - One of the finest extant illuminated manuscripts of the Gospels in Latin is among the antiquities of what ancient town in County Meath, Ireland? The "Book" takes its name from the town's namesake abbey, which was a bishopric see until the 13th century.

Answer: KELLS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Rosalina, Birdo, King Boo, Daisy, and Petey Piranha are characters in a video game franchise named after whom?

Answer: MARIO

Q2.: MATH - Prime numbers that can be written in the form $2^n - 1$ (where n is an integer), such as those being sought in the worldwide volunteer project known as GIMPS, are known by what name, after the French mathematician and theologian who studied them in the early seventeenth century?

Answer: MERSENNE PRIMES

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - "And ultimately, we fear that this demand would undermine the very freedoms and liberty our government is meant to protect." This is the last line of a letter published on February 16, 2016, and signed by what man?

Answer: TIM COOK

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A four-word phrase from a versicle in the Book of Common Prayer's Morning Prayer was referenced by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, unfortunately and inauspiciously, upon his return from the September 1938 Munich Conference. What was the phrase (either the Morning Prayer original or the slightly altered Chamberlain utterance)?

Answer: PEACE IN/FOR OUR TIME

Q5.: POP MUSIC - An apotheosis of the career of jazz-blues guitar virtuoso John McLaughlin was an "orchestra" first active in the early 1970s and named after a sobriquet given to McLaughlin by his Indian guru, Sri Chinmoy. What is that name, which was taken from an aspect of a central god of Hinduism?

Answer: MAHAVISHNU

Q6.: FILM - Hearings of an anticorruption investigative panel convened by New York City mayor John Lindsay, and known informally as the Knapp Commission, are featured prominently near the end of what hit 1973 film?

Answer: SERPICO

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the only word in modern English usage that, along with its derivatives, ends with the letters MT?

Answer: DREAMT

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The small Cumbrian village of Bowness-on-Solway, and a town 73.5 miles (118km) due east, within the county of Tyne and Wear in England's North East, are noteworthy as the endpoints of what?

Answer: HADRIAN'S WALL

Q3.: TELEVISION - The evening television news program currently coanchored by Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff was, from 1975 to 1995, coanchored by what other two journalists?

Answer: ROBERT MACNEIL, JIM LEHRER

Q4.: SCIENCE - Over half of the world's supply of palladium is used for motor vehicles, in a specific device that transforms harmful exhaust pollutants into (relatively) harmless products. What is the standard name for this device?

Answer: CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Successful tennis pro Peter Fleming is best known for forming one-half—the less famous and certainly quieter half—of a dominant doubles partnership with what other player?

Answer: JOHN MCENROE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Myrmidon warriors, led by Achilles, kill Hector at the end of what William Shakespeare tragedy, concluding the main plot of the play—though not the plot referenced in the play's title?

Answer: TROILUS AND CRESSIDA

Q1.: THEATRE - Beautiful is the primary title of a Broadway "jukebox" musical that chronicles the life and career of what Brill Building songwriter (and successful recording artist in her own right)?

Answer: CAROLE KING

Q2.: ART - What is the French term, associated with the Barbizon school and with impressionists such as Renoir, Monet, Morisot, and Pissarro, that is used to designate outdoor painting, and the artistic representation of natural light and atmosphere?

Answer: PLEIN AIR

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - With the resignation of Education Secretary Arne Duncan in January 2016, former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack is the only member of President Barack Obama's cabinet who has served since Mr. Obama took office in 2009. What department does Vilsack lead?

Answer: AGRICULTURE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The city of Constanța, which is home to the largest port on the Black Sea and connects to the Danube via a 40-mile-long canal, is located in what country?

Answer: ROMANIA

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A young man receives his inheritance early, blows it, suffers, and repents to his father, who welcomes him back with a celebration to the consternation of the young man's older brother. This parable of Jesus, found in the Gospel of Luke, is best known as the parable of what?

Answer: PRODIGAL SON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - "Bring out the best" is the slogan of two different condiment brands, which are owned by the same company and whose products are nearly identical, but sold in different regions. What are those two brands?

Answer: HELLMANN'S, BEST FOODS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What word follows each of these terms to create names of various British breakfast, tea, or dessert sweets? Bath, Chelsea, Colston, London, Saffron, Sally Lunn.

Answer: BUN

Q2.: SCIENCE - Neutrinos are elementary particles that come in three flavors, with names derived from Greek. One flavor is electron; name either of the other two flavors.

Answer: MUON, TAU

Q3.: TELEVISION - Adam Richman, Andrew Zimmern, Dhani Jones, Samantha Brown, and Kirsten Gum are personalities closely associated with what television network?

Answer: TRAVEL CHANNEL

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a limited-recognition state that claims sovereignty over a disputed territory within the Maghreb region of Africa. This territory, of which the SADR actually controls only a small segment, is known internationally by what name?

Answer: WESTERN SAHARA

Q5.: FILM - Name the actress whose first film role (uncredited) was at age five in 1969's Easy Rider and who had major starring roles in some movies in the 1990s before essentially retiring from feature films in 2001 at age 37.

Answer: BRIDGET FONDA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name of the puppet, the Russian equivalent of Harlequin, who is the central and title character in a 1911 ballet composed by Igor Stravinsky?

Answer: PETRUSHKA

Q1.: FILM - John Cena, Amar'e Stoudemire, Tony Romo, Chris Evert, and (most prominently) LeBron James are athletes who appear in what successful 2015 comedy film?

Answer: TRAINWRECK

Q2.: MATH - In geometry, a polyhedron is a solid figure with four or more plane faces. Five different types of polyhedra fit the definition of a regular polyhedron. The number of faces of each of these five regular polyhedra, when added together, total what number? (Note, your answer should be one number.)

Answer: 50 (4,6,8,12,20)

Q3.: LITERATURE - Public (and at times litigious) feuds with fellow writers Truman Capote, William F. Buckley Jr., and Norman Mailer were among the nonliterary highlights (or lowlights) in the life of what American novelist and essayist?

Answer: GORE VIDAL

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A 1983 duet by Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson shares a particular naming convention with Mötley Crüe's fourth studio album, Destiny's Child's first chart-topping single, and a Phillip Phillips tune used in commercials for American Family Insurance. What is the title of that McCartney/Jackson song?

Answer: SAY, SAY, SAY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the dozens of inhabited islands that are part of the republic of Greece, the largest in size (by surface area) is Crete, by a wide margin. Name any one of the next three largest in size.

Answer: EUBOEA, LESBOS, RHODES

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - In cuisines of South Asia, this word is used most commonly for a split, dried pulse (often lentils, sometimes peas, beans, etc.) or for a dish prepared using the ingredient. Varieties include channa, masoor, dhaba, urad, and rajma, among many others. What is this word?

Answer: DAL/DHAL

Q1.: LITERATURE - A current best-selling advice/how-to book by Japanese organizing consultant Marie Kondo guides readers step by step through her KonMari method, detailing-as the title states-the "life-changing magic of" what?
Answer: TIDYING (UP)

Q2.: SCIENCE - Amino acids may join up to form long polymeric chains creating large biological molecules that are best known as what?
Answer: PROTEINS (POLYPEPTIDES)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A lily appears on the reverse of a certain type of gold coin, which was first minted in the 13th century and became the dominant trade coin of Western Europe. Various updated versions were created across the continent, including one in Britain worth two shillings and issued until 1967. What was this coin's name?

Answer: FLORIN

Q4.: TELEVISION - A popular recurring segment on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, introduced by actor John Krasinski, was developed into a full-length series coproduced by Krasinski that debuted to high ratings on the Spike cable network in April 2015. What is the name of this segment/series?

Answer: LIP SYNC BATTLE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Darden, Mendoza, Kelley, Tepper, and Booth are names of educational institutions focused primarily on the teaching of what subject area?

Answer: BUSINESS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Yerba leaves of the Ilex paraguariensis tree are used to prepare what infused drink, popular in South America and parts of the Middle East? It's especially popular in Argentina, where it is considered the national drink and has a dedicated museum in the Buenos Aires suburb of Tigre.

Answer: MATE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The international rules of what sport state that the ball used for play must have a diameter of 40 mm and a mass of 2.7 g, that it shall bounce 24-26 cm when dropped from a height of 30.5 cm onto a steel block having a coefficient of restitution between 0.89 and 0.92, and that it is made of celluloid or similar plastic?

Answer: TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Half of the 46 counties in England designated as "ceremonial counties" and 20 of the 39 in a separate but overlapping set known as the original "nonmetropolitan counties" have names that end in what suffix?

Answer: SHIRE

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - In modern musical notation, when the F-clef is placed on the fourth line of the staff, the clef is called what? Incidentally, the F-clef is virtually always placed on the fourth line of the staff.

Answer: BASS CLEF

Q4.: AMER HIST - Eight years before becoming the seventh President of the United States in 1829, Andrew Jackson served briefly as what territory's military governor? He would be commemorated in the naming of a town in the then-territory.

Answer: FLORIDA

Q5.: FILM - Sales of the Piaggio Vespa 2-stroke scooter spiked beginning in 1953 upon the release of what romantic comedy film?

Answer: ROMAN HOLIDAY

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Limit order is the term used for a securities order placed with a brokerage to buy/sell shares at a specific price (or better). What is the most common term for the basic type of order with no "limit," instructing the broker to buy/sell immediately at whatever is the best available price at that moment?

Answer: MARKET ORDER

Q1.: TELEVISION - Although Arnold Schwarzenegger is slated to take over the franchise in the 2016–17 television season, to date, every season of all American versions of the NBC reality series *The Apprentice*(including spinoffs/variations) was hosted by Donald Trump, with one exception. Who hosted this non-Trump *Apprentice*, which aired in the fall of 2005?

Answer: MARTHA STEWART

Q2.: SCIENCE - Methanoic acid (HCOOH), a colorless liquid used in electroplating, dyeing, and tanning, is more commonly known by a name derived from the Latin word *forant*, because the acid was first discovered as a secretion from the insect. What is the common name for this acid or the Latin word from which it's derived? Somewhat oddly, the Latin word is also used for a well-known composite laminate.

Answer: FORMIC ACID/FORMICA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Who is, at still just barely 28 years of age, by far the biggest-selling Barbadian artist in the history of pop music?

Answer: RIHANNA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Southeastern Nigerian states of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo, and Rivers cover the area that was, from 1967 to 1970, what republic?

Answer: BIAFRA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - An animal referred to in French as la grenouille is known in English as what?

Answer: FROG

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the term in the sport of cricket for the segment of time that a team or an individual batsman has a turn batting at the wicket?

Answer: INNINGS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - The Frenchmen Henri Duparc, Vincent d'Indy, Emmanuel Chabrier, Paul Dukas, and Albert Roussel all achieved varying levels of acclaim in what profession?

Answer: COMPOSER

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Coily, Ugg, Wrong-Way, Slick, and Sam are the @!#?@! enemies of the hero in what classic arcade video game?

Answer: Q-BERT

Q3.: LITERATURE - James Dixon, a young historian from working-class Northern England struggling to fit into the pseudointellectual academic establishment in a 1954 novel by Kingsley Amis, is described in the book's title as what?

Answer: LUCKY (JIM)

Q4.: ART - _____ with Applesby Paul Cézanne (1890), _____ with Earthen Pots and Clogsby Vincent van Gogh (1884), _____ with Fishby Édouard Manet (1864), _____ with Orangesby Henri Matisse (1912): the same two words fill in the blanks in all of these works. What are those two words?

Answer: STILL LIFE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Latin word *Punicus* describes a person from an ancient city that is best known historically by what anglicized name?

Answer: CARTHAGE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the actress who has been nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series in nine of the last ten years, after being nominated in the Supporting category for seven straight years from 1992 to 1998.

Answer: JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - 150 million meatballs generate part of the \$2 billion in food revenue posted annually by what global chain?

Answer: IKEA

Q2.: SCIENCE - Felsic, intermediate, mafic, and ultramafic are four main classifications of material produced typically by what type of event?

Answer: VOLCANIC ERUPTION/IGNEOUS ROCK FORMATION

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A namesake Sanitary and Ship Canal—partially misnamed it could be argued—is an important commercial waterway and engineering landmark that opened in 1900 in what city?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q4.: THEATRE - What theatrical production and Broadway theatre-owning company, founded in 1956, is named after long-time owners Virginia and James Binger's three children, James, Judy, and Cynthia?

Answer: JUJAMCYN

Q5.: FILM - Two of the nominees for Best Picture at the 87th Academy Awards (honoring films of 2014) were biographical films about English scientists.

Name both of these two scientists.

Answer: ALAN TURING, STEPHEN HAWKING

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A jersey with a red-and-white checker motif is an iconic part of what national soccer team's kit (a design the team has used since its reformation in 1990)?

Answer: CROATIA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Every player who has won the NHL's Hart Memorial Trophy (MVP) and is eligible for the Hockey Hall of Fame has been elected, except for three: Tommy Anderson, Al Rollins, and who else? This third player won it as a Philadelphia Flyer after the lockout-shortened 1994-95 season (a season that, in a bitter coincidence, was the last season for the Quebec Nordiques).

Answer: ERIC LINDROS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Six of the seven European colonial powers that controlled 90% of the African continent at the end of the "Scramble for Africa" in 1914 were France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom. What was the seventh?

Answer: BELGIUM

Q3.: LITERATURE -Theirs not to make reply,/Theirs not to reason why,/Theirs but to do and die:these famous lines reflect the bravery and the futility that underlie what famous poem?

Answer: THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE

Q4.: FILM - Legendary movie cinematographer Haskell Wexler won an Oscar in 1976 in part for his creative use of what novel filmmaking apparatus, recently introduced by inventor Garrett Brown, who initially dubbed his device the "Brown Stabilizer"?

Answer: STEADICAM

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Although most rivers on the Indian subcontinent have female names, one major exception is named for the son of the creator god in the Hindu Trimurti. What is that river's name?

Answer: BRAHMAPUTRA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - One common metric used in the capital budgeting process within corporations and other businesses, measuring the profitability (and thus desirability) of a particular investment, is abbreviated IRR. What do the letters in IRR stand for?

Answer: INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In the world of beer drinking, what term applies to a particular type of beer notable for its lower alcohol content (less than 5.1% ABV, usually much less)? While it arguably includes beers sold as "light" (or "lite"), the term itself refers to atime period, and the notion that a larger quantity of this beer can be consumed in a period of time without major intoxication.

Answer: SESSION

Q2.: THEATRE - There have been three major and successful (and often-revived) Broadway musicals based on the works of William Shakespeare. The most successful isWest Side Story(inspired byRomeo and Juliet; nameeitheroft the other two musicals, the first (inspired byThe Comedy of Errors) premiering in 1938 and the second (inspired byThe Taming of the Shrew) in 1948, respectively.

Answer: THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE; KISS ME, KATE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What is the name,in German, for either country that forms Germany's southern border?

Answer: (DIE) SCHWEIZ, ÖSTERREICH

Q4.: POP MUSIC - An English band of the late 1960s was named, in part, because its members were literally "small" (each member under 5' 6"). This circumstance changed in 1969, when Rod Stewart and Ron Wood joined; thus the band dropped theSmallfrom its name. What was the band's new, one-word name?

Answer: FACES

Q5.: SCIENCE - Invented by Christiaan Huygens in the 17th century, a U-shaped tube partly filled with liquid is one type of what instrument used to measure pressure? A barometer is another type of the instrument, whose name comes in part from the Greek for "sparse."

Answer: MANOMETER

Q6.: TELEVISION - On the CBS television network, there are three series of theNCISfranchise in current production, all of which containNCISin their names. The original, itself a spinoff ofJAGpremiering in 2003, is set in Washington, DC-in what cities are the other two series primarily set?

Answer: LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS

Q1.: ART - One of today's best-known contemporary American art exhibitions was an annual event until 1973, when it switched to its current every-two-years cycle. What museum hosts this exhibition, which was first held by the museum's namesake founder in 1932?

Answer: WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Q2.: SCIENCE - Calcium oxide (CaO) is one type of inorganic material that shares a name with what edible fruit?

Answer: LIME

Q3.: BUS/ECON - General Motors, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, PepsiCo, Lockheed Martin, Oracle, Mondelēz International, General Dynamics. These eight companies form a complete set of Fortune 100 members that share, most prominently, what distinction? Currently, a complete set among the Fortune 500 has 21 members, and among the Fortune 1000, over four dozen (including Xerox, Duke Energy, and Yahoo).

Answer: WOMEN CEOS

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the Australian phrase, made famous in the late 19th century by the poet A.B. "Banjo" Paterson, that is defined roughly as carrying one's swag over one's back as a tramp does?

Answer: WALTZING MATILDA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Before Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible) assumed the title Tsar of All the Russias in 1547, the sovereign rulers of Russia and its predecessor states (including Ivan himself) used what two-word title, followed formally by "of Moscow"?

Answer: GRAND PRINCE (GRAND DUKE)

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Although there is a small handful of very obscure words in the English language that fit the criteria, the most used six-letter word that begins and ends with the same vowel and has no other vowels in between is the term for a particular chronic disease relatively common in humans. What is that word?

Answer: ASTHMA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - This bag holds items purchased at what retailer?[Click here](#)
Answer: BLOOMINGDALE'S

Q2.: SCIENCE - A particular type of mechanized system known as aderaillleuris most commonly associated with what machine?
Answer: BICYCLE

Q3.: TELEVISION - What three-word phrase (which is the same word uttered three times) forms part of the chorus of theSesame Streettune "Monster in the Mirror" and was also the catchphrase ofClub MTVhost Downtown Julie Brown?
Answer: WUBBA WUBBA WUBBA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A dynasty known as the Silla ruled, for much of the first millennium CE, a region that is best known today as what?
Answer: KOREA

Q5.: ART - The architectural design firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill first gained recognition as style innovators with its "house" on Park Avenue in New York City, designed for what British manufacturing company?

Answer: LEVER BROTHERS

Q6.: THEATRE - WhenHamiltonwins the Tony Award for Best Musical, it will become the second with Thomas Jefferson as a prominent character. What was the first?
Answer: 1776

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the common name for the mixture of roughly chopped vegetables—normally onions, carrots, and celery—used as a base for a myriad of sauces, stocks, and soups? It comes from the employer of the cook widely believed to have created it (a nomenclature common in the history of French cuisine).

Answer: MIREPOIX

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - An act passed by the Parliament of Canada in July of 1993 resulted in the first significant alteration to the country's political map since 1949, via the formal establishment of what territory?

Answer: NUNAVUT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Although longtime Los Angeles Laker Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the NBA's all-time leading scorer, he is not the Lakers' all-time leading scorer—in fact, he is third. Kobe Bryant is first; what player, who was the first-ever draft choice in L.A. Lakers history and whose #44 is retired by the franchise, is second?

Answer: JERRY WEST

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Among the many leading Japan-based camera brands, two prominent ones are named after mountains. What are these two mountains?

Answer: FUJI, OLYMPUS

Q5.: FILM - The fine American actors Paul Gleason (the principal in *The Breakfast Club*) and William Atherton (the EPA agent in *Ghostbusters*) have often portrayed jerks and blowhards on screen. In what film do they both appear, as an idiot deputy police chief and arrogant television reporter, respectively?

Answer: DIE HARD

Q6.: SCIENCE - What Latin word, which literally translates to windpipe, is not generally used in English to refer to the windpipe itself (that's the Greek word trachea), but rather to the various airways that branch off from the trachea?

Answer: BRONCHUS/BRONCHI

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY -Bocchetta, La Cisa, La Futa, Giovi, Pescara, Sparvo, and Scheggia are all notable passes or tunnels located within what mountain range?

Answer: APENNINES

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Keren Woodward, who is currently the long-term mate of "the other guy" from Wham! (Andrew Ridgeley), her statuesque childhood friend Sara Dallin, and future Shakespears Sister founder Siobhan Fahey together formed what popular musical trio?

Answer: BANANARAMA

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The US Embassy in Saigon, the city of Hue, and more than one hundred South Vietnamese towns were targets in a successful 1968 Viet Cong attack that took place during what Vietnamese holiday?

Answer: TET

Q4.: FILM - Paris, Istanbul, and Los Angeles are a very particular set of cities that provide the main settings for what film trilogy?

Answer: TAKEN

Q5.: SCIENCE - The term crescent refers to lunar phases in which the moon is less than half-illuminated. What is the corresponding term for phases in which the moon is more than half-illuminated?

Answer: GIBBOUS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In many poker variations, one or more community cards are dealt face up on the table and counted by each player as a part of his or her hand. What is the term most commonly used for these cards (in Texas hold 'em it's specifically the first three community cards)—a term which is also used for the act of dealing them?

Answer: FLOP

Q1.: LITERATURE - The five primary characters in Carson McCullers's first novel, outcasts who inhabit a small town in 1930s Georgia, learn that (per the novel's title) the heart is what?

Answer: A LONELY HUNTER

Q2.: TELEVISION - The two-hour syndicated primetime television special *The Mystery of Al Capone's Vault* was broadcast live on April 21, 1986, in hopes of finding the gangster's guns, money, or dead bodies, but it resulted in the discovery of nothing but debris (and huge television ratings). Who hosted this special?

Answer: GERALDO RIVERA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - An Arabic term derived from the Turkish for "rotation" is what Lebanese and greater Levantine dish, roughly equivalent to the Greek gyro, the Turkish *döner* kebab, and the Mexican *tacos al pastor*?

Answer: SHAWARMA

Q4.: LANGUAGE - In a particular Roman military discipline, one offender was chosen randomly for execution among a group of ten soldiers found guilty of a capital offense, with the execution normally conducted by the surviving nine. This punishment provided the genesis for what term?

Answer: DECIMATE

Q5.: SCIENCE - The avoirdupois system of weights is based on a pound consisting of sixteen ounces. What is the alternate system based on a pound of twelve ounces (each of 120 carats)?

Answer: TROY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Bouncy red hair and a thick Oklahoma accent are among the trademarks of what country music legend and namesake TV sitcom star, whose twelve number one albums on the *Billboard Top Country Albums* chart are the most ever by a female artist?

Answer: REBA MCENTIRE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Jean Sibelius is Finland's greatest composer. By virtue of an extensive body of work that includes his 2009 Violin Concerto, 2004 composition Wing on Wing, and 1997 L.A. Variations (composed while music director of that city's Philharmonic), what innovator stakes a claim for second place?

Answer: ESA-PEKKA SALONEN

Q2.: MATH - In geometry, a curve known as a lemniscate takes a shape resembling what?

Answer: FIGURE EIGHT/INFINITY

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - A humorous and campy video released in 1985, in VHS and Beta versions, is widely considered the first videotape-related video game. It was a spinoff of what popular board game, which also inspired a feature film that same year?

Answer: CLUE (CLUEDO)

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Provide the name missing from this complete and chronological list: Abdulaziz, Saud, Faisal, Khalid, _____, Abdullah, Salman.

Answer: FAHD

Q5.: FILM - Actor Chris Pratt was "discovered" while working in Hawaii as a waiter at a theme restaurant, part of an international chain, which is based on a popular 1994 film. Name either the restaurant chain or the film.

Answer: BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP COMPANY/FORREST GUMP

Q6.: LITERATURE - A sedentary and ambitionless government official named Mycroft is the older brother of what famous fictional character?

Answer: SHERLOCK HOLMES

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - "EATS," "Facts," "Partner," "Iris," "Racer," "Genius," and "Social" are among words that, when preceded by a certain prefix, refer to currently existing smartphone apps. What is that prefix, which is itself the name of a popular app (and likely the inspiration for all the others)?

Answer: UBER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - It is generally understood that the "Lords of Pittsburgh" dubbed by novelist Edith Wharton in 1934 referenced five multimillionaires, four of whom built their fortunes in heavy industry: Carnegie, Frick, Mellon, and Westinghouse. What entrepreneur and "Pickle King" was the fifth?

Answer: H.J. HEINZ

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What is the English foursome, in any order, that corresponds—but does not precisely translate—to the French pique, coeur, carreau, et trèfle?

Answer: SPADES, HEARTS, DIAMONDS, CLUBS

Q4.: SCIENCE - What four-digit number, famous in the world of computer hacking and "phreaking," is the primary title of the publication subtitled The Hacker Quarterly? It's the frequency (in hertz) of the tone that signaled to a telephone switch that a call has ended, leaving an open and exploitable line to provide free long distance and international calls. Coincidentally, it's also the frequency of the tone produced by a toy whistle included with Cap'n Crunch cereal.

Answer: 2600

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the largest city (altepetl) of pre-Columbian Mesoamerica, which was built on an island in Lake Texcoco (on the site of present-day Mexico City) and which served as the main city and center of the Aztecs during their peak in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries?

Answer: TENOCHTITLAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Two sovereign island nations within the Indian Ocean, despite differing in area by a factor of nine, have roughly the same population at a little over 20 million. What are these two countries?

Answer: MADAGASCAR, SRI LANKA

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Dmitri Shostakovich's 1934 opera, Op. 29, was an instant critical and public success—though not in the eyes of the Soviet regime until it was "cleaned up" askaterina Ismailovain 1962. The work actually had nothing to do with William Shakespeare, despite what name in its title?

Answer: LADY MACBETH

Q2.: SCIENCE - A lumpy, aromatic resin obtained by tapping the trunks of trees of the tropicalBoswellia genus, and a gummy resin bled from a tree of theCommiphora genus—these two items very often appear in a set with what third, rather dissimilar item?

Answer: GOLD

Q3.: THEATRE - The "method school" of acting is regularly linked to what famed acting teacher, who advocated the Stanislavsky-influenced style during his thirty-plus years as director of the nonprofit Actors' Studio?

Answer: LEE STRASBERG

Q4.: ART - What are the three main ancient Greek "orders" (styles) of architecture, listed from least to most ornamental (which is also the order in which they developed)?

Answer: DORIC, IONIC, CORINTHIAN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - This Southeast Asian country's East includes the majority of the country's land mass and most of its natural resources, but 80% of the country's citizens live in the separate, peninsular West. What is the country?

Answer: MALAYSIA

Q6.: AMER HIST - Although the speech best remembered is perhaps Ann Richards's "[George Bush] was born with a silver foot in his mouth" declamation, the 1988 Democratic National Convention is also remembered for a long and tedious nomination speech that some considered ruinous to the career of the politician who gave it (quite incorrectly, as it turned out). Who gave this widely panned speech?

Answer: BILL CLINTON

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Cornmeal with milk, water, egg, and chopped onion, mixed into balls and dropped into hot oil—this is a basic recipe for the Southern delicacy best known by what name, which references (according to legend) its secondary purpose during cookouts and hunting expeditions?

Answer: HUSH PUPPIES

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - On May 25, 2016, it was announced that Mawlawi Haibatullah Akhundzada would replace the recently deceased Akhtar Mansour as the emir of what insurgent movement?

Answer: TALIBAN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What video game is this?Click here

Answer: MISSILE COMMAND

Q4.: LITERATURE - The title character from a popular novel of the 1880s shares a distinction (of sorts) with the names of a lanky New York Mets outfielder of the 1980s, the notorious mayor of a major American city in the 1970s, 80s and 90s, and a Pulitzer-winning columnist for the Washington Post. Who is this title character?

Answer: HUCKLEBERRY (FINN)

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Classical rationalism of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries—the philosophy of Descartes, Spinoza, and others—sought to demonstrate that all the world's significant knowledge is based on truths that can be known independently of observation and experience. The truths are often described by what two-word Latin term, popularized by Immanuel Kant?

Answer: A PRIORI

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - In what country is Lake Maracaibo, which would be the largest lake in South America if it were actually still a lake, which it was for millions of years but (by most technical definitions of the term) has not actually been for some time?

Answer: VENEZUELA

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - EgyptAir Flight 804 crashed into the Mediterranean Sea on May 19, 2016, while en route to Cairo, having departed the previous evening from the greater metropolitan area of what city?

Answer: PARIS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Ashanti Empire existed for 250 years in a namesake area located within what modern-day African nation, which also includes the former colonial territory known as the Gold Coast?

Answer: GHANA

Q3.: SCIENCE - Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), along with MAOIs, SNRIs, SARIs, and TCAs, are among the major classes (and are the most prescribed) of pharmaceuticals under a category of drugs best known as what? The term was coined in the early 1950s by a private physician in Cincinnati, after witnessing side effects of the tuberculosis drug isoniazid on certain patients.

Answer: ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Q4.: ART - Identify the woman in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: LEE KRASNER

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term for a vivid pinkish-purplish-red color that shares its name with a flowering plant of that color, which in turn takes its name from a German botanist and physician of the sixteenth century?

Answer: FUCHSIA

Q6.: TELEVISION - What was the name of the artificially intelligent computer module, featured throughout a popular TV series of the 1980s, which was conceived and designed by fictional eccentric billionaire genius Wilton Knight to control his super high-tech Knight 2000 automobile?(Note: name the computer, not the show.)

Answer: KITT

Q1.: FILM - While they were longtime friends, having originally met in 1967, the first formal feature-film collaboration between George Lucas and Steven Spielberg occurred in 1981 with what film?

Answer: RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Among the various types of crosses are the Greek cross (arms of equal length); the Latin cross (with a longer descending arm, representing Jesus's crucifixion); the Maltese cross (four straight-lined pointed arrowheads meeting at the points); St. Andrew's cross (X-shaped); the Papal cross (staff with three bars at the top in diminishing size); and thefylfot/tetraskelion/gammadion cross(composed of four Greek capital gammas radiating from a center). This latter cross is best known by what term?

Answer: SWASTIKA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the common name for the sulfate mineral that ranks 2 on the Mohs hardness scale and is composed of hydrous calcium sulfate ($\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)?

Alabaster is a fine-grained version used for sculpture and ornamental work, and plaster of Paris is a roasted version used for casting molds.

Answer: GYPSUM

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Among the more prominent differences between American and Canadian football is the size of the field of play. How long, in yards, is the field of play in Canadian football (measured from goal line to goal line, thus not including end zones)?

Answer: 110

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK -Bavette,bucatini,conchiglie,gemelli, andlumache(orchiocciole) are different variations of what?

Answer: PASTA SHAPES

Q6.: AMER HIST - The 1836 Battle of San Jacinto was a very brief but pivotal engagement that led directly to independence for what republic?

Answer: (REPUBLIC OF) TEXAS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Streymoy, Eysturoy, Vágar, and Suðuroy are the largest islands of what archipelago, which sits in the North Atlantic midway between Iceland and Norway, two hundred miles north of the Scottish mainland?

Answer: FAROE ISLANDS

Q2.: TELEVISION -Psych, Monk, Suits, Dig, and Smushare all television series that were first broadcast on what network?

Answer: USA NETWORK

Q3.: MATH - What is the name of the trigonometric function that is the reciprocal of cosine(i.e., hypotenuse/adjacent)?

Answer: SECANT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What monarch, the last of the royal House of Stuart, ruled Great Britain upon the union of England and Scotland under the 1707 Acts of Union?

Answer: ANNE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The Buttonwood Agreement of 1792 (named for having taken place under a buttonwood tree) is the direct progenitor of an institution that is today the largest of its kind, by a wide margin. What is this institution's name?

Answer: NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Many indoor rowing machines are known by what term, a term that technically denotes any device that measures the amount of work performed?

Answer: ERGOMETER (ERG)

Q1.: LITERATURE - The 1966 Jean Rhys novel Wide Sargasso Sea tells the story of Antoinette "Bertha" Cosway's life prior to (and including) her mental descent in the attic of Thornfield Hall. The novel was written as a prequel to what other work?

Answer: JANE EYRE

Q2.: SCIENCE - Identify the Austrian physicist and philosopher of science who is the namesake of the quantity roughly equivalent, at sea level, to about 1,115 feet (340 meters) per second.

Answer: ERNST MACH

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What word links the title of a 1914 opera by Igor Stravinsky and the nickname of the nineteenth-century superstar Swedish soprano, Jenny Lind?

Answer: NIGHTINGALE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A distinctly American sandwich comprising an absurd number of layers of various meats, cheeses, vegetables, and condiments takes its name from that of what popular comic-strip character?

Answer: DAGWOOD

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - A tribe of Pueblo people in western New Mexico; a seaport city in southern Brazil; a Philippine province on the island of Luzon; a dam across the Colorado River near Yuma, Arizona; and a beach in Orange County, California, all share what name?

Answer: LAGUNA

Q6.: FILM - A specially constructed 98' x 185' x 40' sound stage, which included thirty-one apartments (twelve of which were fully furnished), comprised the set on which the entirety of what 1954 film was shot?

Answer: REAR WINDOW

Q1.: ART - The English-born architect and designer Calvert Vaux is remembered today for a transcendent collaboration and partnership, beginning in 1857, with what other individual?

Answer: FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

Q2.: SCIENCE - What scientific institution, formally established in 1830 and on whose grounds Vice President Joseph Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden currently reside, is officially responsible for measuring time and providing precise time information in the United States?

Answer: U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - One name was shared by six different sultans of the Ottoman Empire, including one (the Second) who conquered Istanbul in 1453, another (the Third) who had his nineteen brothers executed by strangulation, and another (the Sixth) who was the last, removed when the sultanate was abolished by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and the new Turkish parliament in 1922? Both in modern Turkish and in the West, this name is most often rendered as what?

Answer: MEHMED/MEHMET

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What, it has been asserted (though never proven), arrived in Brazil during the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup in June of that year, when Tahiti's national soccer team (and some of the team's fans) traveled to a match in Recife against the national team of Uruguay?

Answer: ZIKA VIRUS

Q5.: POP MUSIC -The Sound of the Life of the Mind, The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner, Whatever and Ever Amen, and their self-titled 1995 debut are studio albums from what misnamed North Carolina rock trio?

Answer: BEN FOLDS FIVE

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the most famous poem (or poetic fragment) published in 1816 and famously composed in 1797 (or thereabouts) under the influence of laudanum –a "vision in a dream"?

Answer: KUBLA KHAN

Q1.: FILM - Roger Corman's *The Masque of the Red Death* (1964), Woody Allen's *Love and Death* (1975), John McTiernan's *Last Action Hero* (1993), and Peter Hewitt's *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey* (1991) all contain scenes that reference and/or parody (or at least recall) the imagery of what 1957 film?

Answer: THE SEVENTH SEAL

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The *Cailletier* is a cultivar of what popular culinary item? Grown in the Alpes-Maritimes region of France around Nice, it is extremely common (and perhaps essential) in dishes described as à la niçoise.

Answer: OLIVE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Pesticides and other chemicals were produced in a factory built in 1969 and finally closed in the mid-1980s in the Indian city of Bhopal. Name the chemical company, now a subsidiary of Dow, that operated this facility.

Answer: UNION CARBIDE

Q4.: SCIENCE - A measure introduced in 1805 to help mariners with handling ships uses numbers zero through seventeen to indicate wind speed both on land and at sea (though often only numbers up to twelve are used). This scale was devised by and named for what British naval Commander and future Rear Admiral?

Answer: FRANCIS BEAUFORT

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - According to one measure based on median household income, the wealthiest county in the United States, with a median household income hovering around \$120,000, is Loudoun County, in what state?

Answer: VIRGINIA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Harold Baines, Edgar Martinez, Paul Molitor, Frank Thomas, and Ron Blomberg are all former baseball players closely associated with Major League Baseball Rule 5.11(a), which involves what?

Answer: DESIGNATED HITTER

Q1.: BUS/ECON - TheSummary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions, published eight times per year by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors, has a colloquial alliterative name based on the color of the cover of the published "book," which is what?

Answer: BEIGE

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the titlecharacterof the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama for 1949? As indicated by the title of said play, the character in question shared the same general occupation as the fictional characters Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, Gregor Samsa, George Babbitt, and Gil Gunderson.

Answer: WILLY LOMAN

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Which of these women is U.S. Senator Joni Ernst, Republican from Iowa? (Please answer by letter.)[Click here](#)

Answer: G

Q4.: AMER HIST - Chicago's Biograph Theater, which opened in 1914 near the campus of DePaul University on the city's north side, is most famous historically for its notorious association with what individual?

Answer: JOHN DILLINGER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Sixteen six-sided dice, a 4 x 4 covered tray to hold the dice, and a three-minute hourglass timer: this describes primary components included in what popular game?

Answer: BOGGLE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What is the title of the song being played in this image (a title it shares with the album on which the song appears)?[Click here](#)

Answer: TUBULAR BELLS

Q1.: FILM - The Mark Twain stories The Prince and the Pauper and The Million Pound Bank Note are often credited as inspiration for what comedy film of the 1980s?
Answer: TRADING PLACES

Q2.: SCIENCE - October 23 is, appropriately, an unofficial holiday celebrating what unit of measurement?
Answer: MOLE/AVOGADRO'S NUMBER

Q3.: LITERATURE - Adventure, poverty, jazz, speed, sex, dysentery, and mysticism are all central to what formless 1957 Beat novel, which was adapted (after many attempts) into a 2012 film?

Answer: ON THE ROAD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - On the Cult of Personality and Its Consequences (English translation) was a "secret" speech, leaked but never officially made public, that nonetheless had a vast and rapid impact socially and historically, challenging as it did notions widely held at the time. Name the leader who gave this speech in 1956.

Answer: NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Blues artists John Hurt, Joe Callicott, John Lee Hooker, and B.B. King were all born in what U.S. state? Fred McDowell is also notably associated with the state though he was actually born in Tennessee.

Answer: MISSISSIPPI

Q6.: LITERATURE - Thomas MacDermot, Louise Bennett-Coverley, Marlon James, Colin Channer, Lorna Goodison, and Roger Mais are all writers closely associated with what nation, which is also the birthplace of US writer and poet Claude McKay?

Answer: JAMAICA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - "Snurfing" was the original name of a sport that is today best known as what?

Answer: SNOWBOARDING

Q2.: TELEVISION - In October 1986, the nascent Fox Broadcasting Company network broadcast its first television series, *The Late Show*, which was hosted by what former "permanent guest host" of NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*?

Answer: JOAN RIVERS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Although a few islands within the Grenadines island chain in the Caribbean Sea are a dependency of Grenada, the majority combine with another island to form an eponymous independent nation. What is that other island?

Answer: SAINT VINCENT

Q4.: MATH - There are presently forty-nine known perfect numbers, none of which is odd, the smallest of which is 6, and the largest of which is $2^{74207280} \times (2^{74207281}-1)$. What is the second smallest perfect number, after 6?

Answer: 28

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - *Canephora (or robusta)* is a species of coffee shrub that accounts for about 20%-30% of the world production of coffee. What is the name of the species, and by extension the beans produced by it, that accounts for almost all of the rest?

Answer: ARABICA

Q6.: FILM - What is the rose hybrid, first developed in 1875 and today the official flower of the District of Columbia and several sororities and fraternities, that lends its name (and symbolism) to a Best Picture-winning film?

Answer: AMERICAN BEAUTY

Q1.: ART - This proto-Baroque work is the final painting in the career and life of what artist? [Click here](#)

Answer: RAPHAEL

Q2.: AMER HIST - In the history of the United States, two men have served as vice president under two different presidents. One is George Clinton, who served under Jefferson and Madison. What onetime nationalist, latter-day rabid sectionalist, and fiery slavery advocate is the other, serving under both John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson?

Answer: JOHN C. CALHOUN

Q3.: LITERATURE - Iphigenia, Electra, Orestes, and Chrysothemis were children of what rather turbulent pair, the king and queen of Mycenae?

Answer: AGAMEMNON, CLYTEMNESTRA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - After being fired from Metallica in April 1983 after serious clashes with his bandmates (among other issues), lead guitarist Dave Mustaine immediately went on to form a band that would soon be named what—a name under which the band achieved great success that continues to the present?

Answer: MEGADETH

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What musical-instrument maker and inventor, best remembered today for his namesake woodwind, achieved renown at an early age when, as a fifteen-year-old, he exhibited flutes and a clarinet he produced in his father's shop at the 1830 Brussels Industrial Exhibition?

Answer: ADOLPHE SAX

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The English Premier League, Spanish Primera División (La Liga), the French Ligue 1, Italian Serie A, and Dutch Eredivisie: What is the German entity that corresponds to the items in this list?

Answer: BUNDESLIGA

Q1.: LITERATURE - What efficient and sensible woman is the main literary legacy of Australian-born English novelist P.L. Travers?

Answer: MARY POPPINS

Q2.: TELEVISION - While New Jersey was the iconic setting for The Sopranos, what other HBO TV series, which ran from 2010 to 2014, was also set in the state?

Answer: BOARDWALK EMPIRE

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the portmanteau, coined and introduced in the 1940s, that refers to the navigational, communications, systems management, and flight control aids with which aircraft are equipped today?

Answer: AVIONICS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "I Honestly Love You," "Have You Never Been Mellow," "Please Mr. Please," and "Come on Over" are among the Easy Listening chart-toppers of the 1970s from what artist?

Answer: OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The event that took place between late June and early July 1934, during which, under Adolf Hitler's orders, the SS murdered Ernst Röhm and other political rivals and crushed the Brownshirts (Sturmabteilung(SA)), is known today as the "Night of the" what?

Answer: LONG KNIVES

Q6.: ART - What is the current common English name of the sculpture, originally titled Le Poète when conceived in 1880, that represents (by some interpretations) Dante leaning pensively while observing the Divine Comedy's circles of the Inferno?

Answer: THE THINKER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The partially recognized state of South Ossetia, with its capital city Tskhinvali, sits within what other sovereign nation—which most surely does not recognize South Ossetia as independent?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q2.: LITERATURE - The fairy tales which appeared in *Les Contes de ma Mère l'Oye*, a collection by Charles Perrault published in 1697, would begin to appear in English in the next century attributed to what fictional author?

Answer: MOTHER GOOSE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The last name of a particular Texan cattle raiser of the nineteenth century, who did not bother to brand his cattle, became a term for an unbranded animal, and eventually for any stray or masterless person, ultimately gaining a political connotation. What was this name?

Answer: MAVERICK

Q4.: TELEVISION - A current unconventional television sitcom's optimistic title character, rescued after fifteen years of captivity under Indiana cult leader Richard Wayne Gary Wayne, moves into a basement apartment in NYC with an outlandish roommate and a nutty landlady to start a new life. What is the name of this character?

Answer: KIMMY SCHMIDT

Q5.: AMER HIST - The June 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill, an early clash during the American Revolutionary War, was actually mostly fought on what other hill, adjacent to Bunker Hill in what is now the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston?

Answer: BREED'S HILL

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The simple pie that consists of a single crust and a filling made of butter, sugar, cornmeal, and eggs (plus usually vanilla, with a myriad of optional variations) has numerous common names. One of those names, used particularly in the Southern U.S., is of disputed origin, with some etymologies linking it to a related dessert and others to a piece of furniture; that it is also the name of an unrelated game appears to be wholly coincidental. What is that name?

Answer: CHESS

Q1.: FILM - In August 2015, struggling Finnish company Rovio Entertainment announced that it expected to eliminate up to 40% of its workforce, with reductions occurring across the entire organization, excluding staff working on the production of what film?

Answer: THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Taif Agreement, which was ratified in 1989, sought to provide general principles for political reform and a basis for the end of civil war in what nation?

Answer: LEBANON

Q3.: TELEVISION - Sasha Alexander has appeared in regular roles on the television series *Shameless*, *NCIS*, and most prominently as one-half (with Angie Harmon) of the titular crime-solving duo on what show?

Answer: RIZZOLI & ISLES

Q4.: SCIENCE - When traversing around the Earth, each one-hour time-zone change occurs, on average, after how many degrees of longitude?

Answer: 15

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The rock and roll group led by Frankie Lymon and a 2007 song by My Chemical Romance share a name that is also a term that (for the most part) describes, at their founding, the pop groups Menudo, One Direction, Jonas Brothers, and New Kids on the Block. What is that name?

Answer: TEENAGERS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Although five counties of New York State are coterminous with the five boroughs of New York City, only two county/borough pairs share a name. What are those two names?

Answer: BRONX, QUEENS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Canadian entertainer Aubrey Graham is known for his portrayal of Jimmy Brooks on Degrassi: The Next Generation, and perhaps for his antics courtside during Toronto Raptors home games, but most of all for his success as a rap artist under what name?

Answer: DRAKE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Snake in the Grass, Helicopter, Wind the Clock, Rock the Cradle, School, Chase the Fox, and Baking Bread are all names of informal games, some of which date to the early 1800s, that ordinarily require what item?

Answer: JUMP ROPE

Q3.: THEATRE - What Broadway musical went through several early titles, including A Very Special Person, My Man, and The Luckiest People, before (soon-to-be ex-)producer David Merrick settled on its ultimate name, highlighting its subject comedienne?

Answer: FUNNY GIRL

Q4.: LITERATURE - The Igbo village of Umuofia, on the east bank of the Niger River, is the setting for what 1958 novel, whose title comes from a line in W. B. Yeats's poem "The Second Coming" and which is considered the most widely read book in modern African literature?

Answer: THINGS FALL APART

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In accounting, what is the term used most often (such as on a company's balance sheet) for the intangible asset that arises resulting from the acquisition of one company by another for an amount over the target's book value (or in some cases below, producing a negative asset)? It's a term also used as the name of a major American nonprofit organization.

Answer: GOODWILL

Q6.: AMER HIST - Although the Maxim gun was the world's first true automatic weapon, the earliest rapid- and continuous-fire gun that achieved widespread usage was invented in 1861, and was used by Union forces in the U.S. Civil War and various other conflicts during the nineteenth century. Who was the namesake inventor of this weapon?

Answer: RICHARD GATLING

Q1.: FILM - The 2016 film *Deadpool* is the second-highest grossing film (domestically) in history with an MPAA rating of R. What controversial 2004 film, which received its rating "for sequences of graphic violence," did *Deadpool* approach but not quite surpass for the number-one spot?

Answer: THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Q2.: TELEVISION - The primary title of a 1988 book written by a Washington insider—formerly a speechwriter for President Jimmy Carter and Chief of Staff for House Speaker Tip O'Neill—became the name of this now well-known television host's weeknight political talk show. What is this title?

Answer: HARDBALL

Q3.: SCIENCE - The "law of parsimony," which proposes that of two competing theories, the simpler explanation is preferred, is often credited to what thirteenth/fourteenth century English Franciscan philosopher and theologian, after whom the law is alternately named?

Answer: WILLIAM OF OCKHAM

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name any one of the principal cities comprising the Quad Cities region that straddles the Mississippi River in the midwestern United States.

Answer: BETTENDORF, DAVENPORT, EAST MOLINE, MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - USDA specifications dictate that a T-bone cut of beef steak have a tenderloin side (the "T" divides the tenderloin and strip steak sides) that is at least 0.5 inches wide. Although it is basically the same cut, a T-bone whose tenderloin side is at least 1.25 inches wide is permitted by the USDA to be called what?

Answer: PORTERHOUSE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The university that, by some measures (including its own), is the oldest in the world, and in fact was the first to use the term "university" as it is defined today, is located in what northern Italian city?

Answer: BOLOGNA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The "Venus Rosewater Dish" is a platter nearly always referenced in indirect association with what London district, where it resides on a permanent basis?

Answer: WIMBLEDON

Q2.: TELEVISION - This is a promotional photo featuring characters from what TV drama series?[Click here](#)

Answer: BLINDSPOT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - With what musical instrument, related to the trumpet (and resembling it, but producing a mellower and darker sound with a more conical bore), is the artist Chuck Mangione most closely associated?

Answer: FLUGELHORN

Q4.: SCIENCE - Although a number of elements of the periodic table are named after countries of the world, two are named after the same country (in different languages). What is that country?

Answer: FRANCE

Q5.: AMER HIST - The "Golden Spike" event in Promontory Summit, Utah, in 1869, completed the United States' First Transcontinental Railroad, bringing face-to-face locomotives from two railroad companies. Name either of these companies—the two enterprises federally chartered to construct the eastward and westward lines.

Answer: UNION PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC

Q6.: ART - The provocative dancer Jane Avril, "La Mélinite," was a frequent subject (and companion) of what French Post-Impressionist?

Answer: HENRI DE TOULOUSE-LAUTREC

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the name of this boy? [Click here](#)

Answer: HAROLD

Q2.: SCIENCE - During an event on May 29, 1919, British astronomer Arthur Eddington was able to test and confirm Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity, fortifying the latter's scientific reputation. What was this event?

Answer: (SOLAR) ECLIPSE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In a 2010 obituary, the New York Times's Dave Itzkoff dubbed a Jacksonville, Florida, antagonist of long-haired students "arguably the most influential high school gym teacher in American popular culture." This was due to his inspiration for the name of what rock band?

Answer: LYNYRD SKYNYRD

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Titles in the Splinter Cell series of video games, which include Pandora Tomorrow, Chaos Theory, Double Agent, and Blacklist, were officially named after (and endorsed by) what American novelist?

Answer: TOM CLANCY

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Jose Cuervo, Sauza, Los Abuelos, Orendain, and Arette are all spirits produced in what municipality within the Mexican state of Jalisco, about forty miles northwest of Guadalajara?

Answer: TEQUILA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Name any one of the four countries that have joined the United Nations in the twenty-first century (i.e., since 1/1/2001).

Answer: SWITZERLAND, EAST TIMOR, MONTENEGRO, SOUTH SUDAN

Q1.: MATH - "How I want a drink, alcoholic of course, after the heavy lectures involving quantum mechanics." This sentence is a mnemonic used for remembering what?

Answer: PI (FIRST 15 DIGITS)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What man, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, perished while leading the forces against William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings in 1066? (Note: Per Rule 5a.4.1, must provide last name or regnal number.)

Answer: HAROLD GODWINSON (HAROLD II)

Q3.: AMER HIST - Fill in the two-word blank in this Franklin D. Roosevelt quote, taken from the conclusion of his address accepting the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention of 1932: "I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a _____ for the American people."

Answer: NEW DEAL

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The graphic design on this storefront is most closely associated with what individual?[Click here](#)

Answer: EDDIE VAN HALEN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Georgia, Greece, and Germany are countries whose English names begin with the letter "g". What is the only country whose English name ENDS with the letter "g"?

Answer: LUXEMBOURG

Q6.: SCIENCE - Isobars are lines on a weather map connecting points of equal pressure. What is the standard term for lines on the map connecting points of equal temperature?

Answer: ISOTHERMS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - About 90 to 120 seconds is the rough duration of Frédéric Chopin's "small" Waltz in D-flat major, Op. 64, No. 1, which the composer titled *Valse du petit chien*, and is most commonly known by what name?

Answer: MINUTE WALTZ

Q2.: SCIENCE - In botany, it's used to refer to the lowermost bract (leaf) of a grass spikelet. In mathematics, it's a minor "stepping stone" result helping to prove a theorem. In lexicography, it's the base dictionary form, or "headword" of a set words (helping, helps, helped, etc.). What is this term?

Answer: LEMMA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Though wise men at their end know dark is right, Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright, and Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight: These are three lines that begin verses of a poem written in 1947 by whom?

Answer: DYLAN THOMAS

Q4.: TELEVISION - *Mona*, a TV series where the title character leaves Connecticut (and her daughter Angela) to move into Manhattan and help her brother run a hotel, was a planned—but never executed—1987 spinoff of what sitcom?

Answer: WHO'S THE BOSS?

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the most common name for the edible mushroom pictured here? [Click here](#)

Answer: CHANTERELLE

Q6.: THEATRE - Norman Jewison (in 1973), Alan Parker (in 1996), and Joel Schumacher (in 2004) are among those who have directed film adaptations of musicals from what composer? Tom Hooper is slated to join this group, probably in 2017 or 2018.

Answer: ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Q1.: ART - The International Exhibition of Modern Art, held in New York City in 1913, has a familiar name which refers to the type of facility in which the exhibition was held. The name has been used subsequently for various other similar exhibitions (held in this facility or others). What is the type of facility in question?

Answer: ARMORY

Q2.: LITERATURE - Christian, the titular protagonist, navigates hazards which include the "Slough of Despond", the "Hill Difficulty", the "Valley of the Shadow of Death", the "Doubting Castle", and the delights of "Vanity Fair" in what masterpiece of allegory?

Answer: THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Give the last name of anywomanwho won a medal in an individual event in artistic gymnastics at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio who is not American.

Answer: MUSTAFINA, PASEKA, SCHEDER, STEINGRUBER, TINKLER, WEVERS

Q4.: FILM - Fictional characters played by Jon Voight (1969), Richard Gere (1980), and Rob Schneider (1999) all shared what occupation?

Answer: GIGOLO/PROSTITUTE

Q5.: AMER HIST - According to a popular American folk song, Robert Ford was "that dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard." Who was Mr. Howard?

Answer: JESSE JAMES

Q6.: TELEVISION - Due to an act signed into law by President Richard Nixon nine months prior, what appeared on U.S. television for the last time at 11:59 pm ET on January 1, 1971?

Answer: CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "How Ya Like Me Now," the title track from his 1987 album, was one of a number of diss tracks this artist directed during his career toward his rival, LL Cool J. Who is this artist, born Mohandas Dewese in NYC in 1962?

Answer: KOOL MOE DEE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Before his trial (and conviction and execution) for high treason in 1649, Charles I was imprisoned in Carisbrooke Castle, near the town of Newport on what English island?

Answer: ISLE OF WIGHT

Q3.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the character in this image?[Click here](#)
Answer: ODIE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What is the name used for the fractional 1/100th subunit of the Mexicanpeso, Brazilianreal, and other currencies of Latin America?

Answer: CENTAVO

Q5.: SCIENCE - What geologic term, from German and first used to describe deposits along the Rhine River valley, refers to fine-grained silt-sized sediment believed to have been formed by the grinding of glaciers and deposited by the wind?

Answer: LOESS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - "The sun burned in the reservation sky like a fever dream animal." This line is from the short story "In the Belly of the Death Mother" by Native American writer Craig Kee Strete. Four of the words in the passage are identical to the names of four teams in what professional sports league?

Answer: WNBA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What Briton's oddly and awkwardly menacing visage was cropped from this photograph? [Click here](#)

Answer: TONY BLAIR

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - A particular conical glazed earthenware vessel provides the name for a renowned, slow-cooked composite meat and white-bean-based dish native to the French Languedoc. What is that dish?

Answer: CASSOULET

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Columbus, Roswell, Albany, Gainesville, Duluth, Canton, and Dallas are all cities in what U.S. state? Note that these cities, which are listed in order by population, all have more prominent namesakes in other states.

Answer: GEORGIA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - An open rebellion in 1877 led (reluctantly) by Saigo Takamori, which was suppressed by the Japanese army and was rooted in a previous attempt to defeat the Tokugawa government, was the last significant uprising against the Meiji government by what group?

Answer: SAMURAI

Q5.: ART - Harmen, Reynier, Claes, and Frans II, painters themselves, were all children of what 16th/17th-century Dutch portrait specialist?

Answer: FRANS HALS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The term PDA, for "personal digital assistant," was first used at 1992's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, in a keynote speech by John Sculley, in (indirect) reference to a device his company would formally introduce a year later that had what name?

Answer: APPLE NEWTON

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A semi-retired wrestler, a former federal prison, a British Overseas Territory, and a sports arena in Newark, New Jersey, all share what nickname?

Answer: THE ROCK

Q2.: FILM - In the film *The Silence of the Lambs*, Hannibal Lecter tells Clarice Starling that he once ate a census taker's liver with beans and wine. Specifically, what type of beans, and what Italian wine (two answers needed)?

Answer: FAVA, CHIANTI

Q3.: THEATRE - The young Henry V of England in Shakespeare's *Henry IV* plays has a sobriquet that is common particularly in literary scholarship, though not the plays themselves. That two-word moniker, when reversed, gives the name of a 21-time Tony Award winner. What is either name?

Answer: PRINCE HAL/HAL PRINCE

Q4.: AMER HIST - While the high-water mark of the Confederacy was reached during the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, contemporaries were quicker to recognize the grand strategic importance of the surrender the very next day of rebel forces defending what city and Mississippi River stronghold?

Answer: VICKSBURG

Q5.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of the famous song from *The Wizard of Oz*, somewhere over the rainbow, troubles melt like what?

Answer: LEMON DROPS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What English male forename (nickname, to be precise) is also, unrelatedly, an Old Persian term for "land"?

Answer: STAN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What U.S. city is home to both the second-oldest major league baseball stadium currently in use (after Boston), as well as the second-oldest stadium in current use by the NFL (after Los Angeles)?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - The Radetzky March, Tales from the Vienna Woods, Music of the Spheres, the Alpenrose polka, and Ariadne auf Naxos are all works by composers that share what last name?

Answer: STRAUSS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Alice Paul, Millicent Fawcett, and Emily Wilding Davison are among the people that could be described by a term which was first used condescendingly by journalist Charles Hands in London's Daily Mail but has since taken a positive connotation, and today is mostly obsolete, used only in a historical sense. What is that term?

Answer: SUFFRAGETTE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name, used in North India and most common in the west, for the sweet milk pudding that is served as a dessert or during a meal, usually made with rice, and flavored with raisins, cardamom, cinnamon, almonds, pistachio, or other ingredients? Its South Indian equivalent is payasam.

Answer: KHEER

Q5.: LITERATURE - The four houses of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, from the Harry Potter series, were each named after a different alliteratively named individual. Give the first name of anyone of these four individuals.

Answer: GODRIC, HELGA, ROWENA, SALAZAR

Q6.: SCIENCE - A mule is the hybrid offspring of a jack (male donkey) and mare (female horse). What is the term for the hybrid offspring of a stallion (male horse) and jenny (female donkey)?

Answer: HINNY

Q1.: LITERATURE - According to the popular nursery rhyme, Mary's garden grows with silver bells, pretty maids all in a row, and what else?

Answer: COCKLE SHELLS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The 1997 boxing match that was billed as "The Sound and the Fury" but later became known as "The Bite Fight" was won by what fighter?

Answer: EVANDER HOLYFIELD

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Strategic Defense Initiative, conceived and announced by President Reagan in March 1983 as a means of protecting the United States from Soviet attack via ICBM, was best known by what nickname?

Answer: STAR WARS

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Édouard Manet's A Bar at the Folies-Bergère, pictured here, features within it what is believed to be one of the first formally registered trademarks.

It is a trademark for what brand? [Click here](#)

Answer: BASS PALE ALE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Among mammals, echidnas possess a prominent distinction shared with exactly one other mammalian species. What is that other species?

Answer: PLATYPUS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is, by far, the largest state in Australia as measured by land area? It comprises nearly one-third of the total area of the country and is itself larger than any country in Africa.

Answer: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Q1.: FILM - Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, John Guillermin, and Peter Jackson all directed blockbuster films featuring what famous fictional character?
Answer: KING KONG

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What Spanish knight and theologian founded the Society of Jesus ("Jesuits") in September 1540?
Answer: IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Carr's, Premium Plus, Crown Pilot, and Wasa are (or were) brands for different types of what product?
Answer: CRACKERS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The sphere-shaped mass of billions and billions of cometary objects that comprises the outer edge of the solar system is a (theoretical) "cloud" named after what Dutch astronomer?

Answer: JAN OORT

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The vast majority of Shona people and native speakers of the Shona language reside in what southern African country?

Answer: ZIMBABWE

Q6.: ART - What artistic movement, the term for which was used in 1958 by English critic Lawrence Alloway in reference to commercial graphics and advertising, took off in the early 1960s with the works of Peter Blake, Marjorie Strider, David Hockney, Jasper Johns, Rosalyn Drexler, and Roy Lichtenstein?

Answer: POP ART

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Since the 11th century, a central district known as the Rialto has been an important commercial and financial area of what European city?

Answer: VENICE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In April 2016, 11.5 million documents were leaked that reveal financial details relating to sprawling and secretive offshore entities used by wealthy individuals and public officials. What term is used for these documents, referencing the location of the law firm that created the documents over the past five decades?

Answer: PANAMA PAPERS

Q3.: SCIENCE - What tick-borne disease was originally named "black measles" but is now named in reference to the region in which it was first identified (although it is found throughout the contiguous U.S. and elsewhere)? Caused by the *Rickettsia rickettsii* bacterium, it was frequently fatal before the advent of effective antibiotic therapy.

Answer: ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Q4.: FILM - J. M. Barrie's original Peter and Wendy gives the location of "Neverland" as "second to the right, and straight on till morning." What word was added to these directions beginning with Walt Disney's 1953 film version of Peter Pan?

Answer: STAR

Q5.: LANGUAGE - It has been asserted, incorrectly, that a common nickname for a particular food item comes from a nineteenth-century British activist group known as the Society for the Prevention of an Unwholesome Diet. What is that food?

Answer: POTATO/SPUD

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The sadistic zeal of what infamous Spanish Inquisitor General has made his name an embodiment of cruel persecution? Interestingly, while his name evokes a Latin verb for inflicting extreme pain, it actually derives from a village in his Castilian homeland.

Answer: TOMAS DE TORQUEMADA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - D'Ardennes, ibérico, di Parma, Westfälischer, and Yunnan all form common phrases with the accompaniment of one word—the same word, albeit in the corresponding language. What is that word translated into English?

Answer: HAM

Q2.: ART - It is generally believed that Vincent van Gogh slashed his left earlobe following an altercation with what friend and fellow Post-Impressionist?

Answer: PAUL GAUGUIN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Shore Fast Line, which is sometimes indirectly referred to today by a slightly altered name, was an electric interurban that ran for much of the first half of the twentieth century. What city is the most prominent among those served by this line?

Answer: ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Q4.: AMER HIST - While they called themselves the Haudenosaunee, French colonists of the seventeenth century referred to the association of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca peoples by what name, which remains today in common use for this league of tribes?

Answer: IROQUOIS

Q5.: LITERATURE - The national epic of Finland, compiled by Elias Lönnrot from old ballads, lyrical songs, and incantations from oral tradition, is known by what name?

Answer: KALEVALA

Q6.: MATH - The square root of two, which is an irrational number (and likely the first number determined to be irrational), is often referred to as a constant named after what mathematician and philosopher, followers of whom made the determination of the number's irrationality?

Answer: PYTHAGORAS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the name of this pioneering early handheld game, advertised as "the electronic wizard"? (Note: photo has been slightly edited.)[Click here](#)

Answer: MERLIN

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In June 2016, Forbes magazine adjusted its estimate of the net worth of American businessperson Elizabeth Holmes from \$4.5 billion to \$0, due to the severe legal and regulatory issues around what medical health technology company she founded in 2003, at age 19?

Answer: THERANOS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, long ignored, has become newsworthy for its 261 words which lay out the parameters for what?

Answer: EU EXIT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the current name, from an Arabic backronym that spells out "victory," for the former Palestine National Liberation Movement, created in 1959 and first led by Yasser Arafat?

Answer: FATAH

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Music for 18 Musicians, a watershed in the history of minimalist music, is the work of what American composer, whose other pieces include Different Trains, City Life, and the polyrhythmic Drumming?

Answer: STEVE REICH

Q6.: SCIENCE - What term is used for any cylindrical or conical mineral deposit built up from the floor of a cavern or other cave?

Answer: STALAGMITE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Louise and Ciccone are the middle and last names of what mononymous superstar?

Answer: MADONNA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - West Germany and Argentina did it consecutively in 1974 and 1978, but since then only one country has won the FIFA Men's World Cup while also serving as the tournament's host. Name that country.

Answer: FRANCE

Q3.: FILM - What iconic fictional character debuted to the public in Kid Auto Races at Venice, appeared in numerous other films, including Mabel's Strange Predicament, The Kid, and City Lights, and was retired in Modern Times?

Answer: THE TRAMP

Q4.: SCIENCE - "Eppur si muove" ("And yet it [the earth] does move [around the sun]")-these words were allegedly uttered by what convicted heretic, after an appearance before the Inquisition in 1633?

Answer: GALILEO GALILEI

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The agreement signed in February 1992 by the twelve member nations of the European Community to create the European Union is named after the ancient city in which it was signed. What is that city?

Answer: MAASTRICHT

Q6.: LITERATURE - What term, referencing price as well as quality, was most used for any of a number of popular and sensational serial literary works produced in the middle of Britain's Victorian era and primarily marketed toward young males of the working class?

Answer: PENNY DREADFUL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Upon its completion in July 1904, the Trans-Siberian Railway connected Moscow and European Russia with what Pacific Ocean port city?

Answer: VLADIVOSTOK

Q2.: POP MUSIC - "Chandelier," "Elastic Heart," and "Cheap Thrills" are the biggest hits (so far) from what Australian singer-songwriter?

Answer: SIA (FURLER)

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the term, often applied conceptually in relation to the first law of thermodynamics, for a process in which there is no transfer of heat between a system and its surroundings? The word comes directly from the Greek for "impassable".

Answer: ADIABATIC

Q4.: AMER HIST - With the creation of the U.S. Department of Education in 1979, another cabinet-level department saw its scope of functions reduced and, accordingly, its name changed. What was the new (and still current) full name of this department, whose original incarnation was formed in 1953?

Answer: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Q5.: TELEVISION - Dunder Mifflin is to Scranton as Wernham Hogg is to what English town?

Answer: SLOUGH

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The chief use of the plant *Althaea officinalis* is the mucilaginous substance yielded by its roots, which is the traditional basis for a popular confection (though largely replaced today by gum arabic or gelatin). What is the common name of this plant, which is also the name for the confection itself?

Answer: MARSHMALLOW

Q1.: LITERATURE - The powerful Norns, figures in Norse mythology who live at the foot of the ash tree Yggdrasil and water it daily from the fountain of Urd, are the rough equivalent of what triad of classical mythology?

Answer: FATES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A monarch of England and Ireland who ruled in the mid-16th century—a devout Catholic and issue of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon—has a nickname in Protestant hagiography that is also used as the name of both a supernatural being from folklore and a cocktail. What is that nickname?

Answer: BLOODY MARY

Q3.: TELEVISION - Judy, George, Jane, and Elroy: These are the first names of what TV family?

Answer: THE JETSONS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - "Three-Country Cairn" (Treriksroysa/Treriksroset/Kolmen valtakunnan rajapyykki) is the name of a monument that marks an international border shared by what three nations?

Answer: NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND

Q5.: THEATRE - The writers and performers Ruth Draper, Spalding Gray, Marshall Pinckney Wilder, and Eve Ensler are all closely associated with what theatrical form, the name of which is included in the title of the latter's most famous work?

Answer: MONOLOGUE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Wally Pipp and Babe Dahlgren were major league baseball players with successful careers in their own rights, but they are largely remembered today for serving as bookends to the career of what hall of famer?

Answer: LOU GEHRIG

Q1.: SCIENCE - The name for what fundamental unit of matter was originated by American physicist Murray Gell-Mann, inspired by a line in James Joyce's Finnegans Wake?

Answer: QUARK

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - The neck, forepillar, resonator, and strings are necessary components in virtually all European versions of what musical instrument?

Answer: HARP

Q3.: AMER HIST - Who was the named petitioner in the first United States Supreme Court case in which the Court declared an act of Congress unconstitutional?

Answer: WILLIAM MARBURY

Q4.: LITERATURE - In prosody, the study of poetic meters and verse form, a line whose final syllable is stressed or accented is described by what adjective? (Its opposite describes a line that ends in a stressless syllable.)

Answer: MASCULINE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The U.S. specialty grocery-store chain Trader Joe's is run by a company that also runs—and is named after—what German supermarket giant, noted for its rock-bottom prices and total lack of ambiance?

Answer: ALDI

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - In 1918, one of the six U.S. Army Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" biplanes modified for the purpose of delivering mail appeared, infamously (but perhaps fittingly), where?

Answer: POSTAGE STAMP

Q1.: ART - Contained in this montage are works by what American artist?[Click here](#)
Answer: JOHN TRUMBULL

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the name of this beloved television character (note, name the character, not the actor)?[Click here](#)
Answer: LIZZIE MCGUIRE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A Nahuatl word meaning "concoction" or "mixture" provides the basis for the name of a famous Mexican sauce which has numerous varieties but always prominently features chili peppers, is cooked, and sometimes includes chocolate. What is the generic name for this sauce?

Answer: MOLE

Q4.: FILM - The endearing and influential 1966 documentary *The Endless Summer* is credited with spreading globally the popularity (and culture) of what sport?

Answer: SURFING

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The third-most populous city in Mississippi, Southaven, is a suburb of a city in another state. What is that other city?

Answer: MEMPHIS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What word, defined as an astronomical configuration that occurs when three celestial bodies lie in a straight line, is one of few words in the English language (and the shortest) to contain three occurrences of the letter Y?

Answer: SYZYGY

Q1.: ART - "I was walking down the road with two friends when the sun set; suddenly, the sky turned as red as blood. I stopped and leaned against the fence, feeling unspeakably tired. Tongues of fire and blood stretched over the bluish black fjord." This is a partial description, in the artist's own words, of what 1893 painting?

Answer: THE SCREAM

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Who was the lead vocalist of Motown Records' most successful music group of the 1960s? The singer in question left the group to pursue a solo career in January 1970.

Answer: DIANA ROSS

Q3.: TELEVISION - Since 2003, Kevin O'Connor has served as host for what PBS television show, which began on Boston station WGBH, hosted by Bob Vila?

Answer: THIS OLD HOUSE

Q4.: SCIENCE - What abundant mineral, a lead sulfide (PbS), is the most common and important ore of lead, as well as a source of silver? It's the namesake for a number of communities in the United States, including the one-time home of Ulysses S. Grant.

Answer: GALENA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - North Sepulveda Boulevard, which runs north/south for five miles along the 405 in West Los Angeles, provides a link between two highly acclaimed films. What are those films?

Answer: MULHOLLAND DRIVE, SUNSET BOULEVARD

Q6.: LITERATURE - "Aschenputtel," "Dornröschen," "Schneewittchen," "Der Froschkönig," and "Rotkäppchen" are all popular today thanks in part to the work of what duo?

Answer: DIE BRÜDER GRIMM (THE BROTHERS GRIMM)

Q1.: THEATRE - What is the title of Eugene O'Neill's resetting of Aeschylus's *Oresteia*, premiering in October 1931? O'Neill reinterprets the title character as Lavinia, the sister of Orestes (Orestes) and daughter of General Ezra Mannon (Agamemnon).

Answer: MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - "Socialism with a human face" was the description applied to the reform communism that was introduced in 1968 in Czechoslovakia. It provoked the Soviet invasion in August of that year and quickly failed. Who was the leader (and human) who proposed this new approach, about twenty years too early?

Answer: ALEXANDER DUBČEK

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Standard & Poor's Depository Receipts were the first of a family of U.S.-based exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which are today among the world's largest products traded on major exchanges. These funds, managed by State Street Global Advisors, are well known informally by what nickname?

Answer: SPIDERS (SPDR)

Q4.: SCIENCE - Hansen's disease, a mildly contagious and curable infectious condition now rare in the United States (and becoming rarer globally), is also known by what name?

Answer: LEPROSY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What non-US island, despite a land area less than half the size of Rhode Island, is currently home to 32 U.S. military bases and about 10,000 American military personnel?

Answer: OKINAWA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A picture of what appears, appropriately, on the label for HP Sauce, England's favorite brown sauce?

Answer: HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT (BIG BEN)

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The group of territories known collectively by the formal names Union indochinoise or Fédération indochinoise consisted primarily of land area now within what three countries?

Answer: CAMBODIA, LAOS, VIETNAM

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the manga series, about an android child developed by a Japanese roboticist to replace the scientist's lost son, that is the most famous and enduring work of "father of manga" Osamu Tezuka?

Answer: ASTRO BOY (MIGHTY ATOM)

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In 1997, regional Bell operating company Bell Atlantic merged with fellow "Baby Bell" NYNEX, then merged, in 2000, with the independent telephone company GTE. At that point, this new entity was renamed what?

Answer: VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS

Q4.: THEATRE - What is the name of the boastful, unscrupulous, and unreliable servant who is a stock clown character from the Italian commedia dell'arte (and the "Bohemian Rhapsody")?

Answer: SCARAMOUCHE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Boston Marathon is held annually on a state holiday with what name, which might be distasteful to followers of Jets, Colts, and others?

Answer: PATRIOTS' DAY

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Derived from the Latin word for "rope" is what term for a counterbalanced two-car cable railway used on steep grades like mountainsides? Pictured here is an example, the Saltburn Cliff Lift in North Yorkshire, England. [Click here](#)

Answer: FUNICULAR

Q1.: SCIENCE - Mars's reddish appearance (hence the "Red Planet") is due to the prevalence on the planet's surface of what oxide?

Answer: IRON OXIDE

Q2.: AMER HIST - What was the emblem and nickname of the Progressive Party, a political party founded in the summer of 1912 by Republican Party dissenters favoring the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt over the incumbent W. H. Taft? It was derived from a quote from Roosevelt himself, referencing his own health.

Answer: BULL MOOSE

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The name of what poet and prophet of legend appears in the titles of both a 1607 opera by Claudio Monteverdi and a 1762 opera by Christoph Willibald Gluck?

Answer: ORPHEUS

Q4.: LITERATURE - The 1950 epic poem Canto General (General Song) is the work of what Chilean leftist, who won the Lenin Prize for Peace in 1953 and the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1971?

Answer: PABLO NERUDA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What now-common term originated with brothers Chang and Eng Bunker, naturalized American citizens who died in North Carolina on January 17, 1874?

Answer: SIAMESE TWINS

Q6.: ART - Name any of the items on the table in this painting by Georges Braque, per the painting's title.[Click here](#)

Answer: CANDLESTICK, PLAYING CARDS

Q1.: FILM - What athlete, in addition to appearing as himself in numerous films and television shows, starred as Neon Boudeaux in Blue Chips, John Henry Irons/Steel in Steel, and the title character in Kazaam?

Answer: SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

Q2.: WORLD HISTORY - Operation Ranch Hand was a tactical military project conducted by U.S. forces during the Vietnam War which consisted of nearly 20,000 sorties during its ten-year campaign. It involved the use of what novel weapon, which was later renounced in an executive order signed by President Ford in 1975?

Answer: HERBICIDE/AGENT ORANGE

Q3.: TELEVISION - It's Always Something is the title of a 1989 autobiography by what comedian, as well as the subtitle of a 2002 TV movie about her life? The expression comes from a popular television character she portrayed, who would end her editorial commentary by saying "It just goes to show you, it's always something."

Answer: GILDA RADNER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, what woman became the first American to win an Olympic medal in women's judo, foreshadowing a dominant run in professional mixed martial arts (MMA)?

Answer: RONDA ROUSEY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Pictured here is a family ride which is among the attractions at what U.S. theme park?[Click here](#)

Answer: HERSHEYPARK

Q6.: POP MUSIC - In May 1983, while the Billboard 200 album chart was being dominated by Thriller, this band had two different albums in the top ten. Name this band, which was mostly unknown in the northern hemisphere a year earlier, and would produce its last studio album in 1985.

Answer: MEN AT WORK

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The mayor of a large working-class urban district known as Ümraniye has recently announced that the district's main square would be renamed 15 July Martyrs Square, honoring the roughly 300 people who died in a military insurrection on that day in what country?

Answer: TURKEY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A mountain straddling the Switzerland/Italy border is known as Monte Cervino and Mont Cervin in Italian and French, respectively. By what name is it best known in German (and in English, most often)?

Answer: MATTERHORN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In the New Testament Matthew 14, the daughter of Herodias (not named in the Bible but later identified as Salome) so pleases Herod with her dancing that he offers to grant her any wish. She replies that she wantswhose what(which is then delivered to her on a platter)?

Answer: THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Washington, DC, building that houses the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Labor was completed in 1975 and, in 1980, formally named after what pioneering woman, on the 100th anniversary of her birth?

Answer: FRANCES PERKINS

Q5.: LITERATURE -The Sun Also Rises, The Bell Jar, Look Homeward, Angel, and The Lords of Disciplineare examples of works of what literary form? The term dates to 17th-century France and describes a work that portrays identifiable characters thinly disguised as fictional characters.

Answer: ROMAN À CLEF

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Before embarking on a successful solo career in 2004 (in music as well as fashion), Gwen Stefani served for the previous eighteen years as a vocalist and songwriter for what California-based rock band?

Answer: NO DOUBT

Q1.: LITERATURE - Journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates, poet Ellen Bryant Voigt, photographer LaToya Ruby Frazier, and playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda are among the 2015 recipients of the fellowship awarded by the private John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. This prestigious prize is best known, colloquially, as what?
Answer: GENIUS GRANT

Q2.: FILM - Who portrayed the characters Mars Blackmon in *She's Gotta Have It* (1986), Half-Pint in *School Daze* (1988), Mookie in *Do the Right Thing* (1989), and Snuffy in *Crooklyn* (1994)?
Answer: SPIKE LEE

Q3.: TELEVISION - *Grey's Anatomy*, *Private Practice*, and *Scandal* are (or were) all successful network series created and produced by what television mogul?
Answer: SHONDA RHIMES

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Until relatively recently, this name was most closely associated with the sister and wife of Osiris and mother of Horus in the Egyptian pantheon (or, perhaps, a DC Comics superheroine). What is that name?
Answer: ISIS

Q5.: ART - Who painted *The Bus* (pictured), which satirizes class divisions in Mexican society while recording a moment before a terrible accident that occurred in September 1925? [Click here](#)
Answer: FRIDA KAHLO

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the early 2000s, the Women's Health Initiative, launched by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, as well as the Million Women Study conducted in the UK, both found an increase in the likelihood of developing breast cancer (and other ailments) among women who were undergoing what treatment, resulting in a precipitous drop in its use?
Answer: HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY (HRT)

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the baseball star pictured here.[Click here](#)
Answer: MIKE TROUT

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Upon the completion of its full route in 1889, what were the eastern and western terminuses of the original passenger train service dubbed the Orient Express? (Note: two cities required in answer.)
Answer: PARIS, ISTANBUL

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - This is an example of a cosmetic applicator designed and marketed for the application of what? Note that the term itself is edited from the photo.[Click here](#)
Answer: (LIQUID) EYELINER

Q4.: MATH - An equilateral triangle has all sides of equal length, while an isosceles triangle has exactly two sides the same length. What's the accompanying term for any triangle with all sides of different lengths?
Answer: SCALENE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What is the two-word title customarily conferred by a British monarch on his or her eldest daughter? There have officially been seven such title-holders, including the incumbent Anne, the oldest daughter of Elizabeth II (and her second eldest child after Charles).
Answer: PRINCESS ROYAL

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What smash hit song, the biggest in the career of country music group Little Big Town, won both the Song of the Year and Single of the Year at the CMA Awards in 2015, as well as the Best Country Song at the 2016 Grammys (losing to Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud" for Song of the Year Grammy)?
Answer: GIRL CRUSH

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The culinary term "affogato" normally refers to a dessert topped (or "drowned") with what?

Answer: ESPRESSO/COFFEE

Q2.: AMER HIST - What was the real name of the FBI Special Agent and one-time Deputy Director of the Bureau who was revealed in 2005 to be the secret Watergate informant "Deep Throat"?

Answer: W. MARK FELT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, pyridoxine, biotin, folic acid, and cobalamin form a dietary group of eight that is known collectively as what?

Answer: VITAMIN B COMPLEX

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Badaro, Raouché, Gemmayzeh, Saifi Village, Centre Ville (The Central District) and Wadi Abu Jamil are all neighborhoods or districts within what city on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea?

Answer: BEIRUT

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What New Orleans-born (and jazz and blues-influenced) singer and civil rights activist, who died in 1972, was dubbed the "Queen of Gospel"? In fact, her 1955 album was titled The World's Greatest Gospel Singer.

Answer: MAHALIA JACKSON

Q6.: LITERATURE - What was the nickname of the fictional literary character David Wilson, a young lawyer in pre-Civil War Dawson's Landing, Missouri, whose eccentric hobby of collecting fingerprints eventually helps him solve his novel's central murder?

Answer: PUDD'NHEAD

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The style of tailored overcoat like the example seen here is colloquially named after what world leader?[Click here](#)

Answer: JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

Q2.: MATH - In mathematics, a function is a non-empty set of ordered pairs of which no two can have the same first element. The set of all first elements in a function's ordered pairs is the domain, while the set of all second elements is the what?

Answer: RANGE/CODOMAIN

Q3.: LITERATURE - The title of a 1976 live album by the rock band Rush references the first line of a soliloquy by the melancholy traveler Jaques in Shakespeare's As You Like It. What is that line?

Answer: ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Q4.: SCIENCE - A unit of acceleration, used in geological surveying and elsewhere, which is defined as one centimeter per second squared (1 cm/s^2), is named (appropriately) after what mathematician and physicist?

Answer: GALILEO GALILEI

Q5.: TELEVISION - What titular television character was employed as an investigative journalist for the fictional newsmagazine program FYI?

Answer: MURPHY BROWN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The ANA Inspiration, an event of the LPGA Tour and one of the five major championships of women's professional golf, was for many years hosted by and named after what singer, talk-show personality, and Chevrolet pitchwoman?

Answer: DINAH SHORE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - While sloe gin is a liqueur made by infusing gin with berries of the sloe bush, gin itself is a liquor flavored predominantly by the berries of what other, coniferous plant?

Answer: JUNIPER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The landing operations (specifically) for the largest seaborne invasion in history—the June 1944 Allied assault of the French region of Normandy—were fittingly codenamed after what Roman deity?

Answer: NEPTUNE

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Give thefullname (given name and surname) of the composer and violin teacher who wrote several concertos and symphonies, including Die musikalische Schlittenfahrt (but perhaps not the "Toy Symphony" sometimes credited to him), and became court violinist at Salzburg in 1743, though he's surely most famous as a musical dad.

Answer: LEOPOLD MOZART

Q4.: THEATRE - The transfer of what musical from London's West End to Broadway in 1991 proved difficult in part because few New York houses are large enough to accommodate a set that includes a life-size helicopter?

Answer: MISS SAIGON

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the medical term for the inflammation, caused most often by a viral infection, of the membrane that surrounds the lungs and lines the thoracic cavity?

Answer: PLEURISY/PLEURITIS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What word is obscured by the red box in this image?[Click here](#)

Answer: CRUISER

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - American swimmer Michael Phelps holds the record for most career Olympic gold medals, with 23. Give the last name of any one of the five athletes who are tied for second place, with nine.

Answer: BOLT, LATYNINA, LEWIS, NURMI, SPITZ

Q2.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of an international hit rock song from 1976, one can dial 36-24-36 to procure, at an affordable cost, what title service?

Answer: DIRTY DEEDS (DONE DIRT CHEAP)

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Ross, Filchner-Ronne, Amery, Larsen, Riiser-Larsen, Fimbul, Shackleton, and George VI are all geographical features associated with Antarctica. They are all a type of feature defined by what two-word term?

Answer: ICE SHELF

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What great-granddaughter of Henry VII reigned as the Queen of England for nine days in 1553, before her forced abdication in favor of Mary I (and subsequent imprisonment in the Tower of London, and beheading)?

Answer: LADY JANE GREY

Q5.: FILM - In the film Marathon Man, what precisely is the three-word question Dr. Szell (Laurence Olivier) asks Babe (Dustin Hoffman) during his torturous interrogation with a dental probe?

Answer: IS IT SAFE?

Q6.: LITERATURE - Hong lou meng, a 19th-century work by Cao Xueqin that is considered China's greatest novel, is usually translated to English in part as Dream of the Redwhat?

Answer: CHAMBER

Q1.: ART - What is the name used for the modernist architectural style, pioneered by Philip Johnson, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the Bauhaus school, and others, that is characterized by architecture as volume (vs. mass), emphasis on regularity in the façade (vs. symmetry), and zero applied ornamentation? Dominant in the mid-20th century, the style took its name from a 1932 exhibition curated by Johnson and Henry-Russell Hitchcock at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Answer: INTERNATIONAL STYLE

Q2.: LITERATURE - What Roman Catholic writer from (and of) the rural American South first achieved wide regard as a master of the short story form via her collection published in 1955 as A Good Man is Hard to Find?

Answer: FLANNERY O'CONNOR

Q3.: FILM - Jude Law, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Jack Davenport played characters who were murdered (while Gwyneth Paltrow's and Cate Blanchett's were almost murdered) in what 1999 film?

Answer: THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Ariel, Umbriel, Belinda, Titania, Oberon, Puck, Miranda, Caliban, Prospero, Ophelia, Cressida, Desdemona, Portia, and Rosalind, along with exactly thirteen others, are all names of what?

Answer: MOONS OF URANUS

Q5.: ART - The largest privately owned house in the United States was commissioned by George W. Vanderbilt and erected on a vast estate of 125,000 acres near Asheville, NC. Designed by Richard Morris Hunt and completed in the 1890s, the estate is known by what name?

Answer: BILTMORE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What prolific patron of art, literature, and architecture was installed at Versailles in 1745, and for her final 20 years influenced state policy while assuming virtual control of public affairs during the reign of Louis XV?

Answer: MADAME DE POMPADOUR (JEAN ANTOINETTE POISSON)

Q1.: BUS/ECON - A portion of what company's logo is pictured here? [Click here](#)
Answer: STATE FARM

Q2.: FILM - Varla, Rosie, and Billie are three wild, drag racing go-go dancers who are up to no good at all in what 1965 Russ Meyer cult classic?
Answer: FASTER, PUSSYCAT! KILL! KILL!

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The cities of Lübeck, Hamburg, Bremen, Riga, Königsberg, and Dortmund were among a confederation that was known collectively during the Late Middle Ages as what?
Answer: HANSEATIC LEAGUE

Q4.: SCIENCE - Animals which are classified in the taxonomic class *Asteroidea* are most commonly known by what term?
Answer: STARFISH/SEA STARS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The Peshmerga are military forces which form a major part of the coalition in the offensive to retake the Iraq city of Mosul beginning in mid-October 2016. The Peshmerga are members of what Middle Eastern ethnic group?
Answer: KURDS

Q6.: TELEVISION - During the weeknight primetime hours (8 to 11 pm ET), the Fox News Channel typically shows three hour-long news/talk programs. One is hosted by Bill O'Reilly; another is hosted by Sean Hannity. Who hosts the third?
Answer: MEGYN KELLY

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Per the information on its packaging and in its marketing, what type of cake is used to produce a Hostess Twinkie?

Answer: (GOLDEN) SPONGE CAKE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The world's first woman to be democratically elected as chief of state was Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, who served as what nation's president beginning in August 1980?

Answer: ICELAND

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What Norwegian's last name comes next in this chronological list? Spassky, Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Karpov, Khalifman, Anand, Ponomariov, Kasimdzhanov, Topalov, Kramnik, Anand, _____.

Answer: (MAGNUS) CARLSEN

Q4.: THEATRE - A debilitating 1984-85 coal miners strike and its effects on a working-class community in County Durham in northeast England provide a crisis central to the story of what Broadway musical (and the movie on which it is based)?

Answer: BILLY ELLIOT: THE MUSICAL

Q5.: SCIENCE - Sufferers of a particular hereditary degenerative disorder of connective tissue, bones, ligament, and muscles tend to be tall and thin with long limbs and digits, and have included Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, Rent composer Jonathan Larson, actor Vincent Schiavelli, and possibly Akhenaten and Abe Lincoln (but, conspiracy theories aside, probably not Osama bin Laden). What is this syndrome, named after a late-19th/early-20th-century French pediatrician?

Answer: MARFAN SYNDROME

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - With works that include the quartet "Death and the Maiden," the song cycle Die schöne Müllerin, and several symphonies (some completed; others unfinished), the output of this great Austrian melodist is vast—notably so, given his premature death at age 31.

Answer: FRANZ SCHUBERT

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Although it was used by Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels about the Soviet Union and was in use elsewhere, what term's popularity in its Cold War definition is credited to a March 1946 speech by Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Missouri?

Answer: IRON CURTAIN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Only once in the history of tennis has a player (man or woman) achieved the Golden Slam—winning all four Grand Slam singles titles as well as an Olympic gold medal in singles in the same calendar year. Who accomplished this feat in 1988?

Answer: STEFFI GRAF

Q3.: LITERATURE - In a well-known centuries-old proverb, what comes first in a sequence that includes shoe, horse, rider, message, battle, and kingdom?

Answer: NAIL

Q4.: SCIENCE - Magnesium sulfate, and specifically a heptahydrate sulfate mineral with the formula $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, is commonly associated with what town in Surrey, England, due to the mineral spring there that produced the bitter and colorless inorganic compound?

Answer: EPSOM

Q5.: TELEVISION - According to the press from the FX network of a television series created by and starring Donald Glover, "Two cousins work through the _____ music scene in order to better their lives and the lives of their families." What fills in this blank of this quote, and also serves as the series's title?

Answer: ATLANTA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - While there are other candidates, including Dongbei and Guandong, what is the name most often used for the region in northeast China that comprises the provinces of Liaoning, Jilin, and Heilongjiang and forms the entirety of the Chinese border with North Korea?

Answer: MANCHURIA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In most English versions of the Bible (including the King James version), the 23rd psalm of the Old Testament begins with what five words?
Answer: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A July festival honoring Saint Fermin is a popular event in what ancient Basque city and capital of the Spanish autonomous community of Navarre?
Answer: PAMPLONA

Q3.: ART - Pictured here is exactly the left-most 1/3 of a painting by what artist?
[Click here](#)
Answer: JAMES ABBOTT MCNEILL WHISTLER

Q4.: LITERATURE - A popular 1961 novel by Scottish writer Muriel Spark tells of the "prime" (and the downfall) of what eccentric and revered Edinburgh schoolteacher?
Answer: MISS JEAN BRODIE

Q5.: FILM - Il Buono, Il Brutto, Il Cattivo is most often seen translated into English as what?
Answer: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the technical term, from the Latin for "decayed" or "rotten," used in dentistry for the gradual breakdown and disintegration of a tooth due to bacteria? Commonly known as cavities, it's an ailment believed to afflict the vast majority of the world's population.
Answer: CARIES

Q1.: ART - This montage contains photographs by what Danish-born social justice reformer and police reporter for the New York Tribune? [Click here](#)
Answer: JACOB RIIS

Q2.: FILM - Name the 1974 film loosely inspired by the real-life story of farmer and handyman Ed Gein (although Gein himself lived his entire life in Wisconsin).
Answer: THE TEXAS CHAIN SAW MASSACRE (also DERANGED)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - 1990's I'm Your Baby Tonight was what artist's first full-length album not to reach #1 on the Billboard 200 album chart, as well as her first not to be titled eponymously?
Answer: WHITNEY HOUSTON

Q4.: SCIENCE - What prefix, which is derived from the Greek for "deep," precedes "-scaphe" and "-sphere" in terms for vessels used to explore the ocean depths?
Answer: BATHY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A particular political movement, formed between 1945 and 1946 and still strong today, and formally labeled justicialism in 1949, has transformed and modified over the years but is a general amalgam of populist nationalism, social democracy, and economic independence. Perhaps mostly, it can be described as loyalty to what person (and his memory), after whom the movement is also commonly named?

Answer: JUAN PERÓN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Which African country has the continent's longest coastline on the Atlantic Ocean, running from the mouth of the Congo River in the north to the Namibian border on the Kunene River in the south (plus an exclave to the north)?
Answer: ANGOLA

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Identify this woman.[Click here](#)

Answer: SHERYL SANDBERG

Q2.: LITERATURE - The *Prix Renaudot*, *Prix Goncourt*, and *Prix Femina* are all prizes awarded annually in what field?

Answer: LITERATURE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Custer National Cemetery is located within Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, which itself is in Big Horn County, in what state?

Answer: MONTANA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Four Green Dragons, four Red Dragons, four White Dragons, four North Winds, four East Winds, four South Winds, and four West Winds: this "Honor" set of 28 is associated with what game?

Answer: MAH-JONGG

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the first major Afghan city to fall to the U.S. Special Forces-backed Northern Alliance was what strategically important city in the far northern Balkh province, roughly 200 miles northwest of Kabul?

Answer: MAZAR-I-SHARIF

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - A 1983 strategy game for the Atari 8-bit family; a 1981 film credited with launching (or at least boosting) the film careers of Patrick Stewart, Helen Mirren, Liam Neeson, and others; and a hotel and casino in Las Vegas are all named after what weapon?

Answer: EXCALIBUR

Q1.: MATH - What term is used in mathematics to describe a number that divides exactly into the difference between two given numbers (relevant to mathematical congruence)? The term is also used for the multiplication factor that converts a logarithm of one base to a logarithm of another base, as well as being another name for absolute value.

Answer: MODULUS

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What singer-songwriter's fourth studio album was titled Yes I Am, in an apparent and proudly bold response to questions from much of her earlier career involving her personal life?

Answer: MELISSA ETHERIDGE

Q3.: SCIENCE - Separate from flaps and spoilers, the hinged surfaces on the back edge of airplane wings which are moved up and down to create uneven lift and thus control the plane's rolling and tilting movements are known as what?

Answer: AILERONS

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Identify the term, first used by financial journalist and investor Alfred Winslow Jones in the mid-20th century and still not clearly defined, which is closely associated with Steve Cohen, Daniel Loeb, John Paulson, Bill Ackman, Ken Griffin, David Tepper, and George Soros, among others.

Answer: HEDGE FUND

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Mousseline, also known as sauce Chantilly, is a variation of hollandaise which includes the addition of what ingredient?

Answer: (WHIPPED) CREAM

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - The ebullient Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra is the work of what 20th-century composer, arguably Britain's most celebrated since Sir Edward Elgar?

Answer: BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - A regulatory commission was established in Europe in 1948, currently headquartered in Budapest, Hungary, and including only fellow riparian nations, for the common purpose of improving, maintaining, and safeguarding free navigation of what?

Answer: DANUBE RIVER

Q2.: ART - 1944's Hoosick Falls in Winter is among the works painted during the 23-year career of what American artist, who died in December 1961 at age 101?

Answer: GRANDMA MOSES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The first parliamentary democracy was officially created in Germany with the signing into law of the Constitution of the German Reich by SDP member and provisional president of the German Reichstag (and chancellor-to-be) Friedrich Ebert. The signing took place in 1919 in what city?

Answer: WEIMAR (SCHWARZBURG)

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What Hindi word, adopted into English and very common on menus of Indian restaurants, has much the same meaning as kebab, referring to small chunks of grilled meat (usually)?

Answer: TIKKA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Rewrite the following sentence, changing the verb to past perfect progressive: I think.

Answer: I HAD BEEN THINKING

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Wandsworth, Brixton, Wakefield, Wormwood Scrubs, Albany, Long Lartin, and Parkhurst are all British examples of what?

Answer: PRISONS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What U.S. city, which had a population of around 287,000 in the 2010 census, shares a name with a province and historical city of Spain?

Answer: TOLEDO

Q2.: AMER HIST - The controversial (to say the least) proviso to ban slavery within land acquired during the Mexican War was introduced in 1846 by what Pennsylvania Congressman? While it was never passed into law, it is credited with helping to bring about the eventual collapse of the Whigs and the later emergence of the Republican Party.

Answer: DAVID WILMOT

Q3.: FILM - Ismail and James are the first names of what iconic and distinctive filmmaking duo, whose names have come to represent a certain style of film beyond those they themselves produced that are similar in manner and gentility?

Answer: MERCHANT IVORY

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In business, what is the most common term for the current asset designation, reported on a company's balance sheet, which represents the amount owed to the company by its customers or debtors in the short term? It is often (but not necessarily) accompanied by the word "accounts"?

Answer: RECEIVABLES

Q5.: LITERATURE - The fictional woodcutter Ali Baba's life turns rich and prosperous thanks mostly to what phrase?

Answer: OPEN, SESAME

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What rap artist's first claim to fame was as the "original human beat box" (or for being on in six minutes in his hit song "The Show"), but is perhaps now best known for his namesake hip hop dance, popularized 20 years after his artistic peak? (Note: You may name either the artist or the dance.)

Answer: DOUG E. FRESH/DOUGIE

Q1.: THEATRE - The Broadway musical Bye Bye Birdie was inspired by the hysteria that followed whose draft into the U.S. Army?

Answer: ELVIS PRESLEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The "League for the Independence of Vietnam" was a political and military organization formed in 1941 to liberate Vietnam from the Japanese and then gain independence from France (and then oppose South Vietnam and the U.S. in the Vietnam War). By what two-word name—an abbreviation of the organization's full official name and reminiscent of the name of its long-time leader—was this coalition of nationalists and communists widely known?

Answer: VIET MINH

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Meinl, Paiste, Sabian, and Zildjian are considered the "big four" manufacturers of what?

Answer: CYMBALS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Maser—a high-frequency amplifier in which a signal is used to stimulate atoms into emitting energy at the same frequency—is, like laser, an acronym. What does the "m" in maser stand for?

Answer: MICROWAVE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - With an area of ~3,500 square miles and 3.7 million residents (at the 2010 census), what is by far (by both measures) the largest U.S. territory?

Answer: PUERTO RICO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Legend says that the name for a particular variant of the game of poker, where players receive a mix of face-up and face-down cards, comes from the item one player offered as a bet when the game was created during the mid-1800s. What is the name for that poker variant?

Answer: STUD

Q1.: FILM - A 1986 film, whose plot is derived from a novella published in 1982 (as part of an anthology), takes its title from a song first released in 1961. What is that title?

Answer: STAND BY ME

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - "High Land" is the English translation of the name of what midwestern U.S. city, describing its location on a plateau overlooking the Wabash River?

Answer: TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Of the two great epic poems of India, the longer is the Mahābhārata. The shorter, composed in Sanskrit by the poet Valmiki and with 24,000 couplets divided into seven books in its modern form, has what name?

Answer: RAMAYANA

Q4.: AMER HIST - What Scottish-born American detective and spy led an intelligence network for General George McClellan and served President Lincoln as head of what would be the precursor to the Secret Service? Later, his namesake National Detective Agency would battle the Molly Maguires and police other labor disputes (often controversially and violently).

Answer: ALLAN PINKERTON

Q5.: TELEVISION - Prince, Tron Carter, Negrodamus, Ashy Larry, and Rick James are among the characters (real and fictional) who appeared on what sketch comedy series?

Answer: CHAPPELLE'S SHOW

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The object pictured here is among the regulation equipment produced for use in what game?[Click here](#)

Answer: TETHERBALL

Q1.: TELEVISION - This is a promotional still from what (seemingly appropriately named) television series? [Click here](#)

Answer: SUITS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 1928 Pact of Paris, formally the General Treaty for Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy, was a noble but toothless agreement best known by a name that references its authors, the U.S. Secretary of State and the French Foreign Minister. What is this more common name?

Answer: KELLOGG-BRIAND PACT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Directed by the United Nations Security Council, construction began in 1991 on a 120-mile long fence and barrier zone, nine miles wide with electrified fencing, concertina wire, trenches, and dirt berms, on the border of two nations. Name either of those nations.

Answer: IRAQ, KUWAIT

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the philosophical system developed by Ayn Rand, expressed in *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*, as well as in her nonfiction works, which holds, among other tenets, that all real achievement is the result of individual ability and effort and that altruism is a vice?

Answer: OBJECTIVISM

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Deriving from a French term for "raw" or "uncooked", what word is used to refer to raw vegetables or fruits, often thinly sliced or grated and accompanied by cold sauces, that are served as an hors d'oeuvre?

Answer: CRUDITÉS

Q6.: FILM - Pictured here is a scene from what animated film? [Click here](#)

Answer: PRINCESS MONONOKE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What genre of Jamaican music, named for the type of venue in which it originated, emerged in the 1970s with DJs "toasting" over prerecorded tracks? A precursor to American rap and hip hop, it borrowed back from those styles in the 80s in its transformation into the modern, digital "ragga" style.

Answer: DANCEHALL

Q2.: AMER HIST - The existence of a separate political system in the Western Hemisphere; U.S. resistance to further European colonization in the region; U.S. neutrality with existing European colonies and in European affairs: these items are included in a doctrine written by John Quincy Adams but attributed to (and proclaimed by) whom?

Answer: JAMES MONROE

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The "Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination," which is administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and qualifies candidates to become investment advisers, is commonly known as the Series 65 exam. Another FINRA exam, formally the "General Securities Representative Exam (GS)," provides the qualifications necessary to trade general securities (i.e., be a stockbroker) and is likewise best known by what numerical name?

Answer: SERIES 7 EXAM

Q4.: LITERATURE - Two of the three words in the title of a popular, moralistic 1812 novel could also apply to the group that created the novel—pastor Johann David Wyss and his sons, Johann Rudolf Wyss and Johann Emmanuel Wyss. What are either of those two words?

Answer: SWISS FAMILY

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - A philosophical tract by Friedrich Nietzsche provides the loose basis for a tone poem composed in 1896 by Richard Strauss. What title do they share?

Answer: ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA (THUS SPOKE ZARATHUSTRA)

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Pasta and other Italian dishes which are described as al forno, such as lasagna, have what distinction?

Answer: (OVEN) BAKED

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The first son of Jacob and Leah and progenitor of one of the twelve tribes of Israel has a name that also commonly appears (unrelatedly) on delicatessen menus. What is that name?

Answer: REUBEN

Q2.: ART - While the building today houses the most important collection of paintings in Italy, its original purpose when commissioned in 1560 was to house the government. What is this museum, whose name translates to English as "offices"?

Answer: UFFIZI

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the four main islands of Japan, which is the farthest north?
Answer: HOKKAIDO

Q4.: SCIENCE - What automotive engineer (and famous automotive name) developed the Volkswagen Beetle and the classic Mercedes-Benz SSK, not to mention various Nazi military vehicles?

Answer: FERDINAND PORSCHE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In the gameScrabble, what is the sum of the point values on the tiles used to play the word SCRABBLE (as displayed on many standardScrabbleboards)?
Answer: 14

Q6.: AMER HIST - What was the derogatory epithet used to describe whites of the southern United States who cooperated with occupying forces from the North during the post-Civil War Reconstruction era?

Answer: SCALAWAGS

Q1.: THEATRE - While its emphasis was on vaudeville when it was founded in 1905 (as indicated by its title), what leading weekly theatrical magazine soon expanded to cover all aspects of "show biz" (a term the journal itself originated in 1945)?
Answer: VARIETY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the sartorially named faction of Parisian commoners who were politically active during the French Revolutionary Wars, associated for a time with the Jacobins? More broadly, the term was also used to apply to the mass of the working populace across France during the era.

Answer: SANS-CULOTTES

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only nation that shares land borders with both India and Bangladesh?

Answer: BURMA/MYANMAR

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The development of the modern version of what musical apparatus is credited to Frenchman François Tourte, whose innovations include the use of pernambuco, perfection of the screw and eyelet system, and a heavier frog?

Answer: BOW

Q5.: LITERATURE - Seventeen-year-old (or thereabouts) William Cullen Bryant's musings on a magnificent and omnipresent Nature, human mortality, and a particular view of death are contained in a meditative poem first published in 1817 under what title?

Answer: THANATOPSIS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What term for the outer layers of cereal grains is commonly found in grocery cereal aisles, as it is often added to many commercial breakfast cereals and also can be purchased separately?

Answer: BRAN

Q1.: POP MUSIC -Otra Vez,A Toda Maquina,Eyes of Innocence, and Primitive Love were albums released in the 1980s by what musical group? Later in the decade, the group would become the backing band for its lead singer's solo career.

Answer: MIAMI SOUND MACHINE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - With 26 titles, including eight of the last 12, what soccer club is the most dominant in the history of the German Bundesliga, and is Germany's most successful club in European competition? (Please note that the name of a city alone is not a sufficient answer to this question).

Answer: BAYERN MUNICH

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What type of nuts, from the state tree of Texas, are pictured here?[Click here](#)

Answer: PECANS

Q4.: FILM - The 2002 film Russian Ark (Russkiy kovcheg) is best known (perhaps only known) for the technical wonder of its single shot of approximately an hour and a half, wandering steadily through what building?

Answer: HERMITAGE MUSEUM/WINTER PALACE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Glen Canyon, New Bullards Bar, New Croton, Oroville, Robert Moses-Robert H. Saunders, Three Gorges, Itaipu, and Shasta are all names of what?

Answer: DAMS

Q6.: SCIENCE - Produced in 1935 and first released in the marketplace in 1938, what thermoplastic was the first commercially successful, fully synthetic fiber?

Answer: NYLON

Q1.: ART - A mechanical device from the 16th century that uses a series of adjustable mirrors and lenses to project a scene in a darkened space to aid in painting or drawing was known as a camera ottica, but is better known as what other "camera"?

Answer: CAMERA OBSCURA

Q2.: LANGUAGE - In what language is the following sentence written? Mae fy hofrenfad yn llawn llyswennod.

Answer: WELSH (CYMRAEG)

Q3.: TELEVISION - What 1990s television series began with the title character, Cory Matthews, as a sixth-grader who navigates his pre-teen years alongside his best friend, Shawn, and his future wife, Topanga? They all pass through high school and into college during the show's original seven seasons.

Answer: BOY MEETS WORLD

Q4.: SCIENCE - While it may sometimes include small amounts of other metals, brass is primarily an alloy of what two metals—often in roughly a 2-to-1 ratio (though proportions can vary significantly depending on use)?

Answer: COPPER, ZINC

Q5.: MATH - The mathematical notation logexis accurate but is more often expressed in what other manner?

Answer: ln x (NATURAL LOG)

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Uruguayan urban guerrilla group Tupamaros were named after an 18th-century Peruvian Indian revolutionary, who himself had adopted the name of the last Incan ruler (from whom he claimed descent). What is that full name (first and last)?

Answer: TÚPAC AMARU

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Operation Car Wash is the name given to a wide-ranging corruption and money-laundering investigation that has ensnared business and political leaders, including the president (since impeached), of what country?
Answer: BRAZIL

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What food, common as grits or as the main ingredient in posole, is dried or hulled and alkaline-treated maize kernels? Its name is derived from Algonquian, as it was one of the first foods accepted by English settlers from native North Americans.

Answer: HOMINY

Q3.: SCIENCE - One of the three base types in cloud nomenclature is stratus; what are both of the other two? The three, alone or in combination with themselves and/or nimbus ("raincloud") or altus, make up the ten basic types of cloud classification (e.g., nimbostratus).

Answer: CIRRUS, CUMULUS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Rossignol, Salomon, Elan, Dynastar and Fischer are all brands most prominently of what type of sporting equipment?

Answer: SKIS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Two months before the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Roe v. Wade case in January 1973, what sitcom's title character famously and controversially made TV history by undergoing an abortion (legal at the time in the state of New York) to terminate an unplanned pregnancy at age 47?

Answer: MAUDE

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Though the term itself dates back centuries and is derived from Hebrew, its modern meaning—a group of people united in ideology or intrigue—is believed to come from (or at least be popularized by) five leading advisers to England's Charles II between 1667 and 1673, whose initials spell out the word. What is that word?

Answer: CABAL

Q1.: LITERATURE - The thesis that no human nature precedes human presence in the world encapsulates what 20th-century philosophy, associated principally with Jean-Paul Sartre but also with Heidegger, Jaspers, Camus, de Beauvoir, and others?
Answer: EXISTENTIALISM

Q2.: SCIENCE - Among particle accelerators (or "atom smashers"), which are used to create high-energy collisions between atomic particles and nuclei (or other particles), one type is a linear accelerator, which stimulates the particles in a straight line. Another type, which accelerates charged particles in an outwardly spiraling path and was invented in 1931 by Ernest Lawrence at the University of California at Berkeley, is best known by what term?

Answer: CYCLOTRON

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Traditionally, the term caviar is limited to the roe of three types of sturgeon from the Caspian and Black sea basins. One type is sevruga; name either of the other two.

Answer: BELUGA, OSETRA

Q4.: ART - While the term has quite a different (and perhaps negative) modern association, originally this term was used for the decorative technique from the Renaissance where layers of different-colored plasters are applied to a surface, with a design scratched through one layer to reveal a different color beneath. What is this term?

Answer: GRAFFITO/GRAFFITI

Q5.: AMER HIST - Thirty-five Southern Democrats stormed out of the 1948 Democratic National Convention to form their own segregationist, white supremacist third party, which would nominate Strom Thurmond as its candidate for president that year, carrying four states and winning 39 electoral votes in the ensuing election. Formally the States' Rights Democratic Party, this short-lived party was best known by what portmanteau?

Answer: DIXIECRATS

Q6.: FILM - "Story of Your Life," a 1998 short story by science-fiction author Ted Chiang that involves alien/human contact and a complex interpretation of language and time, was adapted into what 2016 film?

Answer: ARRIVAL

Q1.: SCIENCE - The itching and sneezing that often accompany respiratory allergies are caused by the release as a part of the body's immune response of what organic compound, chemical formula C5H9N3?

Answer: HISTAMINE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The embassy of what country is pictured here?[Click here](#)

Answer: ECUADOR

Q3.: WORLD HIST - African political leader Milton Obote is remembered largely for the distinction of effectively preceding and succeeding the same individual as his nation's president. Who is this other man, a Benjamin Harrison of sorts to Obote's Grover Cleveland (noting that the circumstances are not remotely similar otherwise)?

Answer: IDI AMIN

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In 1699, a code of discipline was instituted in what religion, mandating (among other items) the common adoption of the name Kaur for all females?

Answer: SIKHISM

Q5.: TELEVISION - The fictional Ponderosa Ranch, which bordered Lake Tahoe near Virginia City, Nevada, and was operated by Ben Cartwright and his sons Adam, Hoss, and Little Joe, provided the setting for what long-running television drama series?

Answer: BONANZA

Q6.: POP MUSIC -In the Zone, Blackout, Circus, Femme Fatale, and Glory are among the studio albums from what now-35-year-old pop superstar, who is in the midst of her four-year residency show at The AXIS auditorium at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas?

Answer: BRITNEY SPEARS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Tavaus is the local Romansh name for what fashionable resort town and geopolitical destination in the Rhaetian Alps?

Answer: DAVOS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the full name of the man who assumed the position of Eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in September 1998, despite having died four years prior?

Answer: KIM IL-SUNG

Q3.: FILM - What actor died in 2008 during the filming of the Terry Gilliam fantasy film *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, which was completed with parts of the actor's role played by Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell?

Answer: HEATH LEDGER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1832, Sam Houston, formerly a governor of Tennessee, settled in what would become the state of Texas, where he would also become governor. Unrelatedly, in 1997, a well-known organization made a highly publicized reverse trip of sorts, migrating from Texas to Tennessee. What is the current name of that organization?

Answer: TENNESSEE TITANS

Q5.: SCIENCE - The mammalian brain is typically classified anatomically into six lobes. Five are the frontal, parietal, temporal, limbic, and insular. What is the sixth?

Answer: OCCIPITAL

Q6.: BUS/ECON - A coffee house on London's Tower Street was the birthplace in 1688 of a namesake center of shipping intelligence and marine insurance market that has evolved into a giant and diverse general insurance marketplace. What is that shared name?

Answer: LLOYD'S

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the six Mexican states that share a border with the United States, Chihuahua has the longest, stretching from near the New Mexico/Arizona border in the west to Big Bend National Park in the east. Name anyoneof the other five Mexican states that border the U.S.

Answer: BAJA CALIFORNIA, SONORA, COAHUILA, NUEVO LEON, TAMAULIPAS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What word has been redacted from this box?Click here

Answer: GNOCCHI

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Fill in either blank in this list that, based on the distinction all of the items share, is complete and chronological: The Roosters, Casey Jones and His Engineers, The Yardbirds, John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, The Glands, _____, The Powerhouse, Winston Legthigh and the Dirty Mac, _____, Delaney & Bonnie & Friends, The Plastic Ono Band, Derek & The Dominos, Legends.

Answer: CREAM, BLIND FAITH

Q4.: LANGUAGE - In Arabic, what is the patronym-meaning "son of"-which is the basic equivalent of the English "-son", the Scottish Gaelic and Irish "Mac", the Spanish "-ez", and the Russian "-ovich"/"-evich"/"ich"?

Answer: IBN/BIN

Q5.: AMER HIST - The first child of English parents to be born in America was named Virginia (after the Virginia Colony) and was born on August 18, 1587, on Roanoke Island. What was Virginia's last name?

Answer: DARE

Q6.: SCIENCE -Carina is Latin for the keel of a ship,puppis is the poop deck, and vela are a ship's sails. Those three Latin terms are also names for three individual what, having collectively been a part of Argo Navis(Ship Argo) until a breakup that was suggested in the mid-18th century and formalized in 1930?

Answer: CONSTELLATIONS

Q1.: THEATRE - Falstaff is the main character and Mistresses Page and Ford the title characters of what theatrical comedy (and subsequent operas and films)?
Answer: THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - From 1971 until 1997, the country that is today the eleventh-largest in the world (by area) was known by what name?
Answer: ZAIRE

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - While it premiered in his hometown of New York City at Carnegie Hall in late 1928, what George Gershwin "rhapsodic ballet" was actually largely composed during his travels abroad earlier that year?
Answer: AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the term for any of several related, heat-resistant minerals with a fibrous structure that are woven together or bound by an inert material and made of naturally occurring mineral silicates of the serpentine and amphibole series?

Answer: ASBESTOS

Q5.: LITERATURE - Name the American author and member of the Algonquin Round Table who won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1924 novel *Show Boat* and also wrote the novels *So Big* and *Cimarron*, and *Giant* (both adapted into successful Hollywood films)?

Answer: EDNA FERBER

Q6.: ART - The contemporary English visual artist Tracey Emin first achieved public acclaim (and notoriety) for her "confessional" installation works, including a 1998 exhibition piece which featured what title object of hers, stained and disheveled with detritus littered before it?

Answer: BED

Q1.: SCIENCE - What programming language, a common business-oriented language declining in popularity but still in wide use on legacy mainframe applications, was developed in 1959 based on machine-independent programming language design work by legendary computer scientist Grace Hopper?

Answer: COBOL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - St. Augustine began the mass conversion of England to Christianity in 597 in what town, which would be the site of the martyrdom of Thomas Becket 573 years later?

Answer: CANTERBURY

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The Greek mythological figure Hippomenes, also known as Melanion, is mostly remembered for defeating whom in a footrace (but only with the help of Aphrodite's golden apples)?

Answer: ATALANTA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What type of gazelle, native to southern Africa, has been used as a name for South Africa's national sports teams, particularly cricket and rugby?

Answer: SPRINGBOK

Q5.: FILM - What is the two-word term most commonly used for the member of a film crew who serves as the assistant to the gaffer (master electrician)? The same term is also used for the assistant to the key grip, who is in charge of lighting and rigging.

Answer: BEST BOY

Q6.: LITERATURE - According to the title of a 1973 Alice Childress young-adult novel that tells the story of a 13-year-old African American boy's descent into delinquency and drug addiction, a hero ain't nothin' but a what?

Answer: SANDWICH

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - As of 2015, in both Canada and the United States, Golden Color/Delicate Taste, Amber Color/Rich Taste, Dark Color/Robust Flavor, and Very Dark/Strong Flavor are classifications, all categorized within Grade A, for what food product?

Answer: MAPLE SYRUP

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." This is an English translation of an expression that is regularly represented by what initialism?

Answer: INRI

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Sakartvelo is the official native name for the mountainous Transcaucasian nation that is known in the West as what?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q4.: SCIENCE - The force produced on an object moving in a north-south line on the Earth's surface, due to the angular velocity of the Earth as it rotates from west to east, is known as what? Due to the Earth's relatively slow rate of rotation, this force mainly affects the flow of air in the atmosphere.

Answer: CORIOLIS FORCE

Q5.: THEATRE - A mythical and mysterious village in the Scottish Highlands, invisible to the outside world save for one enchanted day every hundred years, provides the setting (and the title) for what popular 1947 Lerner and Loewe musical?

Answer: BRIGADOON

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Fabiana Luperini, Chris Froome, Jeannie Longo, Bradley Wiggins, Nicole Cooke, Fabian Cancellara, and Marianne Vos are all athletes who have achieved success in what sport?

Answer: CYCLING

Q1.: TELEVISION - The characters on the animated sitcom Family Guy frequent The Drunken Clam, a bar whose name is possibly in reference to the fictional town in which the show is set. What is the name of that town?

Answer: QUAHOG

Q2.: ART - The paintings pictured here, as well as more than 50 works by Rembrandt and dozens by Vincent Van Gogh (including one that sold for \$71.5 million in 1998), all share, most prominently, what distinction? [Click here](#)

Answer: SELF-PORTRAITS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the name given to the ecclesiastical court established by the Roman Catholic Church, beginning with Pope Gregory IX in 1231, whose jurisdiction was the prosecution of heresy?

Answer: INQUISITION

Q4.: LITERATURE - The iamb is the metrical foot consisting of one short or unstressed syllable followed by one long or stressed syllable (as in the words belong, exist, and impeach). What metrical foot consists of the reverse—one stressed syllable followed by one unstressed syllable (as in planet, nugget, and learned)?

Answer: TROCHEE

Q5.: SCIENCE - In analytical chemistry, the technique used to find the concentration of one compound in a solution by determining the quantity that will react with a defined amount of another compound in solution is known as what?

Answer: TITRATION

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The "whites-only" restriction of this Harlem night club was limited to the patrons, as it's largely remembered for featuring the most popular black entertainers of its day, including the four-year Prohibition-era residence of Duke Ellington and his band. What was the name of this legendary venue?

Answer: COTTON CLUB

Q1.: TELEVISION - Highclere Castle, a Jacobethan-style estate built between 1838 and 1878 as the scenical country seat of the Earl of Carnarvon in the English county of Hampshire, may be more widely known today for an association it's had with another entity since 2010. By what name is this other entity known?

Answer: DOWNTON ABBEY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What name do these two items share?[Click here](#)

Answer: OLD FASHIONED

Q3.: LITERATURE - What was the phrase which headlined the famous open letter written in 1898 by novelist Émile Zola to Félix Faure, the president of the French Republic, in defense of falsely accused Jewish army officer Alfred Dreyfus?

Answer: J'ACCUSE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A defensive player known as alibero, who is subject to special substitution rules and wears a different color shirt from other team members, was introduced in international competition in 1998 in what sport?

Answer: VOLLEYBALL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Among the historical markers of what imperial dynasty of China, which ruled from 1368 to 1644, are legal reform and the fine quality of the porcelain produced during its period?

Answer: MING

Q6.: FILM - The term "documentary" may have been first used in a cinematic context in a 1926 New York Sun review of Robert J. Flaherty's Moana. Despite that, Flaherty is better remembered today for what earlier film, which, like Moana, is more accurately described as a work of "docufiction."

Answer: NANOOG OF THE NORTH

Q1.: MATH - How many square inches are in one square yard?
Answer: 1296

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What is the title of this song?[Click here](#)
Answer: POP GOES THE WEASEL

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the muscles highlighted in this diagram?[Click here](#)
Answer: LATISSIMUS DORSI (LATS)

Q4.: LITERATURE - English historian and scholar Edward Gibbon claimed to have been inspired to write his masterpiece, widely regarded the greatest historical work written in English, during a 1764 trip to what city?
Answer: ROME

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What is the expression, popularized in the 20th century but introduced by Adam Smith in 1759 and elaborated further in 1776, that serves as an analogy for the way in which the function of markets allows economic activity, motivated by self-interest, to be coordinated for societal benefit, without any central organization?

Answer: INVISIBLE HAND

Q6.: AMER HIST - What man—a former U.S. Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State—is the only career officer in the United States Army ever to have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

Answer: GEORGE MARSHALL

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Anaubadeis defined as a morning song. What contrasting and complementary term has been used for evening music, such as to describe Mozart'sEine kleine Nachtmusikor his work commissioned for the wedding of Marie Elisabeth Haffner?

Answer: SERENADE (also acc. NOCTURNE)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Prior to its independence in 1946, Jordan (officially The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) was from 1921 a British protectorate with a similar sounding name. What was that name, preceded formally by "Emirate of"?

Answer: TRANSJORDAN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What did the disciple Judas give to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane following the Last Supper, as famously depicted in multiple works of art?

Answer: A KISS

Q4.: SCIENCE - All living members of the taxonomic order of animals known asProboscideaare known commonly as what?

Answer: ELEPHANTS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - For much of human history, money was accepted by users because it consisted of materials which were themselves valuable. Most modern money, however, is inherently valueless, but circulates only because the state establishes its value. What Latin term is used for this latter type?

Answer: FIAT MONEY

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the word for the miniature choux pastry balls, also simply called cream puffs, that are an essential part of wedding celebrations in France, where they are assembled into acroquembouche? The name comes from the diminutive of a French term synonymous with "gain"?

Answer: PROFITEROLES

Q1.: FILM - Identify the woman in this photograph.[Click here](#)

Answer: BRIE LARSON

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - 1.5 oz. of white rum, 0.5 oz. of simple syrup, and 1 oz. of lime juice: This is a recipe for a cocktail named after what small village and beach that US troops stormed at the end of the nineteenth century?

Answer: DAIQUIRI

Q3.: TELEVISION - What is the precise four-word sentence that completes this famous television opening narration? In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the police who investigate crime, and the district attorneys who prosecute the offenders.

Answer: THESE ARE THEIR STORIES.

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - On two separate occasions in NFL history, the starting quarterback for the Super Bowl-winning team retired after that game, never playing again in the NFL. What team won the Super Bowl in both of those instances?

Answer: DENVER BRONCOS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The name of a Haitian Creole mythological character who kidnaps children and eats them for breakfast (which translates to English as "Uncle Gunnysack") was used for a brutal civil militia created in 1959 by Haitian dictator François "Papa Doc" Duvalier. What was that character's name?

Answer: TONTON MACOUTE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - A subsidiary of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners is constructing the controversial 1,172-mile-long underground oil pipeline from the Bakken shale oil fields in the far north central United States to the Patoka oil tank farm in south central Illinois. What is the name of this subsidiary company (as well as the pipeline itself)?

Answer: DAKOTA ACCESS (LLC)

Q1.: FILM - 1999's The Green Mile was the third Best Picture Oscar nominee in six years with roles played by Tom Hanks and Gary Sinise. What were the first two?
Answer: FORREST GUMP, APOLLO 13

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - This image is taken from what video game franchise? [Click here](#)
Answer: HALF-LIFE

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Name the Portuguese diplomat who replaced Ban Ki-moon on January 1, 2017, as the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
Answer: ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

Q4.: AMER HIST - In December 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested and fined \$14 for refusing to obey orders of a bus driver, by declining to give up her bus seat to a white man in what city?

Answer: MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Chyme is a substance associated with (and produced in) what bodily organ?

Answer: STOMACH

Q6.: TELEVISION - A (real-life) fashion magazine, aimed towards plus-size women, that existed from 1997 to 2001, and the (fictional) trendy fashion and lifestyle magazine that employed the title character on the television series Ugly Betty had the same name. What name did these magazines share? It is, incidentally, not the title that appears most often in the history of magazine publishing.

Answer: MODE

Q1.: LITERATURE -Giovanni's Room, Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone, and If Beale Street Could Talk are among the novels written by what American author during his decades-long residence in France, where he moved at age 24 in protest against inhumane conditions and racial discrimination in America?

Answer: JAMES BALDWIN

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The pungent odor and hot taste of what condiment, an essential ingredient in cocktail sauce and a Bloody Mary, is due to a substance called sinigrin that, when broken down by enzymes, liberates a volatile oil containing sulfur? The condiment is prepared from its namesake root vegetable, a member of the crucifer family (which also includes wasabi, turnip, cabbage, and mustard).

Answer: HORSERADISH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In the 4th century, the Goths split into two groups, one becoming bound by treaty to the Roman Empire, the other joining the Huns. These two branches—one of which was led by Alaric in the sacking of Rome in 410, and the other of which conquered the Italian peninsula under Theodoric the Great in 493—are most commonly known today by what two names?

Answer: VISIGOTHS, OSTROGOTHS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "Better Git It in Your Soul" and "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" are among the better-known compositions of what tempestuous and legendary bandleader, who is widely considered the greatest double bassist in the history of jazz music?

Answer: CHARLES MINGUS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - While the board game Reversi was invented in the 1880s, a slightly modified modern version was patented in Japan in 1971 and is marketed and sold under what trademarked name?

Answer: OTHELLO

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the seven nations on the isthmus of Central America (thus not including Mexico), Belize is, by far, the least populous. Which of the seven is, by far, the most populous, with more than twice as many residents as the country in second place?

Answer: GUATEMALA

Q1.: BUS/ECON - What Swedish-based producer of cargo carriers and transport equipment takes its name from a classical term for a location in the extreme north, beyond the boundaries of the known world? It's also the former name of the northern Greenland town of Qaanaaq.

Answer: THULE

Q2.: FILM - A pagan community's alleged abduction of a young girl on a surreal and remote Scottish island, and its investigation by a devout (and, as it turns out, virgin) police sergeant, propel the plot of what 1973 British horror film, widely considered a classic of the genre?

Answer: THE WICKER MAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the curved shape of a liquid's surface in a thin tube, caused by the cohesive and adhesive effects of surface tension? With most liquids, it is concave (curving downward from the sides), but with highly viscous liquids such as mercury, it is convex.

Answer: MENISCUS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the term commonly used for the modernizing reformers in the early 20th-century Ottoman Empire who, with the support of Enver Pasha and other army officers, rebelled against and ultimately deposed Sultan Abdulhamid II in 1908, reviving the brief experiment in constitutional government the sultan had implemented and quickly suspended three decades earlier?

Answer: YOUNG TURKS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A cornerstone of French cuisine is what thickening agent for basic sauces, first made by cooking flour and butter together until a brownish tint was obtained? The recipe remains the same today, though the desired color can vary.

Answer: ROUX

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What title completes the following unordered set: Götterdämmerung, Die Walküre, Das Rheingold, _____.

Answer: SIEGFRIED

Q1.: AMER HIST - What historian and sociologist—the first African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard—co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909?

Answer: W. E. B. DU BOIS

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Sadiq Khan, a 46-year-old son of Pakistani immigrants, was elected in 2016 as Mayor of what metropolis, becoming the first ethnic minority and first Muslim to hold the position in its sixteen years of existence?

Answer: LONDON

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Seven of the English language's "coordinating conjunctions" are referenced in the mnemonic FANBOYS. Which of the seven is represented by the letter "S"?

Answer: SO

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Bridgetown, named for a primitive, Arawak-built bridge over the "Careenage" (or Constitution River) and a later bridge constructed by British settlers, is the capital of what island nation?

Answer: BARBADOS

Q5.: LITERATURE - The adventures (and misadventures) of a group of Californians in a working-class factory district provide the vignettes that make up what episodic 1945 John Steinbeck novel?

Answer: CANNERY ROW

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A rock festival series, which was initiated by the Beastie Boys and began with a two-day event in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park in June 1996 (continuing in other locations over the next few years), was organized to raise money and promote awareness for what movement?

Answer: TIBETAN INDEPENDENCE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A fictional criminal mastermind (and unfortunate ethnic stereotype), who appeared in stories by British author Sax Rohmer, has a name which lives on today in the area of grooming. What is that name?

Answer: FU MANCHU

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name any one of the three 1990s sitcom kids who were the children of Danny Tanner and Pam Katsopolis Tanner.

Answer: D.J., STEPHANIE, MICHELLE

Q3.: ART - What American artist's 1952 painting Mountains and Sea, pictured here, was her first professionally exhibited work and is today likely her best-known, though she would continue to produce pieces into the 21st century? [Click here](#)

Answer: HELEN FRANKENTHALER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Name any one of the British monarchs (with regnal number) who are members of the dynasty originally known as the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

Answer: EDWARD VII, GEORGE V, EDWARD VIII, GEORGE VI, ELIZABETH II

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - "A player landing in one of the 12 'Roll again' spaces continues the turn by rolling the die again" and "Any number of tokens may occupy the same space" are quotes within the "Continuation of Play" section of the "Master Game-Rules of Play" for what game?

Answer: TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Q6.: SCIENCE - Identify any one of the three properties (by name, not letter) in the equation that defines what is commonly known as Newton's Second Law.

Answer: ACCELERATION, (NET) FORCE, MASS

Q1.: AMER HIST - Name the woman who wrote the newspaper column "My Day" six days a week from 1935 until 1962 (the year she died) in addition to serving as the Office of Civilian Defense co-chair from 1941-42, a delegate to the UN General Assembly beginning in 1945, and the inaugural chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights, as well as many other roles.

Answer: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In finance, what is the most common term for the fixed, pre-arranged price—also known as exercise price—at which an option to buy or sell the underlying security can be exercised by the option's owner?

Answer: STRIKE PRICE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "I Get Around," "Keep Ya Head Up," "Dear Mama," and "California Love"/"How Do U Want It" were among the hit singles released in the 1990s by what hip-hop legend?

Answer: 2PAC (TUPAC SHAKUR)

Q4.: MATH - What is the mathematical limit of the expression in this image?(Note, the first decimal place is sufficient if expressing the answer as a number.)[Click here](#)

Answer: e/2.7/EULER'S NUMBER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Kowloon, which comprises the Kowloon Peninsula and a district called New Kowloon, is within the metropolitan area of what major world city?

Answer: HONG KONG

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What word, used recently in New York Times articles to describe the singing and dancing skills of the stars in La La Land, the recent performance of investment management company BlackRock's stock funds, and the play of Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler, is derived originally from a Latin word meaning "halfway up a mountain"?

Answer: MEDIOCRE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In September 2015, a research study led by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha was released that revealed that the proportion of infants and children in the study group with elevated blood lead levels had nearly doubled since April 2014. The study participants were patients at Hurley Children's Hospital, where "Dr. Mona" serves as program director for pediatric residency, and which is located in what U.S. city?

Answer: FLINT, MICHIGAN

Q2.: FILM - The 1958 film *The Long, Hot Summer* was the first on-screen pairing of what soon-to-be couple, who would wed shortly after filming and appear together in feature films nine additional times while remaining married until the husband's death in 2008?

Answer: PAUL NEWMAN, JOANNE WOODWARD

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Although there are dozens of French cheeses with protected designations, what blue or white "King of English Cheeses," made under strict specifications in the counties of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire, is among the relatively few English cheeses to enjoy certified legal protection?

Answer: STILTON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - From July 1983 until a final concession of defeat in May 2009, a civil war was waged in Sri Lanka between the Buddhist Sinhalese majority government and the minority Hindu rebels of what ethnicity?

Answer: TAMIL

Q5.: SCIENCE - In engineering, what is the term for a watertight chamber built to surround an object, such as a bridge foundation, that would otherwise be submerged in the water, allowing for construction in a dry environment?

Answer: CAISSON/COFFERDAM

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The titles of a 1984 song recorded by Bruce Springsteen, a 1964 song by Martha and the Vandellas, a 1986 song by Lionel Richie, and a 1976 song by ABBA all begin with what word?

Answer: DANCING

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In the card games Vieux Garçon ("Old Boy") and Schwarzer Peter ("Black Peter"), one black Jack is removed and the loser is the player who ends the game with the other in hand. An Anglophone variation removes the Queen of Hearts. This variation (as well as that card) is known as what?

Answer: OLD MAID

Q2.: AMER HIST - Name either the activist and spiritualist who was the Equal Rights Party's nominee for U.S. president in 1872 (despite being 34 years old and ineligible to vote) or the African American social reformer and former abolitionist who was her choice for vice presidential running mate.

Answer: VICTORIA WOODHULL, FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Q3.: TELEVISION - What company, the largest independent television production company at the time of its 1967 sale and rebranding as Paramount Television, took its name from those of its co-owners, who were themselves the stars of its first successful television project starting in 1951?

Answer: DESILU

Q4.: LITERATURE - "Oh! But he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone...a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster. The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait; made his eyes red, his thin lips blue; and spoke out shrewdly in his grating voice. A frosty rime was on his head, and on his eyebrows, and his wiry chin." This quote, in the author's own words, is describing what iconic character?

Answer: EBENEZER SCROOGE

Q5.: ART - What is the title of the painting being painted in this photograph? Click here

Answer: GUERNICA

Q6.: THEATRE - A group of 20th-century British middle- and working-class authors, which included, most prominently, the playwright John Osborne and novelist Kingsley Amis, was known collectively as what sort of "young men"?

Answer: ANGRY

Q1.: MATH - What number fills the fifth and final blank in this sequence of triangle numbers? 0, 1, 3, 6, __, __, __, __, __.
Answer: 36

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Venezuela was, in September 1960, among the five founding members of what intergovernmental economic association?
Answer: ORGANIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC)

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - All Fives, Bergen, Blind Hughie, Cyprus, and Matador are all games using what gaming implement?
Answer: DOMINOES

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - George Balanchine, Igor Stravinsky, Claude Debussy, Vaslav Nijinsky, Léonid Massine, and Sergei Prokofiev were among the many protégés of what Russian dance impresario and titan of Western ballet?
Answer: SERGEI DIAGHILEV

Q5.: TELEVISION - The opening scene of a television drama series shows its main character stating into the camera, "There are two kinds of pain. The sort of pain that makes you strong. Or useless pain. The sort of pain that's only suffering. I have no patience for useless things. Moments like this require someone who will act. To do the unpleasant thing." He says this as he calmly strangles a dog that has just been hit by a car, foreshadowing behavior and an attitude that would continue through four seasons (so far). What is the series?
Answer: HOUSE OF CARDS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What is the legal term for the order by a judge that demands that a prisoner be brought before the court to determine the legality of the imprisonment?
Answer: HABEAS CORPUS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - What is the name of the man in this photograph? [Click here](#)
Answer: RODRIGO DUTERTE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Grand Island, Fremont, Hastings, Papillion, and Bellevue are among the ten most populous cities in which U.S. state?
Answer: NEBRASKA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Unripe berries of pimenta genus trees of the Caribbean, Honduras, and Mexico, are ground into a powder that is commonly used to season sausages, pickles, desserts, and Cincinnati-style chili. Known as Jamaica pepper, it is sometimes mistaken for a mixture due to its odor (reminiscent of nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves) and is most often sold and marketed under what other name?

Answer: ALLSPICE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The 1879 Dual Alliance between the German and Austro-Hungarian empires assured "benevolent neutrality" in the case of attack from any power, with the exception of one, an attack from which the alliance guaranteed greater "reciprocal protection." What common foe was that exception?

Answer: RUSSIA

Q5.: LITERATURE - In 1348, the year of the Black Death, seven young women and three young men meet in a church in Florence and escape from the city to the hills of Fiesole, telling stories during ten days of the trip. These stories form the collection of tales that make up what masterpiece of classical Italian literature?

Answer: THE DECAMERON

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The chart-topping 2016 single "Panda" was the debut release from Brooklyn-born rap artist Sidney Royel Selby III, who goes by what oddly spelled stage name? (Correct spelling is not required.)

Answer: DESIGNER

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Duracell, Wella, Covergirl, Clairol, Natural Instincts, Nice N' Easy, and Max Factor are among the brands sold off in recent strategic divestments by what American consumer goods giant?

Answer: PROCTER & GAMBLE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The titles of a 2016 country music hit single by Maren Morris and a separate 2016 country hit by Carrie Underwood both contain the last name of the artist who recorded the 2016 country hits "Record Year" and "Kill a Word." What is that word/last name?

Answer: CHURCH

Q3.: LITERATURE - The four-part poem by Federico García Lorca, written in Spanish in 1935 as "Llanto por Ignacio Sánchez Mejía," is an evocative elegy of Lorca's friend, who died (per the poem's unremitting refrain) at five in the afternoon. What was Ignacio's occupation, which is included in a common English title of the poem?

Answer: BULLFIGHTER

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - As a result of an 1899 treaty between Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, the eastern islands of an archipelago once known as Navigator Islands—specifically, those east of 171 degrees west longitude—were assigned to the U.S., while the western islands were assigned to Germany, and since that time the latter have become an independent democratic nation. Give the name that the American possession, the independent nation, and the island group as a whole have in common.

Answer: SAMOA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Pahoehoe and a'a are two primary forms of what substance?

Answer: LAVA

Q6.: FILM - Tom Powers, played by James Cagney and partially based on the real-life mobster and Al Capone-rival Earl "Hymie" Weiss, was the title character of what 1931 talkie? The phrase in question had recently become popularized by law enforcement in reference to organized crime figures of the day.

Answer: THE PUBLIC ENEMY

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What Jewish holiday, which is also known as the Feast of Dedication, commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks and the 165 BCE rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem?

Answer: HANUKKAH

Q2.: LITERATURE - What was the first name of the only son of author A. A. Milne and his wife Daphne de Sélincourt?

Answer: CHRISTOPHER (CHRISTOPHER ROBIN MILNE)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The subjects for discussion in the first inter-allied conference of World War II attended by Joseph Stalin, Franklin Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill included the coordination of allied military landings in France with the Soviet offensive on Germany, Russian entry into the war against Japan, and a post-war international organization. This conference took place in November and December 1943 in what Asian capital, after which it is named?

Answer: TEHRAN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What term is used in music for the fifth tone of the diatonic scale, as well as for the chord with this fifth pitch of the scale as its root?

Answer: DOMINANT

Q5.: TELEVISION - Name the actor and comedian who appeared as a panelist more than 600 times in the top right seat (from the viewer's perspective) in various incarnations of the game show Match Game?

Answer: CHARLES NELSON REILLY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The championship game of the 1979 NCAA Men's Division I basketball tournament, which is credited as ushering in the "modern era" of college basketball, was the last college game for what two now-Hall of Famers? (Note: name both players.)

Answer: LARRY BIRD, MAGIC JOHNSON

Q1.: BUS/ECON - By virtue of its status as a center for the information technology industry—and headquarters of the major IT multinational corporations Infosys and Wipro—what capital of the southwestern state of Karnataka is nicknamed the "Silicon Valley of India"?

Answer: BANGALORE (BENGALURU)

Q2.: FILM - This is a screenshot of an iconic osculation that occurs in what film?
[Click here](#)

Answer: FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Q3.: ART - Urban realism was the subject matter for what informal group of American artists active in the early 20th century? The name of their "school" was allegedly coined by a hostile critic (but adopted by the artists) and derived from a particular item in a gritty scene drawn in 1915 by George Bellows.

Answer: ASHCAN SCHOOL

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the anatomic term most often used to describe the area of the human body located at or near the part of the back lying between the lowest ribs and the hips, and also for the five spinal vertebrae in this area? It is where the needle is inserted for a spinal tap puncture.

Answer: LUMBAR

Q5.: AMER HIST - A diplomatic incident arose between the United States and France in 1797 when three French agents solicited a bribe from American agents sent to negotiate an end to maritime hostilities that were threatening to evolve into a full-scale war. This scandal is known by what name?

Answer: XYZ AFFAIR

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The ancient Greeks had four words for "love": storge(familial love), philia(love in friendship), agape(higher, selfless, transcending love), and what fourth, which is love based on desire and passion?

Answer: EROS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In the United States, "bacon" is made from pork belly while "Canadian bacon" is made from the loin of the pig. In Great Britain, the belly bacon is known as "streaky" bacon, while cuts that include both belly and loin can be referred to as "back bacon" but most often appear on British breakfast menus as slices known as what?

Answer: RASHERS

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here is the cast for what television series?[Click here](#)

Answer: THIS IS US

Q3.: ART - Although in common usage the word is now often associated with children, what term is used in fine arts for a preparatory sketch or design for a picture to be transferred to a fresco or tapestry?

Answer: CARTOON

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Pferd and Ross are German words that both translate to English as what?

Answer: HORSE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The city-state of Sparta was the hegemon of a geographically based alliance that included Tegea, Elis, Corinth, and others, and is known historically as what "league"? The league would emerge victorious in a war against the Athens-led Delian League toward the end of the 5th century BCE.

Answer: PELOPONNESIAN LEAGUE

Q6.: LITERATURE - What London thoroughfare, named for the stream (now subterranean) that used to flow nearby, is synonymous today with English journalism and the newspaper business (and, to a separate degree, demon barbers)?

Answer: FLEET STREET

Q1.: FILM - What characters are the official mascot of the animation film production company Illumination Entertainment, which released the hit 2016 films Sing and The Secret Life of Pets?

Answer: MINIONS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In American football, the referee presses his or her palms together above the head, pointed straight up, to signal what play?

Answer: SAFETY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the geographical term for two places on the surface of the globe which are diametrically opposite to each other? Example pairs include the North and South Pole; Madrid, Spain and Weber, New Zealand; and the French commune of Gatteville-le-Phare and an uninhabited subantarctic island group that has this term as its name.

Answer: ANTIPODES

Q4.: SCIENCE - A particular device used to measure the diameter or thickness of an object has a name which is also used for the part of a disc brake assembly that presses the brake pad against the disc. What is that term?

Answer: CALIPER

Q5.: THEATRE - A work by John Webster, an English dramatist of the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras, deals affectingly and tragically with a disastrous marriage between the titular noblewoman and a commoner. This play, per its title, is set in the court of what duchy on the Italian peninsula?

Answer: MALFI (AMALFI)

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A dish created by Auguste Escoffier in 1892, that today can consist of poached peach halves placed on a bed of vanilla ice cream and coated with raspberry purée, was named after what Australian soprano?

Answer: DAME NELLIE MELBA

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - In music notation for stringed instruments that are played with a bow, an abbreviation for what Italian term is typically found above notes that are meant to be plucked with the fingers or thumb instead of bowed?

Answer: PIZZICATO

Q2.: WORLD HIST - While Troy was its common Latin name, the ancient Asia Minor city of Troy was also known, especially in a poetic context, by what other Latin name?

Answer: ILIUM

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here is a regulation ball used in what sport?[Click here](#)

Answer: HANDBALL

Q4.: LITERATURE - An ambitious and innovative 1941 nonfiction book with text by James Agee and photos by Walker Evans, documenting the daily lives of Depression-era tenant farmers, has an ironic title which calls to "Let Us Now Praise" whom?

Answer: FAMOUS MEN

Q5.: SCIENCE - The water-soluble B-complex vitamin B9, often advised as a supplement for pregnant women to help prevent neural tube defects, is known by what name?

Answer: FOLIC ACID/FOLATE

Q6.: TELEVISION - On November 17, 1968, the telecast of a game between the New York Jets and the Oakland Raiders was cut short on the east coast, infamously, to broadcast the start of what television film?

Answer: HEIDI

Q1.: ART - The leaves of what palm native to Madagascar are used to produce the ribbon pictured here?[Click here](#)

Answer: RAFFIA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the northern arm of the Baltic Sea that extends between Sweden on the west and Finland on the east?

Answer: GULF OF BOTHNIA

Q3.: BUS/ECON - One factor in the VCR "format war" that led to VHS dominance was its availability to be licensed to any manufacturer that was interested, whereas for years, the manufacture of Betamax was limited to one company. What was that company, which developed the Betamax format in 1975?

Answer: SONY

Q4.: SCIENCE -The effect of certain forces on an object varies by the _____ of the distance between the object and the source of the force.What two words(sometimes joined by a hyphen) fill in the blank in this principle from physics? These two words also provide the name of the law defined by the statement.

Answer: INVERSE SQUARE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1897, breakfast cereal titan Charles W. Post erroneously believed that the maltose sugar in his newly invented granular wheat cereal was glucose. According to this account, he misnamed this cereal what, after an older name for glucose and after the cereal's flavor after toasting?

Answer: GRAPE-NUTS

Q6.: FILM - Name the French director who is perhaps as known today for his romances as for his film work, thanks in no small part to his tendency to cast his wives in sex-symbol roles, including Annette Stroyberg in *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Brigitte Bardot in *Et Dieu...créa la femme*, and Jane Fonda in *Barbarella*.

Answer: ROGER VADIM

Q1.: TELEVISION - What name precedes the following phrases in titles of television series?House of Payne;Meet the Browns;Love Thy Neighbor.

Answer: TYLER PERRY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - As of the 1860 U.S. Census, what was the most populous city in what would become the Confederate States of America? It was roughly four times more populated than the CSA's second-largest city, Charleston.

Answer: NEW ORLEANS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The supposed fossilized human-like remains presented by Charles Dawson beginning in 1912, which were exposed in 1953 as a forgery, are known by a name referencing the village in East Sussex, England, where the bone fragments were "discovered." What is that village?

Answer: PILTDOWN

Q4.: LITERATURE - Give anyoneof the three rhyming titles that comprise American bohemian writer Henry Miller'sRosy Crucifixiontrilogy, all of which were initially banned in the U.S. but ultimately published in 1965.

Answer: SEXUS, PLEXUS, NEXUS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK -Blonde d'Aquitaine,Simmental,Limousin,Charolais, andBelgian Blueare all continental European breeds of what?

Answer: CATTLE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - French business magnate Bernard Arnault is the Chairman and CEO of a luxury goods conglomerate whose name is oddly complicated but is typically reduced to an initialism referencing some of the company's many brands. What are those initials?

Answer: LVMH

Q1.: SCIENCE - The modern system of binomial nomenclature of organisms (e.g., *Homo sapiens*, *Lama glama*, *Pandion haliaetus*) was introduced in 1735 by what Swedish naturalist?

Answer: CARL LINNAEUS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Out of the Buddha's fundamental teachings arose two different main forms of Buddhism. Give the name of either, which translate roughly as "Teachings of the Elders" and "The Great Vehicle."

Answer: THERAVADA, MAHAYANA

Q3.: ART - What U.S. state's Academy of the Fine Arts, founded in 1805 and led by Thomas Eakins in the 1880s, is the first and oldest art museum in the United States?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Nauvoo Expositor was a newspaper published in Illinois whose single issue, printed in early June 1844, led ultimately to the killing of what man by a mob later that month?

Answer: JOSEPH SMITH

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Entering the 2017 Formula One motor racing season, what European automaker's team is the three-time defending champion of the Constructors' Championship?

Answer: MERCEDES-BENZ

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A 1917 recording by a New Orleans ensemble consisting of Nick LaRocca, Eddie Edwards, Larry Shields, Henry Ragas, and Tony Sbarbaro is widely considered the first jazz record. This group of musicians dubbed themselves the "Original ____ Jazz Band" with what word filling in the blank?

Answer: DIXIELAND

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Earlier this month, five activists were detained in Moscow as they attempted to deliver a petition to Russia's prosecutor general that called for an investigation into the status and treatment of gay people in what Russian republic?

Answer: CHECHNYA

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name the actor who, before hitting it big, played a young EMT named Ace on the television series E/R, a carpenter on The Facts of Life, a plastics plant foreman on Roseanne, and a detective (and husband to Sela Ward's "Teddy") on Sisters?

Answer: GEORGE CLOONEY

Q3.: AMER HIST - An 1846 treaty between the British and US governments established an international boundary along the 49th parallel west of the Rocky Mountains, separating British North America and an American region that gave its name to the treaty. What was this name that the region was known by at the time?

Answer: OREGON (COUNTRY)

Q4.: LITERATURE - Created by Scotsman John Arbuthnot in 1712 and later popularized via the periodical Punch in the middle and late 19th century, what was the name of the personification of England and English character represented usually as a stout and jovial figure with a Union Jack waistcoat?

Answer: JOHN BULL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What is, by far, the most populous country on the continent of Africa?

Answer: NIGERIA

Q6.: SCIENCE - Methanol (methyl alcohol, CH₃OH) is a natural byproduct of the distillation of what organic material, which gives the alcohol another name by which it is widely known?

Answer: WOOD

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the yellow, lemon-scented essential oil, obtained from the leaves of the tropical grass *Cymbopogon nardus*, that is commonly used as an insect repellent or in perfume?

Answer: CITRONELLA

Q2.: LANGUAGE - ¿Cuál es el nombre, en español, del país que limita con México al norte?

Answer: (LOS) ESTADOS UNIDOS (DE AMÉRICA)

Q3.: MATH - There are two main branches of calculus. One is differential calculus, which is the study of the rate of change of functions through the use of derivatives and differentials. What is the most common term for its inverse, the other main branch?

Answer: INTEGRAL

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Cannae, which took place in southern Italy in 216 BCE, is remembered for the tactical brilliance that resulted in victory for what legendary military general?

Answer: HANNIBAL

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Reggae artists Bob Marley & The Wailers, Toots and the Maytals, Jimmy Cliff, and Burning Spear were all, at one time, signed to what record label, which was sold to PolyGram in 1989 and is today a division of Universal Music Group? This appropriately named label was founded in 1959 in Jamaica.

Answer: ISLAND RECORDS

Q6.: LITERATURE - The first three lines of the chorus in the song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," based on Julia Ward Howe's poem, are what three-word line, repeated?

Answer: GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH!

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - The "solo recital"--both the term and the type of piano concert--is widely credited to what 19th-century Hungarian virtuoso, who undoubtedly revolutionized the art of performance and created the model for concert pianists that remains in place today?

Answer: FRANZ LISZT

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name, in English, of the structure, which was initially completed in the year 691 and sits adjacent to the Al-Aqsa Mosque within the Haram al-Sharif ("Noble Sanctuary"), that serves as the holiest Muslim shrine in the city of Jerusalem?

Answer: DOME OF THE ROCK

Q3.: TELEVISION - In each year from 1983 to 1988, the Emmy Award for Best Actress in a Drama Series was won by one of the two stars of what TV series?

Answer: CAGNEY & LACEY

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Tiger Williams, Dale Hunter, Tie Domi, Marty McSorley, and Bob Probert are the top five in the history of the National Hockey League in what statistic?

Answer: PENALTIES (IN MINUTES)

Q5.: SCIENCE - Certain pharmaceuticals indicated for the treatment of depression and anxiety disorders work by inhibiting the activity of a particular family of enzymes. The drugs, which include Marplan, Nardil, and Parnate, are best known collectively by what abbreviation?

Answer: MAOIs

Q6.: LITERATURE - Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and a titular tragic Young Lady from a (very long) epistolary 1748 novel share what first name?

Answer: CLARISSA

Q1.: THEATRE - What George Bernard Shaw play, a comic spoof of militarism first produced in 1894, takes its four-word title from the first line of Virgil's Aeneid?
Answer: ARMS AND THE MAN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A February 28, 1994, air battle near Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where four Serb fighter planes were shot down within a designated no-fly zone, marked the first-ever military combat engagement in the 45-year history of what?

Answer: NATO

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree declaring Father Michael McGivney a Venerable Servant of God, placing the American priest on the path toward sainthood (he would be the first US-born priest canonized, if successful). Fr. McGivney founded what Catholic fraternal service organization, now the world's largest?

Answer: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the twelve horses who have won thoroughbred racing's triple crown, two had names that included the names of major American cities. One horse was "Omaha" in 1935—who was the other?

Answer: SEATTLE SLEW

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Mount Everest is the highest mountain above sea level on Earth. What is the highest mountain in the world outside Asia?

Answer: ACONCAGUA

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the term used for the pollen-producing organ of a plant, usually consisting of a saclike anther on the tip of a flower filament?

Answer: STAMEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - What fictional amateur detective, a shrewdly intelligent elderly busybody of independent means with an unsentimental understanding of human nature, lived in the cozy English village of St. Mary Mead?

Answer: JANE MARPLE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - "Thank you for all your continued patience and understanding. We apologize for what all of our guests and staff went through over the last 24 hours and will work tirelessly to make this right. Please check our official social media channels ([redacted]) for further important updates." This quote concludes a statement that appeared on April 29, 2017, on the home page for what fledgling (to put it charitably) music festival?

Answer: FYRE FESTIVAL

Q3.: SCIENCE - The principle that the volume of a gas times its pressure is constant at a fixed temperature is named after what chemist, who first published the discovery in 1662?

Answer: ROBERT BOYLE

Q4.: ART - This self-portrait is the work of what French painter of the Ancien Régime, who served for a time as the official portraitist of Marie Antoinette? [Click here](#)

Answer: ÉLISABETH VIGÉE LE BRUN

Q5.: FILM - A 2017 animated film subtitled *The Lost Village* is a reboot not connected to two previous films from this decade that also feature what characters?

Answer: THE SMURFS

Q6.: THEATRE - A reconditioned 1985 Broadway revival of what 1965 Neil Simon play featured Sally Struthers and Rita Moreno in the play's title roles?

Answer: THE ODD COUPLE

Q1.: FILM - What is the title of the three-hour multi-perspective epic film from 1962 that recreates the events of June 6, 1944?

Answer: THE LONGEST DAY

Q2.: SCIENCE - Whilepoliois its more common abbreviation, what is thefullname of the highly communicable (and eradicable) infectious disease caused by the poliovirus of theEnterovirusgenus?

Answer: POLIOMYELITIS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Lionel was the first practicing Jewish MP in Britain's House of Commons and loaned his government the money to buy the Suez Canal. His son Nathan was the first Jewish peer and financially backed Cecil Rhodes's British South Africa Company. Nathan's son Walter received the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which stated the British government's support for the establishment in Palestine of a "national home" for the Jewish people. These three men shared what last name, as members of a family influential in both political and economic affairs starting in the 18th century?

Answer: ROTHSCHILD

Q4.: TELEVISION - Along with being titled after the first names of their female main characters, the television seriesFlo, Gloria, Tabitha, Daria, Phyllis, Rhoda, Maude, andKendraall share, most prominently, what other particular distinction? 1956'sThe Adventures of Championis, arguably, the first series to hold the distinction in question.

Answer: SPIN-OFFS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Since 2000, men who have held the number one spot in the Official World Golf Ranking have represented Australia, England, Germany, Northern Ireland, the United States, and what Pacific island nation?

Answer: FIJI

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "I'm the One" by DJ Khaled, "Despacito (Remix)" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee, "Cold Water" by Major Lazer, and "Let Me Love You" by DJ Snake are all recent pop hits with what singer credited as a featured artist?

Answer: JUSTIN BIEBER

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What answer fills in the blank in the title of a Brian Eno-produced new wave album from the late 1970s? Q: Are We Not Men? A: _____!
Answer: WE ARE DEVO

Q2.: LANGUAGE - An activist campaign by the Irish National Land League in 1880 forbade the Irish from supplying provisions to an unpopular local British land agent in County Mayo. From this event originated what word used to describe the tactic, after the name of this ostracized land agent?

Answer: BOYCOTT

Q3.: AMER HIST - A 1909 expedition to Africa sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, which resulted in thousands of specimens (including dozens of big game animals) collected for American natural history museums, was led by what man, who arranged the expedition in part to give room to new U.S. President W.H. Taft?

Answer: THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Mexoryl SX, AvoTriplex, and Helioplex are tradenames of chemical formulations developed for use in what type of consumer product?

Answer: SUNSCREENS

Q5.: FILM - What critically acclaimed 1994 film was a box-office bomb on its initial release but has gone on to extreme popularity (and a #1 all-time ranking on imdb.com), thanks in part to frequent airings on the TNT cable network in the late 1990s and subsequent widespread accolades?

Answer: THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Q6.: ART - Las Meninas by Diego Velázquez; Saturn Devouring His Son and The Third of May 1808 by Francisco Goya; The Knight with His Hand on His Breast by El Greco; Jacob's Dream by José de Ribera; Children on the Beach by Joaquín Sorolla; and Still Life with Game, Vegetables and Fruit by Juan Sanchez Cotan are works housed in what art museum?

Answer: MUSEO DEL PRADO

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1985, former University of Kansas star Lynette Woodard became the first woman to join what team as an official member?

Answer: HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Melting butter in hot water, adding flour, cooking that mixture until smooth, beating in eggs one by one, and piping through a forcing bag—this is a method for preparing what type of pastry, used for making éclairs, beignets, churros, and French crullers?

Answer: CHOUX

Q3.: SCIENCE - Vesta is the brightest (from the Earth's perspective) and Ceres—at least until its formal reclassification in 2006—was the largest of the celestial bodies that are known as what?

Answer: ASTEROIDS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Pisa, Lucca, Arezzo, Livorno, and Siena are among the provinces in what Italian region, which also includes the city of Florence?

Answer: TUSCANY

Q5.: ART - What is the name of the painting technique, similar (and related) to divisionism, which is closely associated with the French post-impressionist Georges Seurat, and perhaps most closely associated with his *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*?

Answer: POINTILLISM

Q6.: MATH - The symbol pictured here is used in the field of geometry specifically to denote that two items—such as line segments, circles, triangles, or angles—are what? [Click here](#)

Answer: CONGRUENT

Q1.: LITERATURE - "Till earth and heaven ring" is the second line of a famous poem by James Weldon Johnson that, once it was set to music, was adopted as the official song of the NAACP and is widely considered the "Black National Anthem." What is the poem's first line, which also serves as its title?

Answer: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Cape Spear, the easternmost point in Canada, is located on the Avalon Peninsula of what large island?

Answer: NEWFOUNDLAND

Q3.: AMER HIST - The alleged "corrupt bargain" of 1824-1825 resulted in the election of John Quincy Adams as U.S. President by the House of Representatives and the appointment of what House speaker and Kentuckian as secretary of state?

Answer: HENRY CLAY

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1978, the 2.4-mile Waikiki Rough Water Swim, the 115-mile Around Oahu Bike Race, and the 26.2-mile Honolulu Marathon were combined to establish a new competition that introduced what novel two-word term?

Answer: IRONMAN TRIATHLON (IRON MAN)

Q5.: TELEVISION - What surname goes in the blank in this otherwise complete and alphabetical (but not chronological) list: Archer, _____, Kirk, Picard, Sisko.

Answer: JANEWAY

Q6.: THEATRE - The Obie Awards, which honor theatre produced Off-Broadway and Off-Off-Broadway, are presented annually by the American Theatre Wing and what New York weekly publication, which originated the awards in 1955?

Answer: THE VILLAGE VOICE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - While Haneda Airport serves as the Tokyo base for Japan's main domestic airlines, the city's primary international airport is located in what city in Chiba Prefecture, after which the airport is named?

Answer: NARITA

Q2.: FILM - The fifth and most recent film in the Pirates of the Caribbean series, released in May 2017, is subtitled Dead Men Tell No Tales, and the first in the series is subtitled The Curse of the Black Pearl. Give the subtitle of any one of the other three installments in the series.

Answer: DEAD MAN'S CHEST, AT WORLD'S END, ON STRANGER TIDES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Volunteers who supported Giuseppe Garibaldi during the conquest of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies were known by what sanguine sartorial sobriquet?

Answer: REDSHIRTS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the six standard meat/tofu items on the menu at the Chipotle Mexican Grill chain, the slow-cooked, seasoned shredded beef option is listed as what term?

Answer: BARBACOA

Q5.: ART - The artistic diversion, born from Surrealism, in which several people contribute to a drawing or text without seeing all of what the others have done is commonly known as "exquisite" what? It's named after an early example that allegedly produced "The exquisite [redacted] shall drink the new wine."

Answer: CORPSE/CADAVER

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Of the companies whose stocks make up the 30 components of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, twenty-six are listed on the New York Stock Exchange while four are listed on the NASDAQ. Name any one of these latter four, all of which have joined the Dow within the last twenty years.

Answer: APPLE, CISCO SYSTEMS, INTEL, MICROSOFT

Q1.: AMER HIST - In a January 1973 speech describing the Paris Peace Accords of that month ending direct U.S. military combat in the war in Vietnam, President Richard M. Nixon, varying on a theme during his 1968 campaign, declared his goals for "peace with" what?

Answer: HONOR

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What major Pacific coast city developed around the massive natural harbor known as Port Jackson?

Answer: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In diving competitions, there are four possible official dive positions undertaken during the flight of the dive. Three are straight, tuck, and free—what is the fourth?

Answer: PIKE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Although he had a long and successful career in popular music—both solo and with his wife Mary Ford—what guitarist has a greater legacy as a pioneer of the solid-body electric guitar, studio multitracking, electronic echo, and other modern recording techniques?

Answer: LES PAUL

Q5.: SCIENCE - The U.S. Department of Energy's national accelerator laboratory located in Batavia, Illinois, operated jointly by the University of Chicago and a not-for-profit research university consortium, is named after what nuclear physicist?

Answer: ENRICO FERMI

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What term is derived from the name of a Greek philosopher who declared that happiness and the absence of pain are the greatest goods and has come to mean, in the context of food and wine, a person of refined tastes?

Answer: EPICURE/EPICUREAN

Q1.: ART - The 1935 lithograph Hand with Reflecting Sphere is the work of what Dutch artist?

Answer: M.C. ESCHER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What is the name used for the accounting convention stipulating that when a firm uses or sells assets, it uses those assets which it has held in inventory the longest—i.e., those it produced or acquired the earliest? (Note: you may provide either the name or its acronym.)

Answer: FIRST IN, FIRST OUT (FIFO)

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - While Crater Lake in Oregon has a maximum depth of 1,949 feet, what other lake, though the fourth-largest natural lake in area completely within the United States (and largest in the southern U.S.), has a maximum depth of just fifteen feet and an average depth of nine feet?

Answer: LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Chicken in Odessa, goose or duck in Poltava, carp in Lviv, and lamb and mushrooms in Kyiv: These are some of the ingredients that accompany the universal main ingredient in regional variations of what soup, widely considered by locals as the national soup of Ukraine?

Answer: BORSCHT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A memorial service for victims of the 1960 explosion of the French freighter La Coubre in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, has been recorded (and duplicated) for posterity thanks to a photograph taken there of what man?

Answer: CHE GUEVARA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Jenny, Lucille, Sally, and Molly (and also possibly Teddy) are women referenced in titles (and lyrics) of popular songs from the 1950s originally recorded by what artist?

Answer: LITTLE RICHARD

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What country star's 2016 album *Gunslinger* has sold a little over 100,000 copies on its own so far, which is respectable but about 1/230th the total of his 1990 album and 1/180th that of his 1991 release?

Answer: GARTH BROOKS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The concept from economics and game theory addressing dynamics of a non-cooperative game, referring to a situation in which players in a game pursue the optimal strategy while knowing the other players' strategies, is commonly named after what mathematician and Nobel laureate?

Answer: JOHN FORBES NASH JR.

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Some historians argue that the outbreak of WWII should be dated to a 1937 event known in English as the Marco Polo Bridge Incident, which sparked the conflagration between what two ancient (and present) rivals?

Answer: CHINA, JAPAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The drug mifepristone, usually taken with another drug called misoprostol to terminate pregnancy, is best known by what generic name, derived from the sequence of its development by French pharmaceutical company Roussel-Uclaf in 1980?

Answer: RU486

Q5.: MATH - A posthumous paper by mathematician August Ferdinand Möbius explores the properties of one-sided surfaces via a strip, connected at the ends with a half-twist in the middle. Fellow German mathematician Felix Klein pursued a similar illustration using a theoretical surface that is today, perhaps due to a mistranslation of the original German, most commonly referred to as what type of object?

Answer: BOTTLE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Which of its seven emirates constitutes more than 85% of the total land area of the United Arab Emirates?

Answer: ABU DHABI

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the term, derived from the Spanish for "rogue," for a type of literary narrative, usually comic or satirical, that depicts the escapades of a single, likeable, roguish hero living by his (or her, but more often his) wits? English examples include Huckleberry Finn, A Confederacy of Dunces, and Moll Flanders, while the progenitor is widely considered to be the 1554 novella Lazarillo de Tormes.

Answer: PICARESQUE

Q2.: ART - What Australian-born writer, whose books The Shock of the New and American Visions were both serialized for television, was dubbed by the New Yorker as the "most famous art critic in the world," a role he filled for Time magazine for more than 30 years?

Answer: ROBERT HUGHES

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the hip-hop impresario who produced five of the ten singles to reach number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1997, appearing as an artist on three of them including "I'll Be Missing You", which sat at the top for eleven weeks during the spring and summer.

Answer: PUFF DADDY (SEAN COMBS/P. DIDDY)

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What is the full name of the politician who currently serves as president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a position he has held since January 2001, having taken office ten days after the assassination of his father, Laurent?

Answer: JOSEPH KABILA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A political naming dispute has existed since 1991 between the nation of Greece (who claims exclusive use of a certain name for its largest region) and a former federal unit of Yugoslavia (who claims the name for itself as an independent republic). What is this disputed name?

Answer: MACEDONIA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The dwindling number of US-based mainline passenger airlines will reduce further by one upon the completion of the merger of Virgin America into what Pacific Northwest-based carrier, following its acquisition in April 2016?

Answer: ALASKA AIRLINES

Q1.: LITERATURE - In Greek legend, Polynices and (exactly) six others comprised a group of champions who attacked a rival city of Argos to deprive Polynices's brother Eteocles of kingship. This group is known by what name, which is also the title of an Aeschylean tragedy that chronicles the event?

Answer: SEVEN AGAINST THEBES

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - A series of didactic compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach from the 1740s famously exemplifies the "art" of what formal compositional technique?

Answer: FUGUE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - John Sholto Douglas, the 9th Marquess of Queensberry, is an important figure in the history of what sport?

Answer: BOXING

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Fino, Manzanilla, and Amontillado are varieties of what Spanish fortified wine made from grapes grown near the town of Jerez de la Frontera, from which the wine takes its name?

Answer: SHERRY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Who served as president of the political federation known as the United Arab Republic, a 1958-61 union between Egypt and Syria, for its entire three-year existence?

Answer: GAMAL ABDEL NASSER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What was the name of the supergroup formed by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure in 1984 to record the now-ubiquitous holiday song "Do They Know It's Christmas?"

Answer: BAND AID

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Whom did James Comey succeed as the Director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation in September 2013?

Answer: ROBERT MUELLER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The South African Republic, which existed as an independent country from 1852 until its defeat at the hands of the British in 1902's Second Boer War, was also widely known in English by what other name, in reference to its location "across" or "over" a tributary of the Orange River? The name persisted as a South African province until the new post-apartheid 1994 constitution.

Answer: TRANSVAAL

Q3.: LITERATURE - What is the title of the acclaimed 1959 novel, arguably the first major literary work to be published in Germany since the 1930s, that consists of recollections of the events in Danzig before, during, and after the Hitler era, as told by the novel's first-person narrator, the hunchback Oskar Matzerath?

Answer: THE TIN DRUM (DIE BLECHTROMMEL)

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The Chinesespring rollfamily of foods includes thepopiahin Singapore and Malaysia, the Americanegg roll, and what savory pastry common in Indonesia, the Philippines, and the Netherlands (where it has a slightly different spelling)?

Answer: LUMPIA (LOEMPIA)

Q5.: LANGUAGE -Correctly spellthe "word" redacted from this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: COVFEFE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The most successful single from the hard rock band Van Halen, a song from that same year by The Pointer Sisters (as it was originally titled), the most successful single from 1990s hip-hop novelty Kris Kross, and a #1 song on the dance charts from 2006 by Madonna all share what title?

Answer: JUMP

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What legal term, defined as a return arising from employment or office usually in the form of compensation, is closely associated with the U.S. Constitution due largely to its specific usage in Article I, Section 9, Clause 8?
Answer: EMOLUMENT

Q2.: TELEVISION - Pictured here is a screenshot taken during the opening credits of what eleven-minute comedy special that first aired on American television at 4:00 am on October 28, 2014? [Click here](#)

Answer: TOO MANY COOKS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In standard algebraic chess notation, a double question mark (??) indicates a very bad move, which in the game is most commonly referred to by what word?

Answer: BLUNDER

Q4.: AMER HIST - On the day in 1911 that it ordered the Standard Oil Trust to dissolve, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the same to what other company, for violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890? The ruling led eventually to the creation of R. J. Reynolds, Liggett & Myers, and Lorillard.

Answer: AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY

Q5.: LITERATURE - Walt Whitman eventually titled his prodigious 1855 poetic masterpiece—in which he sounds his barbaric yawp, is large, and contains multitudes – a "Song" that celebrates what?

Answer: MYSELF (HIMSELF)

Q6.: FILM - Name the historical drama series, set in New Mexico and airing on the television channel WGN America from 2014 to 2016, that shares its name with a Woody Allen film.

Answer: MANHATTAN

Q1.: SCIENCE - Among the legacy of trailblazing American chemist Ellen Swallow Richards is an extensive survey in her native Massachusetts in 1890, which led to the establishment of the nation's first state-level quality standards for what?
Answer: WATER

Q2.: AMER HIST - The world's first battle between steam-powered ironclad warships famously took place at Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 1862 during the U.S. Civil War, when the USS Monitor faced the CSS Virginia. The latter vessel's armored superstructure was built over the hull of what captured U.S. Navy frigate?
Answer: USS MERRIMACK

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the woman in this photograph.[Click here](#)
Answer: JULIA GILLARD

Q4.: ART - René Magritte's 1964 self-portrait *The Son of Man* features the subject in a bowler hat and overcoat standing in front of a low wall overlooking the sea, with what object in the painting's foreground?
Answer: APPLE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The 1892 German innovation of the American board game Halma, in which gameplay was restructured to incorporate a board in the shape of a six-pointed star, is most popularly known in the United States today by what doubly inaccurate name?
Answer: CHINESE CHECKERS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What clothing item was so named by its creator, Louis Réard, in the hope that its revelation would create an "explosive commercial and cultural reaction" like an atomic bomb?
Answer: BIKINI

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The first Motown song to reach the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 is a single by The Marvelettes from 1961 that describes, essentially, a desperate request to a man who holds what occupation?

Answer: POSTMAN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What infectious disease is redacted from this image? [Click here](#)
Answer: DYSENTERY

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the zooplankton species of the order Euphausiacea, which are small crustaceans that float in the ocean in large numbers, providing the main food source for baleen whales?

Answer: KRILL

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Gozo and Comino are the smaller two of the three inhabited islands which, with some minor uninhabited islands, make up what European nation?

Answer: MALTA

Q5.: FILM - Jack Robin, formerly Jakie Rabinowitz, was the title character of what popular 1927 film?

Answer: THE JAZZ SINGER

Q6.: LITERATURE - In Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven", what is the name of the distraught narrator's lost love? The ominous bird of yore, perched above the chamber door, eyes burned into his bosom's core, though he truly does implore, by the God they both adore, says he will see her nevermore.

Answer: LENORE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Xavier Becerra, Pam Bondi, Eric Schneiderman, Bill Schuette, Lisa Madigan, Ken Paxton, and Bob Ferguson are among the individuals that currently hold what position?

Answer: (STATE) ATTORNEY GENERAL

Q2.: FILM - What film appeared on network television for the first time in November 1976, becoming the highest-rated television program ever (and still today highest rated movie ever), thirty-seven years after becoming the highest-grossing film of all time?

Answer: GONE WITH THE WIND

Q3.: AMER HIST - Race riots during World War II in Los Angeles that primarily targeted Mexicans and Mexican-Americans are widely known by a term that references what specific apparel item, which was popular among the victimized communities as a symbol of new-found prosperity?

Answer: ZOOT SUIT

Q4.: SCIENCE - What northern forest biome, consisting primarily of cone-bearing evergreens with some deciduous trees, is found just south of the tundra biome and constitutes the Earth's largest biome aside from the oceans? The term is borrowed from Russian, as the biome covers much of that country.

Answer: TAIGA

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the literary character in this image?[Click here](#)

Answer: MR. TICKLE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What American soprano and opera superstar made her Metropolitan Opera debut portraying Countess Almaviva in *Le nozze di Figaro* in 1991 and, after some 70 performances there over two and a half decades, reportedly gave her final performance at the Met in May 2017 in what is perhaps her best-known role, the Marschallin in Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* (though those reports may prove to be inaccurate)?

Answer: RENEE FLEMING

Q1.: FILM - Two co-stars of the 2011 filmCrazy, Stupid Loveand the 2013 filmGangster Squadappeared together for a third time in what 2016 film?
Answer: LA LA LAND

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The most infamous and widely publicized attack committed by the Palestinian terrorist organization Black September took place in what city?
Answer: MUNICH

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In January 1893, to differentiate itself from a similarly named local competitor, what publication began printing on salmon pink paper, a tradition it continues to this day?
Answer: FINANCIAL TIMES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What state in northern India, renamed in 1950 from the post-independence United Provinces, has a population of about 200 million, more than all but five countries of the world?
Answer: UTTAR PRADESH

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The golf club sometimes designated as the "10-iron" is most often known by what two-word name?
Answer: PITCHING WEDGE

Q6.: TELEVISION - The real-life Behavioral Analysis Unit, a department within the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime based in Quantico, Virginia, is the primary setting for what fictional crime drama series, which has run on the CBS network since its debut in September 2005?
Answer: CRIMINAL MINDS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - As measured by global revenue, two of the five biggest Wall Street investment banks have names that bear that of what legendary banker and co-architect of the formation of General Electric?

Answer: J.P. MORGAN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What basketball superstar and Hall of Famer was the only player to win both the NBA and ABA Most Valuable Player Awards, accomplishing the latter three times during the league's last three years of existence while playing for the New York Nets?

Answer: JULIUS ERVING

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The indigenous Mexican guerilla movement that arose in 1994 in the southeastern province of Chiapas, fighting discrimination against the Mayan people and inequality blamed on the North American Free Trade Agreement, is named after what leader of the Mexican Revolution?

Answer: EMILIANO ZAPATA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Within the Paleozoic era of the geologic timescale, two Periods sit between the Devonian and Permian Periods and are sometimes categorized as subperiods within a single Carboniferous Period. These two Periods, which span 359 to 299 million years ago, have names that reference U.S. states. Name either state.
Answer: PENNSYLVANIA, MISSISSIPPI

Q5.: LITERATURE - In the standard English version of "Jack and the Beanstalk", what item does Jack trade in exchange for the magic beans?

Answer: (HIS MOTHER'S) COW

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Roman historian Pliny the Elder is credited with naming (or at least popularizing the name of) what archipelago, which he so named because of the multitudes of large dogs who (apparently) lived there?

Answer: CANARY ISLANDS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The small dumplings, usually filled with minced meat or mashed potatoes, that are traditionally served on Rosh Hashanah or before the fasting of Yom Kippur are most commonly referred to by what Yiddish-derived name?

Answer: KREPLACH

Q2.: TELEVISION - What syndicated daytime television series, an influential soap opera spoof that ran for two seasons and 325 episodes in the mid-1970s, featured Louise Lasser as the show's title heroine, heroine?

Answer: MARY HARTMAN, MARY HARTMAN

Q3.: AMER HIST - What man served as the president of what was then Washington College in Lexington, Virginia, from September 1865 until his death in October 1870?

Answer: ROBERT E. LEE

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The vexillologically relevant termserp i molot(серп и молот) translates to English as what?

Answer: HAMMER AND SICKLE (SICKLE AND HAMMER)

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - If You Need Healing, Do These Things; The Miracle of Seed-Faith; and Something Good is Going to Happen to You! are works by what Pentecostal preacher and university founder?

Answer: ORAL ROBERTS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The pia mater, the arachnoid mater, and the dura mater are the three membranes that envelop the mammalian brain and spinal cord. They are known collectively by what term?

Answer: MENINGES

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the corresponding name of the best-known item in the set, as outlined in the Prose Edda, that also includes Mēgingjörð and Járngreipr?

Answer: MJÖLNIR

Q2.: SCIENCE - The United States's scientific research station located at the South Pole is named formally after what two men, a Norwegian and a Briton respectively?

Answer: ROALD AMUNDSEN, ROBERT FALCON SCOTT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Tarquinius Priscus and Tarquinius Superbus, the fifth and seventh (and final) kings of Rome, were traditionally identified with what ancient Italian civilization, which would begin its decline at the end of the Roman Kingdom and become fully assimilated during the subsequent Roman Republic?

Answer: ETRUSCAN

Q4.: FILM - The Ladykillers, Rififi, Ocean's Eleven, and Reservoir Dogs are among the movies influenced by what classic 1950 John Huston film noir? Its title (from the source novel of the previous year) introduced into the vernacular a term for an unsafe and alienating urban landscape.

Answer: THE ASPHALT JUNGLE

Q5.: ART - What woman, whose Fort Peck Dam appeared on the first cover of Life magazine in 1936, was one of the original staff photographers for the magazine, and later became the first woman photographer to work with the U.S. armed forces during World War II?

Answer: MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - While residents of modern Texas are referred to as "Texans", what demonym was used for citizens (especially Anglo citizens) of the Republic of Texas (1836-46) and the prior period when the area was a part of Mexico? Note, correct spelling is required.

Answer: TEXIANS

Q1.: ART - The art movement known, in English, as Suprematism, which was established in 1913 and peaked later that decade before its swift decline, was founded in—and mostly represented by artists from—what country?

Answer: RUSSIA

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What district is the home—and the colloquial namesake—of London's Royal Opera House?

Answer: COVENT GARDEN

Q3.: LITERATURE - Whittier is the last name of what cheerful and irrepressibly optimistic (and arguably naive and self-delusional) character created in 1913 by Eleanor H. Porter?

Answer: POLLYANNA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Namib, Nafud, Rub' al-Khali, Dasht-e-Lut, Karakum, and Taklamakan are all names of what?

Answer: DESERTS

Q5.: SCIENCE - What metric unit of area is roughly equal to 2.47 acres in the U.S. customary system?

Answer: HECTARE

Q6.: AMER HIST - The 1932 Norris-La Guardia Act made unenforceable, and the 1935 Wagner Act made illegal, what colorfully named employment contract, which stipulates that a worker's employment is conditional on not joining a trade union?

Answer: YELLOW-DOG CONTRACT

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What term from philosophy is today an emphasis on the special position of persons in the greater scheme, their value and agency, and—per a third Manifesto in 2003—that "knowledge of the world is derived by observation, experimentation, and rational analysis"? It has been applied to schools of thought in contrast to "theism" and to an Ancient Greek doctrine (represented by Protagoras's decree that "man is the measure of all things") in contrast to "absolutism."

Answer: HUMANISM

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Negotiations in 1988 led by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar brought about an armistice in a prolonged border war that began in 1980 between what two foes?

Answer: IRAN, IRAQ

Q3.: POP MUSIC - An August 2009 fundraiser "Pickin' for the Record" sought the world record for most guitar players gathered at one time to play, with an official count of 1,868 players—1,865 more than the reported population of the central Texas community where the event was held. What is the name of that town, which is the subject of the 1977 Waylon Jennings song the group played?

Answer: LUCKENBACH

Q4.: SCIENCE - First proposed in the 1860s and controversial at the time, the scientific laws known as the law of segregation, the law of independent assortment, and the law of dominance are known collectively as a set of laws named after what Augustinian friar?

Answer: GREGOR MENDEL

Q5.: LITERATURE - The first novel in Terry Pratchett's Discworld series, the story of a cynical failed wizard named Rincewind, is The Colour of what?

Answer: MAGIC

Q6.: TELEVISION - In addition to his appearances on Cheers and Frasier, Kelsey Grammer earned an Emmy nomination for portraying Frasier Crane on what other NBC comedy, for an episode in which Frasier and his wife Lilith fly to Nantucket to conduct a self-esteem workshop?

Answer: WINGS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT -When both players have been dealt their six cards each, and the remainder put aside, both players select two of their six cards and discard them face down to the dealer's right.In this excerpt of rules from the traditional two-player version of a popular game, these four discards have a name, which in turn informs the name of the game. What is the name of this card game?

Answer: CRIBBAGE

Q2.: LITERATURE - A brutal death in a vehicle accident kicks off the events that conclude the story ofThe Great Gatsby. Give the first name of either the character who dies in the accident or the character who was driving the car at the time.

Answer: MYRTLE, DAISY

Q3.: MATH - While a quadrilateral with at least one pair of parallel sides is known in North America as a trapezoid, outside North America it is known as what? The term in question, to North Americans, describes a quadrilateral with no parallel sides (which, outside North America, is simply called a general irregular quadrilateral).

Answer: TRAPEZIUM

Q4.: THEATRE - The only Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera to premiere officially in New York (or any city other than London) did so in 1879 and, in 1981, became the first with an extended, open-ended commercial Broadway run, with Kevin Kline, Rex Smith, and Linda Ronstadt in starring roles. Name that show.

Answer: THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Among the 25 ministerial departments in the government of the United Kingdom, Her Majesty's Treasury is responsible for public spending and development and execution of the government's economic policy. What is the common title of the government minister responsible for overseeing HM Treasury?

Answer: CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Two separate wars in the mid-19th century had their origins in China's efforts to block British traders from importing what product into China from India?

Answer: OPIUM

Q1.: AMER HIST - Retired California physician and businessman Francis E. Townsend developed a namesake plan which, with millions of members of "Townsend clubs" across the U.S., spurred the development of what federal program?
Answer: SOCIAL SECURITY (OASDI)

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The Book of Revelation describes the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Whereas the beings riding the white and pale horses have traditionally symbolized Conquest (Pestilence) and Death, what do the riders of the red and black horses symbolize (correct order not required)?

Answer: WAR, FAMINE

Q3.: SCIENCE - In mammals, the small intestine is made up of three parts. One is the duodenum; what is the name for either of the other two?

Answer: JEJUNUM, ILEUM

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The Chinese title of the Chinese Industrial Cooperative Society, understood by an American Marine Corps officer to mean "work together," provided the elements for a term that has evolved to mean "enthusiastic" or "energetic." What is that term?

Answer: GUNG-HO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - This photo appeared on the cover of a hit 1994 album by what English rock band? [Click here](#)

Answer: BLUR

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the common name of the herb *Anethum graveolens*, a member of the parsley family that is visually similar to fennel? It is used abundantly in Poland, Russia, and the Nordic countries with fish (e.g., gravlax), and is also used on potatoes, to flavor cucumbers and gherkins, and with sour cream and yogurt.

Answer: DILL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Until reorganization under the direction of new commissioner Gary Bettman in 1993, the National Hockey League was divided into two conferences—the Prince of Wales Conference and the Clarence Campbell Conference—each of which was split into two divisions. Give the name of anyoneof these four divisions that were part of the NHL structure starting in the 1974-75 season.

Answer: ADAMS, PATRICK, NORRIS, SMYTHE

Q2.: LITERATURE - InGulliver's Travels, the brutish human-like beings who are caringly governed by the horse-like Houyhnhnms are known by what name, which would become a term for a crass, rude, and stupid person?

Answer: YAHOO

Q3.: FILM - Name the classic 1937 Jean Renoir war film and masterpiece of French cinema whose title is the filmmaker's description of war itself and of the belief that war accomplishes any positive ends?

Answer: LA GRANDE ILLUSION (GRAND ILLUSION)

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What term from economics is defined as the ratio between the proportional change in one variable and the proportional change in another? With regard to demand, it's the ratio between the change in quantity demanded and change in price.

Answer: ELASTICITY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - With the help of many foreign governments and volunteers (famously including Lord Byron), what country won its war of independence launched in 1821, crowning Prince Otto of Bavaria as the first king of its modern era?

Answer: GREECE

Q6.: THEATRE - Playwright Greg Kotis conceived the idea for what successful Broadway musical during a 1995 visit to Paris, when he found himself unable to afford the price of admission to a public toilet?

Answer: URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Cronus, from whom the Olympians were descended, is the youngest of twelve children of Uranus and Gaia who are known collectively by what name?

Answer: TITANS

Q2.: AMER HIST - What senator from Massachusetts railed against South Carolina's attempt to nullify federal legislation by proclaiming, "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"?

Answer: DANIEL WEBSTER

Q3.: SCIENCE - The most common protocol used on TCP/IP networks governing the transfer of email goes by what four-letter abbreviation? While most mail servers use it to send and receive messages, most client side applications (e.g., Apple Mail, Microsoft Outlook) use it only for sending.

Answer: SMTP

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - A particular popular Italian duo that is affectionately referred to as "Cav & Pag" is scheduled to make an appearance in New York in early 2018, featuring Roberto Alagna. What is the full name of either "Cav" or "Pag"?

Answer: CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA, PAGLIACCI

Q5.: TELEVISION - What thing severed Dr. Robert "Rocket" Romano's arm in a season 9 episode of the medical drama ER? Another one crushed him to death a season later, remarkably.

Answer: HELICOPTER

Q6.: ART - "Maiden" is a translation of the name of what temple, whose name was also once given to the room in a home in ancient Greece where unmarried, virginal daughters lived?

Answer: PARTHENON

Q1.: POP MUSIC - On April 23, 2016, Beyoncé released her sixth studio album, Lemonade, available exclusively on what subscription-based music streaming service, which she co-owns with Jay-Z, Rihanna, Calvin Harris, and numerous other prominent music artists?

Answer: TIDAL

Q2.: LITERATURE - Boy: Tales of Childhood, which includes stories of Norwegian holidays, the author's sadistic schoolmasters, and his childhood fantasies as an inventor of sweets, is the first volume of memoirs by what British writer?

Answer: ROALD DAHL

Q3.: TELEVISION - What Western, which began as a CBS radio series in 1952, holds the record as the longest-running continuously aired drama series in American television history? It is tied with Law & Order at 20 seasons but surpasses the crime drama in episode count, 635 to 456.

Answer: GUNSMOKE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - "Six hungry monkeys eating oranges" and "She has many ears on" are mnemonics used for remembering a certain complete set. In this set, what is represented by the last word in the mnemonic ("oranges" or "on")?

Answer: (LAKE) ONTARIO

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What emperor, widely regarded as one of the wealthiest people in history with a fortune estimated at \$400 billion in current dollars, is believed to have depressed the price of gold due to his abundant almsgiving during a pilgrimage to Mecca from his native Mali Empire around the year 1325?

Answer: MANSA MUSA (MUSA I)

Q6.: ART - Pictured here are works by what American conceptual artist, who received the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art's Distinguished Women in the Arts Award in 2010 (earning a plaque she herself designed for the award in 1994)? Click here

Answer: JENNY HOLZER

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Archetypal "Swiss" cheese, with its large holes, that is produced outside of Switzerland is an imitation of what authentic Swiss cheese, which takes its name from the valley near Bern where it originated?

Answer: EMMENTAL

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the technical name for the slow-moving, stubby, and incredibly hardy minuscule invertebrates that are known affectionately as "water bears"?

Answer: TARDIGRADES

Q3.: AMER HIST - The vice president of the Confederate States of America adopted his middle name during his youth, taking it from that of a Presbyterian minister and childhood mentor, and not so that his first and middle name would match the first and last of a founding father (which would have been rather incongruous, considering). What was that middle name?

Answer: HAMILTON

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In many Asian religions, the doctrine of reincarnation generally posits that the soul becomes incarnate in a succession of bodies until the necessary purification, or until the exhaustion of one's what? The term in question comes from the Sanskrit for "deed" or "action" (कर्म).

Answer: KARMA

Q5.: FILM - Martin Scorsese has two equivalents to François Truffaut's Metro, Peter Bogdanovich's Picture Show, John Dahl's Seduction, Wes Craven's House on the Left, Tony Scott's Boy Scout, and Edward Zwick's Samurai. Name either one.

Answer: WALTZ, TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The product provocatively named Sex Wax, manufactured by a company called Mr. Zog's, was not originally developed for intimate purposes, but rather for use on what objects?

Answer: SURFBOARDS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Followers of the 13th-century Persian poet and Sufi mystic Jalal ad-Din Rumi founded the Mevlevi, a Muslim order famous for their meditative ceremonial dance. This group is better known, in English, by what term?
Answer: WHIRLING DERVISHES

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In what two states did the path of totality for the August 21st solar eclipse enter (in the west) and exit (in the east) the United States?
Answer: OREGON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only name shared by cities in both the United States and Russia with populations greater than 200,000?
Answer: ST. PETERSBURG

Q4.: LITERATURE - The coronation of Charles II in 1661, the Great Plague of 1665, and the Fire of London in September 1666 are among the events recorded in what person's diary of over one million words, which ends in 1669?
Answer: SAMUEL PEPYS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Batman: The Animated Series, which aired on the Fox network from 1992 to 1995, introduced what sidekick character, who was created by series co-producer Bruce Timm and writer Paul Dini, and has since been fully integrated into DC's comic books, and its animated and cinematic universes?
Answer: HARLEY QUINN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1995, two new franchises were awarded by Major League Baseball (to begin play in 1998), bringing the total number of franchises to its current level of 30. Name either of those two teams.
Answer: ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS, TAMPA BAY (DEVIL) RAYS

Q1.: AMER HIST - From 1894 to 1900, Sanford B. Dole served as the first (and in the end, only) president of what republic?

Answer: HAWAII

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The name of the ruler (and satrap of the Persian emperor) buried at the Tomb at Halicarnassus, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world, is the source of what word (which is, essentially, what the structure was)?

Answer: MAUSOLEUM

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The blues and folk legend self-dubbed the "King of the 12-string Guitar," who recorded memorable versions of "Rock Island Line," "Goodnight Irene," and "Where Did You Sleep Last Night?," has a stage name with conflicting origin stories (his physical toughness, extreme tolerance for moonshine, a play on his last name, et al.). What is that stage name?

Answer: LEAD BELLY

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Monopoly is the name for a marketplace where only one seller exists. What is the similar term for the situation where only one buyer exists? The terms share the same first five letters, with the latter term ending (coincidentally) with the name of a multinational corporation.

Answer: MONOPSONY

Q5.: THEATRE - Who replaced Vincent Canby in 1996 as chief theater critic of The New York Times, a role he retains to this day (now as co-chief with Jesse Green)?

Answer: BEN BRANTLEY

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Albóndigas, keftédes, köttbullar, Klopse, polpette, and köfte are all dishes that are generally referred to in English as what?

Answer: MEATBALLS

Q1.: SCIENCE - The chemical element oganesson, whose name became official in November 2016, has the highest atomic number and highest atomic mass of all known (non-hypothetical) elements. Within plus or minus five, what is oganesson's atomic number?

Answer: 118

Q2.: LITERATURE - What Anne Tyler novel, first published in 1985, tells the story of a middle-aged travel writer named Macon Leary who does not like traveling?

Answer: THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The French diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps, as head of the Franco-American Union, formally presented the Statue of Liberty to the United States in 1884. However, he is more closely associated with two immense engineering projects focused on the construction of two separate what? One project resulted in massive success and international acclaim, while the other left him ruined.

Answer: CANALS

Q4.: TELEVISION - Peter Strauss and Nick Nolte were the title characters of what successful and influential television miniseries, based on a novel by Irwin Shaw, that first aired in early 1976 (and had a sequel which began later that year)?

Answer: RICH MAN, POOR MAN

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What institution, founded in 1694 and privately owned until 1946, is known popularly as "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," where its London office has stood since 1734?

Answer: THE BANK OF ENGLAND

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In a standard 52-card deck of playing cards, three cards are referred to as the "one-eyed royals." Two are the Jack of Spades and Jack of Hearts. What axe-wielder is the third? (Answer must include card name and suit.)

Answer: KING OF DIAMONDS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Carlton Ridenhour, William Jonathan Drayton, Jr., Norman Rogers, and Richard Griffin (as the Minister of Information and leader of the Security of the First World) are the real names of the core of what hip-hop group and 2013 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee during its 1980s/90s peak?

Answer: PUBLIC ENEMY

Q2.: THEATRE - International Stud, Fugue in a Nursery, and Widows and Children First! are the three one-act plays in a bill that goes by what name? The first major success for playwright Harvey Fierstein, the Tony Award-winning collection opened on Broadway in 1982.

Answer: TORCH SONG TRILOGY

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The large, pink pork sausage known in English as Mortadella originated in what city, which gives its name to the authentic sausage's broadly copied (and inferior) imitators?

Answer: BOLOGNA

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name of the good-sounding musical instrument pictured here, often confused with a baritone, and considered a kind of saxhorn or tuba with higher-than-normal range?[Click here](#)

Answer: EUPHONIUM

Q5.: SCIENCE - Severe tropical cyclones with winds of 74 mph (119 km/h) or greater are known as hurricanes when they occur in the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the eastern Pacific Ocean. When they happen in the northwestern Pacific Ocean, they're best known as what?

Answer: TYPHOONS

Q6.: FILM - Laura and Angus, Lydia and Bernard, Carrie and Hamish, Henrietta and Charles (but notably never Carrie and Charles), and Gareth: This is the inventory of the title of what film?

Answer: FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL

Q1.: TELEVISION - Flattened by a volcanic boulder, pummeled by a dodgeball throw, impaled on a flagpole, cooked in a microwave oven, frozen in carbonite by the CIA as a gift to Sally Struthers, crushed by the Mir Space Station: What TV show has depicted a certain character dying by these, and many other, means?

Answer: SOUTH PARK

Q2.: SCIENCE - The type (or "class") of a lever is determined by the position of what, in relation to the load and effort? The term in question is from Latin, where it means "bedpost" or "foot of a couch."

Answer: FULCRUM

Q3.: ART - Who painted this?[Click here](#)

Answer: JASPER JOHNS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What densely populated sovereign Asian island nation lies entirely between 1.1 and 1.5 degrees north of the equator?

Answer: SINGAPORE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the title of the highest civil officeholder in Venice—where the office originated and from whose dialect the term originated—and other Italian city-states from the 7th century until the late 18th century? So lord, much serene, wow.

Answer: DOGE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1915, a central California woman named Lorraine Collett Petersen posed for a watercolor painting while holding a basket of fresh grapes, becoming the longtime face for a brand that, in line with that image, is still known today by what name?

Answer: SUN-MAID

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "Look What You Made Me Do," released on August 24, 2017, is the first single from what Taylor Swift album, which is set for release on November 10?
Answer: REPUTATION

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The three stars on the flag of what U.S. state represent the state's legally codified Grand Divisions—East, Middle, and West—each of which has a distinct topography, and each of which has a distinct musical heritage?
Answer: TENNESSEE

Q3.: MATH - A historically significant mathematics problem, asking, essentially, if a graph on four nodes with seven edges has a "Eulerian path," was answered in the negative (by Leonhard Euler himself) using the seven bridges of what Prussian city?
Answer: KÖNIGSBERG

Q4.: FILM - Name the cinematic take on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde from 1963 that presented a character named "Buddy Love" as the Hyde figure, and "Julius Kelp" as the Jekyll equivalent.

Answer: THE NUTTY PROFESSOR

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The man at the center of this photo, dated February 19, 2017, is currently the vice chairman (and de facto head) of what multinational conglomerate?
[Click here](#)

Answer: SAMSUNG

Q6.: WORLD HIST - A March 1960 event known as the Sharpeville Massacre is widely regarded as contributing directly to what country's departure from the British Commonwealth the following year?

Answer: SOUTH AFRICA

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the medical name of the periodontal disease that is inflammation of the gums, indicated by redness, swelling, and bleeding, and which can lead to the more serious periodontitis?

Answer: GINGIVITIS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Kiribati, Guam, Palau, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Nauru, and hundreds of other islands (including the namesake Federated States) comprise a region of Oceania known as what?

Answer: MICRONESIA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - "Women are like that" is the rough but common English translation of the title of what Mozart opera?

Answer: COSÌ FAN TUTTE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - With the single exception of 1989, when Darrell Waltrip passed the checkered flag on Hoosier tires, every Daytona 500 winner since 1969 has driven on tires from what manufacturer?

Answer: GOODYEAR

Q5.: AMER HIST - In October 1984, Barbara Bush characterized whom as a "four-million-dollar—I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich," following a lively debate the person in question had with Mrs. Bush's husband a few days prior?

Answer: GERALDINE FERRARO

Q6.: TELEVISION - Two locations in New York City's 12th Precinct in Greenwich Village—the detectives' squad room and the titular captain's office—are the only sets for most episodes of what television sitcom that aired from 1974 to 1982?

Answer: BARNEY MILLER

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - For most professional boxing sanctioning organizations, the weight class that sits between Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight, with a weight limit of 200 pounds, is known as what? One exception is the WBO, where it is known as "Junior Heavyweight."

Answer: CRUISERWEIGHT

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Napoleon Bonaparte finally met his Waterloo in 1815 at the Battle of Waterloo, where he was defeated by a Prussian army under the command of Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, and British-led forces under the command of whom?

Answer: THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON (ARTHUR WELLESLEY)

Q3.: POP MUSIC -Beauty and the Beat, Vacation, and Talk Show are the early 1980s albums from what rock band?

Answer: THE GO-GO'S

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The controversial dark opera Death of Klinghoffer, which is based on the hijacking of the cruise liner Achille Lauro by members of the Palestine Liberation Front and has been criticized as sympathetic to the terrorists, is the work of what American composer?

Answer: JOHN ADAMS

Q5.: MATH - What is the most common name for the formula pictured here?[Click here](#)

Answer: QUADRATIC FORMULA (EQUATION)

Q6.: FILM - Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Kevin Bacon, Timothy Daly, Paul Reiser, and Ellen Barkin—mostly show biz unknowns at the time—all appeared in what 1982 Baltimore-based film comedy?

Answer: DINER

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Despite the musical reputation of its primary instrumentalist, the 1968 album *Unfinished Music No. 1. Two Virgins*. had a big impact (and is probably best remembered today) due to its cover, which featured its two artists posing fully naked. Name this duo.

Answer: JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Give any one of the four names that are redacted in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: MAYO, GALWAY, LIMERICK, CORK

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - While it is botanically a vegetable, the US Customs Court ruled in 1947 that what plant was a fruit on the basis of how its edible stalks are normally eaten?

Answer: RHUBARB

Q4.: LITERATURE - Pictured here is the bottom third of the cover of what multigenerational bestseller from 2001?[Click here](#)

Answer: THE CORRECTIONS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - "Total Football," a concept that emphasized versatility and team play over a traditional rigid, ball-control style prevalent at the time, was the name given to what national soccer team's play during the 1974 World Cup, where the country would finish as runner-up to West Germany?

Answer: THE NETHERLANDS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the instrument being used in this photograph?

[Click here](#)

Answer: SEXTANT

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In a game played on October 18, 1924, a University of Illinois halfback scored four touchdowns in the game's first twelve minutes, against a University of Michigan side that had only surrendered three touchdowns over the previous two seasons. The Wolverines would give up 54 total points that season, with 39 coming that day at the hands of the Illini (led by the player in question, who would later be named by ESPN as the best college football player of all time). Who was this player?

Answer: HAROLD "RED" GRANGE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The ancient Central Asian cities of Samarkand and Tashkent, which flourished with centuries of Silk Road trade, remain today among the largest cities in what present-day republic?

Answer: UZBEKISTAN

Q3.: FILM - Among the voluminous bounty of historical inaccuracies in what film is the title itself, which in fact was actually a nickname given to Robert the Bruce?

Answer: BRAVEHEART

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the name given to the class of drugs that inhibit an enzyme involved in the production of cholesterol and promote binding of LDL cholesterol receptors, reducing cardiovascular disease? Brand names include Lipitor, Crestor, Zocor, and Pravachol.

Answer: STATINS

Q5.: TELEVISION - By the end of It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, after a full evening of trick-or-treating, Charlie ends up with a bag full of what?

Answer: ROCKS

Q6.: THEATRE - The 2008 Broadway production of A Tale of Two Cities closed after 60 performances, keeping what other musical as, by far, the most successful musical theatre adaptation of a work by Charles Dickens?

Answer: OLIVER! (also acc. DROOD based on Tonys)

Q1.: LITERATURE - A quotation from Act 5 in Shakespeare's Macbeth, uttered by the title character, which begins "[Life] is a tale, told by an idiot..." and ends with "signifying nothing" informs the title, and forms the very basis, of what 1929 novel?

Answer: THE SOUND AND THE FURY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The simplest and most authentic Italian version of the dish known as spaghetti alla carbonara contains four main ingredients (not including olive oil, salt, and pepper): spaghetti, cured pork (guanciale/pancetta), grated hard cheese (e.g., Parmigiano-Reggiano), and what fourth ingredient?

Answer: EGGS

Q3.: AMER HIST - What is the name given to the theory, first articulated by President Eisenhower in an April 1954 news conference during the Viet Minh/French battle at Dien Bien Phu, that was used by successive administrations to justify American intervention in global affairs in an effort to prevent the sequential falling of countries under communist influence?

Answer: DOMINO THEORY

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Dolly Parton has had dozens and dozens of hits as a solo artist and in duets with Porter Wagoner, Kenny Rogers, and others. However, among the thousands of songs she has written, her greatest success is due in large part to a recording by another artist, which was an international hit in 1992. Name this other artist, a superstar in her own right.

Answer: WHITNEY HOUSTON

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Travis Kalanick was, until June 2017, the CEO of what company, which he cofounded in 2009 and led starting in 2010?

Answer: UBER

Q6.: ART - The Academy Award-winning 1994 film documentary subtitled A Strong Clear Vision is the story of an American artist and the famous commission she received thirteen years earlier, while still an undergraduate at Yale University. Who is that artist?

Answer: MAYA LIN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the brand name of the products manufactured by the McIlhenny Company of Avery Island, Louisiana?

Answer: TABASCO

Q2.: SCIENCE - What hydrocarbon is commonly added to gasoline to prevent knocking from the uneven burning of fuel in internal combustion engines?

Answer: (ISO-)OCTANE

Q3.: FILM - The 2014 film *Annabelle* and its 2017 prequel *Annabelle: Creation* are parts of a "universe" that began with what 2013 horror film (after which the franchise is named)?

Answer: THE CONJURING

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the river that arises in the northern Burmese Kachin State and runs south through Mandalay before emptying into the Andaman Sea at its delta near Yangon (Rangoon).

Answer: IRRAWADDY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Gear and items used to ride or use horses, such as saddles, bits, harnesses, stirrups, halters, bridles, etc., are known collectively by what term? This word, probably a shortening of a more general term for "equipment," is also used for the room near the stable where such items are stored.

Answer: TACK

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford, Linda Evangelista, Tatjana Patitz, and Christy Turlington were among the lip-synchers who appeared in an iconic David Fincher-directed 1990 music video by what artist?

Answer: GEORGE MICHAEL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Pictured here are tiles produced for what game?Click here
Answer: QWIRKLE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What are the last names of the two individuals who served as Prime Minister of India from independence in 1947 until March 1977, with the exception of a 20-month period beginning in May 1964? (Two answers required.)
Answer: NEHRU, GANDHI

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - What is thefull name(first and last) of the American financier who served as White House Director of Communications from (officially) July 26, 2017, until July 31, 2017?
Answer: ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Whereaspatricideis the killing of one's father andmatricideis the killing of one's mother, and asmaricideis the killing of one's husband, what is the corresponding Latin-derived term for the killing of one's wife?
Answer: UXORICIDE

Q5.: TELEVISION - The personal computing boom of the 1980s and evolution into online computing and the world wide web in the 90s provide the setting for what television drama series currently airing on the AMC cable network?
Answer: HALT AND CATCH FIRE

Q6.: ART - The Dymaxion House and the Dymaxion Car, both pictured here, were designed and developed by what American inventor and architect?Click here
Answer: BUCKMINSTER FULLER

Q1.: SCIENCE - The farthest human-made object from the Earth, currently operating in interstellar space just over 13 billion miles from home, is one of the two probes built by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for a NASA space program whose original mission—to study the planetary systems of Jupiter and Saturn—was completed in 1981. What is the name of that space program?

Answer: VOYAGER

Q2.: ART - Art historians divide the output of Pablo Picasso into periods, and the first two have names that generally reflect the palette Picasso used at those times. What are the two colors used to name these periods?

Answer: BLUE, ROSE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - This is a screenshot from the 2014 installment of what fighting video game series?[Click here](#)

Answer: SUPER SMASH BROS.

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What international capital city is photographed here?[Click here](#)

Answer: SEOUL

Q5.: LITERATURE - While serving a two-year sentence in Reading Gaol for "gross indecency," playwright and novelist Oscar Wilde penned a letter which was both a personal correspondence and a general reflection on the universality of human suffering. Give either the title of this letter, published in 1905, or the name of Wilde's former friend and lover to whom it was addressed.

Answer: DE PROFUNDIS, LORD ALFRED DOUGLAS (BOSIE)

Q6.: FILM - In the 1939 film version of *The Wizard of Oz*, the wizard agrees to grant the wishes of Dorothy and her companions when they bring back to him what particular item?

Answer: (THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST'S) BROOMSTICK

Q1.: FILM - Since 2002, three actors have played the title role in Spider-Man-themed films. The most recent is Tom Holland; name both of the other two.

Answer: TOBEY MAGUIRE, ANDREW GARFIELD

Q2.: TELEVISION - Give anyone of the three words redacted in this image.[Click here](#)

Answer: NOT PENNYS BOAT

Q3.: LITERATURE - In 1912 Chicago, Harriet Monroe founded a magazine for which she would serve as editor until her death in 1936, and that is published still today (thanks in part to a \$200 million bequest in 2002 from philanthropist Ruth Lilly). What is that magazine, named after the literature it features monthly?

Answer: POETRY

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What is the last name of the pioneering country music family that formed (as a musical group) in 1926 in the mountains of western Virginia when Sara Dougherty, her husband A.P., and her cousin (A.P.'s brother Ezra's wife) Maybelle began recording folk songs set to string-band backup? Their biggest hit was "Wildwood Flower" in 1928, though they remained one of America's most popular musical acts until their disbandment in 1943.

Answer: CARTER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The first woman to successfully claim the crown of England, doing so in 1553, was commonly known—especially by Protestants—by what sanguineous sobriquet?

Answer: BLOODY MARY

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Chickpeas which are cooked, mashed, and blended with tahini and other ingredients form the dish called hummus. Chickpeas which are soaked, ground with scallions, garlic, and spices, formed into balls, and fried make up what other dish?

Answer: FALAFEL

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Catholic popes who corrected the error of the Julian calendar (16th century), battled German Emperor Henry IV over the secularized condition of the Church (11th century), returned the papacy to Rome from Avignon (14th century), and standardized (allegedly but probably not actually) the mainstream form of Western plainsong (6th century) all shared what name?

Answer: GREGORY

Q2.: MATH - In geometry, what word is used most often to describe an angle that is greater than $\pi/2$ radians and less than π radians?

Answer: OBTUSE

Q3.: FILM - First introduced to movie audiences in 1984, the laconic Cyberdyne Systems Model 101 was better known as what?

Answer: TERMINATOR

Q4.: SCIENCE - Acer saccharum is the scientific name of a species of tree that is best known by what common two-word name?

Answer: SUGAR MAPLE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What two-word term from economics, attributed to Friedrich von Wieser (as a translation of Grenznutzen) and central to demand theory, is commonly defined as the extra satisfaction gained by the consumer from an increment in the consumption of a given product?

Answer: MARGINAL UTILITY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Skye, Mull, Islay, and Jura and among the Inner, and Lewis and Harris, North Uist, South Uist, and Benbecula are among the Outer of what archipelago off the coast of Scotland?

Answer: HEBRIDES

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What term is used in some card games for a hand dealt face down at the start of play not belonging to any particular player (as a synonym to "dead hand" or "widow"), and is also used in some games for a pool of money collected from each pot for communal expenses or some other purpose?

Answer: KITTY

Q2.: SCIENCE - What was the name of the Austrian physicist who, in 1842, explained the effect of variations in wave frequencies resulting from the relative motion of the source of the wave from the perspective of the observer?

Answer: CHRISTIAN DOPPLER

Q3.: TELEVISION - "He's Guilty," "Baby Merchant," "Let's Be Careful Out There," and "Where Bullets Fly," as well as the Randy Newman-penned (and -performed) theme, were some of the songs featured in what 1990s television series?

Answer: COP ROCK

Q4.: AMER HIST - When the resolution that eventually became the U.S. Constitution's 19th Amendment (prohibiting citizens from being denied voting rights on the basis of sex) was brought before the House of Representatives in 1919, there was only one woman in Congress able to vote on it. Name that Republican from Montana, who was the first woman to hold federal office in the United States. (She voted *Yesto* the resolution.)

Answer: JEANNETTE RANKIN

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - American author M.F.K. Fisher wrote broadly about various topics, but she is best remembered today for (and the majority of her writing was) works on what subject?

Answer: FOOD/COOKING

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The distinctive coloring of the animal pictured here is best known by what Spanish-derived term?[Click here](#)

Answer: PALOMINO

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Give the pseudonym of Iowa-born Esther Pauline Friedman Lederer, or that of her twin sister, Pauline Esther Friedman Phillips.

Answer: ANN LANDERS, ABIGAIL VAN BUREN (DEAR ABBY)

Q2.: SCIENCE - The composite material known as nacre, which forms the hard, smooth layer on the inside of certain oyster and mussel shells, and is often used to make jewelry and buttons, is also known by what three-word term?

Answer: MOTHER OF PEARL

Q3.: FILM - What name is being exclaimed in this movie screenshot? [Click here](#)

Answer: KEVIN

Q4.: THEATRE - The musicals Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, Chess, The Lion King, and Aida are among the works of what lyricist?

Answer: TIM RICE

Q5.: LITERATURE - Who was born in Newgate, and during a life of continual Variety for Threescore Years, besides her Childhood, was Twelve Years a Whore, five times a Wife (whereof once to her brother) Twelve Years a Thief, Eight Years a Transported Felon in Virginia, at last grew Rich, liv'd Honest and died a Penitent--The preceding is the final 4/5 of the title of what classic novel?

Answer: MOLL FLANDERS

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The largest stock exchange in continental Europe, as measured by market capitalization of its listed companies, was formed in 2000 through the merger of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, Brussels Stock Exchange, and Paris Bourse, and goes by what name?

Answer: EURONEXT

Q1.: ART - A famous bronze sculpture by Myron, from the 5th century BCE, depicts the contrapposto figure of a nude young man in the midst of competition in what Olympic event?

Answer: DISCUS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the center (centre) for the Edmonton Oilers and 20-year-old hockey phenom who won the 2017 Art Ross trophy as the NHL's leader in points, as well as the Hart Memorial Trophy as the league's most valuable player.

Answer: CONNOR MCDAVID

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Sam Nujoma, who entered politics in 1960 as a co-founder of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), was elected in 1990 as the first president of what nation?

Answer: NAMIBIA

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The title of Claude Debussy's Suite bergamasque comes from a line in a Paul Verlaine poem, and Debussy uses the title of that Verlaine poem as the title of the third movement of Suite bergamasque. What is the title shared by that poem and movement (arguably Debussy's most famous piano work)?

Answer: CLAIR DE LUNE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The band that reached #1 in 1967 with "Incense and Peppermints"; the band led in the 1970s by Eric Carmen; the Irish rock band fronted by Dolores O'Riordan; the sleazy hard rock band that recorded "Lit Up" and "Too Drunk..."; Britain's biggest-selling all-female pop trio: the names of all of these musical groups share, most prominently, what distinction?

Answer: FRUIT

Q6.: SCIENCE - The temperature scale named after Swedish astronomer Anders Celsius was formally named thus by the Conference General des Poids et Measures in 1948, but before that point (and still today, decreasingly), the scale was commonly known by what other name?

Answer: CENTIGRADE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The name of what Swiss dish, whosebatterie de cuisine includes acaquelon, aréchaud, and probably somefourche à longue tige, comes from the French for "melted"?

Answer: FONDUE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What is the term from phonetics for the gliding of two vowel sounds within a single syllable, such as in the English words wife, joy, brain, and (in New York) coffee and dog?

Answer: DIPHTHONG

Q3.: AMER HIST - What powerful figure in 1850s-1870s New York City has no relation to the item pictured here, though they do share a name? [Click here](#)

Answer: WILLIAM M. TWEED

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What name is shared by a department in southern Colombia, a state in southern Venezuela, and a state in northwest Brazil (which borders the other two)?

Answer: AMAZONAS (AMAZON)

Q5.: ART - This montage contains self-portraits by what influential American photographer? [Click here](#)

Answer: NAN GOLDIN

Q6.: SCIENCE - Although it is most commonly consumed by smoking cigarettes (joints) formed from the flowering tops, leaves, and stems of the dried plant (known as marijuana), the form of cannabis made with the plant's pressed resin is known by what other, Arabic-derived term?

Answer: HASHISH/HASH

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Law of the Roman Republic decreed that generals who led forces outside Italy had to relinquish their commands before returning. Julius Caesar violated this law in 49 BCE, traversing with his legion a stream that formed a border between Italy and Cisalpine Gaul, and starting a revolution that led to the Roman Empire. What was the name of this stream?

Answer: RUBICON

Q2.: FILM - Although film adaptations of novels are common, the less frequent reverse—a novel adapted from a screenplay—occurred with what romance best-seller released on February 14, 1970? The novel kept the name of the film version released that same year.

Answer: LOVE STORY

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What artist and TV personality was discovered while a member of the Laker Girls cheerleading squad and choreographed videos from Janet Jackson's Control album before achieving pop stardom of her own later in the 1980s?

Answer: PAULA ABDUL

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Correctly spell the plural form of the French singular noun cheval.

Answer: CHEVAUX

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Leaked through a pair of reporters at the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung, a trove of 13.4 million files was unveiled in early November 2017 that relate to controversial offshore investments by numerous prominent companies and individuals. This set of documents is known by what name?

Answer: PARADISE PAPERS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the red, orange, or black accessory fruit of the rose plant? Very rich in ascorbic acid, they are often used as a nutritional supplement for vitamin C.

Answer: HIPS

Q1.: ART - A famous embroidered cloth produced to record and commemorate the victory of William the Conqueror and justify his claim to the English throne was commissioned by William's half-brother, Odo, who was the bishop of what Catholic diocese?

Answer: BAYEUX

Q2.: SCIENCE - Epinephrine, norepinephrine, aldosterone, and cortisol, as well as certain male sex hormones (androgens), are all hormones produced in the human body by what glands?

Answer: ADRENAL GLANDS

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In the food montage pictured, based on the clues provided by the names of items A-C, what is the full name (including geographic reference) of the item in the section labeled "D"?[Click here](#)

Answer: BOSTON CREAM PIE

Q4.: LITERATURE - In Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*, a man and two women have died and are escorted into a drawing room where, unable to leave, they learn that (per the English translation) "hell is" what?

Answer: OTHERS/OTHER PEOPLE

Q5.: AMER HIST - The five burglars arrested on June 17, 1972, at the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate Hotel, were indicted by a federal grand jury on September 15 of that year, as were two other operatives. Name either of those two other men, both of whom served time in prison.

Answer: G. GORDON LIDDY, E. HOWARD HUNT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The southern slopes of Mount Hermon, which is home to the Mount Hermon ski resort, are located in what hilly region that sits on the disputed and unresolved border between Israel and Syria?

Answer: GOLAN HEIGHTS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Guru Granth Sahib is regarded as the central scripture and supreme spiritual authority of what religion?

Answer: SIKHISM

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the last name of the only brother-and-sister duo to be enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame?

Answer: MILLER

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The Rodeo, Amigo, Ascender, and Trooper were automobile models marketed and sold in North America by what carmaker?

Answer: ISUZU

Q4.: WORLD HIST - In 1510, an abbot named Philotheus wrote to Basil III, passionately arguing that as Rome has fallen to heresy and Constantinople to Islam, there is to be a Third Rome, a dominion centered in what city?

Answer: MOSCOW

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What artist's 1982 album Age to Age became the first Christian album to be certified platinum, while her contemporary pop album from 1991, Heart in Motion, was an even bigger success, thanks in part to the #1 hit single "Baby Baby"?

Answer: AMY GRANT

Q6.: SCIENCE - JPEG and MPEG are the names of standards committees that defined and standardized their namesake digital image and motion picture formats, and a similar VCEG has standardized other video compression formats. For all three organizations, what does the "EG" in their abbreviations stand for?

Answer: EXPERTS GROUP

Q1.: TELEVISION - Name the highly anticipated and promoted NBC drama series that debuted in the fall of 2006 and was set backstage at a Saturday Night Live-like sketch comedy series. It was named after the building in which the fictional show-in-a-show was set, featured a controversial and irritable network head named Jack, and was not 30 Rock.

Answer: STUDIO 60 ON THE SUNSET STRIP

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - For the majority of its length in New York state, Interstate 90 runs parallel to the original route of what waterway?

Answer: ERIE CANAL

Q3.: ART - The final period in what is categorized as "medieval art," spanning (roughly) the years 1140 to 1500 and divided into early, high, and late subdivisions, was not directly related to the people after which it was named. What is the name for this period of medieval art?

Answer: GOTHIC

Q4.: FILM - A dedicated group of Chinese American mah-jongg players forms the plot basis, and the title, for what 1993 film (and the 1989 novel on which it was based)?

Answer: THE JOY LUCK CLUB

Q5.: THEATRE - What comedic play, though of no particular enduring artistic merit, is by far the most famous work of playwright Tom Taylor, due to a singular suspended performance seven years after its debut?

Answer: OUR AMERICAN COUSIN

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Walton Rodger of the American Nuclear Society is widely credited with coining a now-familiar phrase, which he used as a term of derision against residents protesting nuclear facilities in their locality. That phrase is also known (and perhaps even better known) by its acronym, which is what?

Answer: NIMBY

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the nation highlighted on this map.[Click here](#)
Answer: MALI

Q2.: AMER HIST - What name is missing from this otherwise complete list?
Enterprise, Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Endeavour.
Answer: ATLANTIS

Q3.: MATH - In the form of linear equation expressed as $y = mx + b$, the b represents a point that is known by what term?
Answer: Y-INTERCEPT

Q4.: FILM - What is the first name of the heroine who jockeys the winning horse in the famous English steeplechase the Grand National in a 1935 Enid Bagnold novel (and subsequent film adaptation)?

Answer: VELVET

Q5.: LITERATURE - The present use of the word "cartoon," as a humorous drawing, is said to have originated with what English comic weekly magazine, which was founded in 1841 and named after the irascible figure in a famous puppet show?

Answer: PUNCH

Q6.: TELEVISION - A dog named Seymour waits for his owner outside Panucci's Pizza for twelve years before expiring in a poignant and memorable Emmy-nominated episode of what television series?

Answer: FUTURAMA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - First mentioned in Bavaria in the 1420s, Karnöffel—which translates to "hernia," was at the time a rude word for a cardinal, and was banned by clerical authorities for its irreverent promotion of anarchy—is considered the oldest identifiable what?

Answer: CARD GAME

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Beginning in medieval England with a statute enacted in 1285, the practice whereby an individual could call out loudly for help in the pursuit and apprehension of a criminal, with those who heard the call obliged by law to assist, is known by the phrase "hue and" what?

Answer: CRY

Q3.: FILM - A fictional largest diamond in the world with an unusual flaw in the center, given to Princess Dala of Lugash (also fictional) by her father the Shah, is the title object of a comedy caper film from 1963. What is that object, which gives its name not only to that film, but the entire subsequent film series, as well as its cartoon mascot?

Answer: THE PINK PANTHER

Q4.: SCIENCE - A term used by dental professionals for what is more commonly known as tartar or hardened plaque is also, unrelatedly, a term used in mathematics. What is that term?

Answer: CALCULUS

Q5.: ART - Louise Bourgeois' 1999 sculpture titled *Maman* is a massive work (over thirty feet tall) depicting what type of animal? A cast of similar but smaller work, from three years prior, sold at auction in 2015 for \$28.2 million.

Answer: SPIDER

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Accent, Sazón, and Ve-Tsin are trade names for what chemical compound, which was first produced commercially in Japan as Ajinomoto ("essence of taste")?

Answer: MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE (MSG)

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The term for what philosophical doctrine, which is defined as a disillusioned rejection of conventional morals and institutions with the belief that life is without objective value or meaning, was first popularized by Ivan Turgenev through his character Bazarov in Fathers and Sons and later applied to others in the radical Russian intelligentsia?

Answer: NIHILISM

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - On November 5, 2017, Shalane Flanagan became the first American woman in 40 years to win what?

Answer: NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

Q3.: SCIENCE - A conductive electrical wire surrounded by a layer of insulating material, surrounded by a layer of shielding material, surrounded by another layer of insulating material—this assembly is best known as what, after the alignment of the conductive wire and the outer shield?

Answer: COAXIAL CABLE

Q4.: AMER HIST - A Spanish inquiry concluded that an explosion in the forward magazine caused the sinking of what battleship in Cuba's Havana harbor, whereas a US naval inquiry blamed a submarine mine?

Answer: USS MAINE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The same name, in different languages, has been redacted multiple times from this image. How is that name rendered in English?[Click here](#)

Answer: CATALONIA

Q6.: TELEVISION - Jodie Dallas, widely regarded as the first openly gay regular character on American primetime television, was portrayed by Billy Crystal on what comedy series?

Answer: SOAP

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the man who resigned as Prime Minister of Lebanon on November 4, 2017, just over thirteen years after his father resigned from the same post.

Answer: SAAD HARIRI

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the twelve cities along Lake Ontario with a population greater than 100,000, one is located in the United States. What is that city, which had just over 210,000 residents during the 2010 census?

Answer: ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Q3.: BUS/ECON - "Charles Entertainment" are the (real) first and middle names of a corporate mascot who has what last name?

Answer: CHEESE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the tiny hamlet on the far western outskirts of Greater London, in an area now a part of the London Borough of Hillingdon, which was demolished as part of a massive civil construction project in 1944?

Answer: HEATHROW

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What drink served to British sailors in the Age of Sail, consisting (typically) of rum mixed with water, takes its name from the nickname borne by 18th-century British Admiral Edward Vernon from the waterproof cloak he wore?

Answer: GROG

Q6.: SCIENCE - Identify the subatomic particle of the baryon family, believed to be composed of two up quarks and one down quark, which has a mass of 1.672×10^{-24} grams and a positive electric charge of 1.602×10^{-19} coulombs.

Answer: PROTON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Gold Coast, a major tourist destination and Australia's sixth-most populous city, is located about an hour's drive southeast of what state capital city?

Answer: BRISBANE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - In North America, edible varieties of rapeseed oil are not known by that name (unsurprisingly), but rather by what other name, which was originally a trademark but is now used generically?

Answer: CANOLA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Perry the Platypus, a government spy and foil to the evil Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz, is also the pet of the titular stepbrothers in what animated television series?

Answer: PHINEAS AND FERB

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What term was used and perhaps introduced into the English language in February 1813, in the name of a London society formed for the promotion of instrumental music? The society still exists today, and the term in question has, over time, become synonymous with a symphony orchestra?

Answer: PHILHARMONIC

Q5.: SCIENCE - Betelgeuse, Rigel, and Bellatrix are the Alpha, Beta, and Gamma stars of what constellation?

Answer: ORION

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What nonprofit cooperative, which still exists today, was formed in May 1846, when five New York City newspapers shared the cost of a pony express route through Alabama to expedite the transmission of news from the Mexican-American War?

Answer: ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Who became, in June 2015, the first African American woman to be named a principal in the American Ballet Theater in its 75-year history?

Answer: MISTY COPELAND

Q2.: TELEVISION - According to the theme toThe Jeffersons, fish don't fry in the kitchen, while what don't burn on the grill?

Answer: BEANS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Name any one of the four sovereign states whose land area sits entirely below the Tropic of Capricorn.

Answer: LESOTHO, NEW ZEALAND, SWAZILAND, URUGUAY

Q4.: LITERATURE - A novel of religious satire by C.S. Lewis first published in 1942 takes the form of a series of letters to a "Junior Tempter" named Wormwood, with advice on how best to draw a particular Englishman into sin and, eventually, into Hell. These letters are written by Wormwood's uncle, a senior-level devil, who goes by what name?

Answer: SCREWTAPE

Q5.: SCIENCE - A substance described asstannic, by definition, contains what element (especially with a valence of four)?

Answer: TIN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What is the term for the musical genre, synthesizing elements from blues, jazz, country and western, R&B, gospel, and other forms, that originated among the Cajuns and African American Creoles of southwest Louisiana in the early 20th century? The vest frottoir (or rub-board) is an instrument closely associated with the genre.

Answer: ZYDECO

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What was the name of the pious Bohemian "Good King"—actually a duke, and now the patron saint of the Czech Republic—who is noted for his charitable giving on St. Stephen's Day (December 26)?

Answer: WENCESLAUS (VACLAV)

Q2.: SCIENCE - What unit of length in the U.S. Customary System, expressed as a two-word term, is equal to 6,076 feet (1,852 meters). Traditionally, it has also been expressed as one minute of arc on the Earth's surface (i.e., one minute of latitude).

Answer: NAUTICAL MILE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - One form of competitive rowing (crew), where each rower pulls one oar through the water with both hands, is called sweep. The other main form, where each rower has two oars (one in each hand), goes by what name, after a term for the oars themselves?

Answer: SCULLING

Q4.: TELEVISION - A highly modified (and wildly unsafe) 1921 Oldsmobile Model 46 touring roadster appears prominently in the opening credits of what TV show?

Answer: THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - The musical instrument known as a harmonium is a "pump" or "reed" version of what other instrument (and in fact those quoted words often precede this other instrument as alternate terms for the harmonium)?

Answer: ORGAN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What musical artist and "Queen of Funk," born Yvette Marie Stevens in Chicago in 1953, took at a young age her African name which means "woman of fire"?

Answer: CHAKA KHAN

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - For the 2017 Major League Baseball season, they both wore jersey number 27, they were both 27 years of age, and they were both named their league's Most Valuable Player. Name either player.

Answer: JOSÉ ALTUVE, GIANCARLO STANTON

Q2.: ART - The title of the Aldous Huxley short story "The Gioconda Smile," from his Mortal Coils collection, references a work of art best known by what name?

Answer: MONA LISA

Q3.: LITERATURE - A recent #1 on the New York Times Hardcover Nonfiction Best Seller list is a book, published on November 7, 2017, which features over 300 photographs of whom?

Answer: BARACK OBAMA

Q4.: FILM - While investigating drug trafficking on the beaches of Los Angeles, a newspaper reporter is approached by a bigamous airline executive with an offer to kill the executive and relieve him of his terminal cancer in exchange for \$50,000. The reporter comes to learn that this is part of a fraud scheme, and also that the executive is involved in the drug trafficking in coordination with the LAPD. This roughly outlines the plot of what film?

Answer: FLETCH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Triple Alliance, which was created by Otto von Bismarck in 1882 and consisted of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy, evolved into World War I's Central Powers (or Quadruple Alliance). As Italy remained neutral at the war's onset, the Central Powers consisted of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and two new allies. Name either one.

Answer: BULGARIA, OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Q6.: THEATRE - Name the Broadway lyricist who teamed up with composer John Kander on Flora, the Red Menace, Cabaret, Zorba, and Chicago, among others.

Answer: FRED EBB

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Of all the countries that have won the FIFA Men's World Cup in its history (and still exist, so not including West Germany), a single one did not qualify for the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Identify that country.

Answer: ITALY

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What well-known simile allegedly originated from an occupational nervous disease that affected milliners and certain haberdashers, caused by extended exposure to mercury used in the manufacture of felt?

Answer: MAD AS A HATTER

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the woman in this photograph, which appeared on the cover of the October 2017 edition of *Vanity Fair* magazine. [Click here](#)

Answer: MEGHAN MARKLE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the Netherlands-chartered organization that was established in 1621 and was responsible for the country's participation in the Atlantic slave trade, commercial operation in the New World, and settlement of New Netherland (now New York)?

Answer: (DUTCH) WEST INDIA COMPANY

Q5.: TELEVISION - The television drama series *Greenleaf*, which airs on the Oprah Winfrey Network, tells the story of the titular Memphis-based family and its running of what type of organization?

Answer: (MEGA)CHURCH

Q6.: LITERATURE - America's largest quick-service seafood restaurant is named after a villainous and charismatic cook from what 1883 novel?

Answer: TREASURE ISLAND

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What 19-year-old Ontarian pop star, whose recent hit singles include "Stitches," "Treat You Better," and "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back," first gained popularity in the summer of 2013 via cover videos uploaded to the now-defunct sharing service Vine?

Answer: SHAWN MENDES

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - With terrain dominated by mountains and arid desert, Balochistan is the largest province by area, and the smallest province by population (both by a significant margin) of what Asian nation?

Answer: PAKISTAN

Q3.: FILM - This is a screenshot from what 1956 film? [Click here](#)

Answer: INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS

Q4.: AMER HIST - Given his noted thriftiness and unadorned reticence, The Autobiography of _____ is the fittingly titled (and at a brisk 246 pages, fittingly terse) 1929 autobiography of what American (whose name fills in the blank)?

Answer: CALVIN COOLIDGE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Old Tom Morris, a Scotsman who was born in St Andrews in 1821 and died there in 1908, is widely recognized as the first formal architect of a certain type of facility, although the honor is also bestowed upon a student of Morris, an American named Charles B. Macdonald (including by Macdonald himself). What is that facility?

Answer: GOLF COURSE

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the anagrammatical title (nearly but not quite a semordnilap) of a satirical Utopian novel by English author Samuel Butler first published anonymously in 1872?

Answer: EREWHON

Q1.: FILM - The shocking stabbing death of Meredith Hunter, an 18-year-old African American man from Berkeley, California, is central to what 1970 documentary film, which includes footage of the incident?

Answer: GIMME SHELTER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the city that served as the political center of the Tokugawa Shogunate beginning in the early 1600s? The city, which gives its name to another term for the Tokugawa period, was renamed Tokyo with the restoration of imperial rule under Meiji in 1868.

Answer: EDO

Q3.: ART - Figures in a 1908 painting by Gustav Klimt, an 1882 sculpture by Auguste Rodin, a 1969 painting by Pablo Picasso, and a 1945 photograph by Alfred Eisenstaedt are all engaged in what act?

Answer: KISS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Sons and a House Divided, the second and third installments of the House of Earth trilogy, are works by what Pulitzer and Nobel-winning American novelist?

Answer: Pearl S. BUCK

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Burning Crusade, Wrath of the Lich King, Cataclysm, Mists of Pandaria, Legion, and Battle for Azeroth are expansion sets released for what game?

Answer: WORLD OF WARCRAFT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the most notable distinction shared by the names of the five tallest mountains in New Hampshire's White Mountains? This distinction is referenced in the name of the range of the White Mountains within which these peaks are located.

Answer: NAMES OF U.S. PRESIDENTS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - A term derived from the Italian for "beautiful singing" has been defined as a vocal style, popular in Italy in the 18th and early 19th centuries, which emphasizes technique and tone over dramatic expression. What is this term?
Answer: BEL CANTO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - As a result of a 1993 independence referendum that finished with 99.83% of voters in favor, what nation replaced Uganda as the world's most populous landlocked country?

Answer: ETHIOPIA

Q3.: LITERATURE - What name is shared by the only daughter of Menelaus and Helen from Greek legend, the saintly wife of Sicilian king Leontes in Shakespeare's Winter's Tale, and (likely) literature's most prominent only child of English dentists?

Answer: HERMIONE

Q4.: TELEVISION - Following the retirement of Larry King from CNN in late 2010, what former newspaper editor hosted his own namesake talk show in King's timeslot until its cancellation due to very low ratings in 2014?

Answer: PIERS MORGAN

Q5.: AMER HIST - First proposed in August 1776 by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, what motto on the seal of the United States was not officially adopted until 1782, and first appeared in an official capacity on a New Jersey coin in 1786? The phrase was a de facto motto of the U.S. until a 1956 act of Congress made "In God We Trust" the country's official motto.

Answer: E PLURIBUS UNUM

Q6.: THEATRE - The performance of what actress did Walter Kerr, writing for the New York Herald Tribune in a 1959 Broadway review, describe as a "brassy, brazen witch on a mortgaged broomstick, a steamroller with cleats, the very mastodon of all stage mothers"?

Answer: ETHEL MERMAN

Q1.: ART - A 1434 portrait of Giovanni and Giovanna Arnolfini is a magnum opus of what Flemish master of the Northern Renaissance?

Answer: JAN VAN EYCK

Q2.: FILM - The mysterious title character of what 1996 film was, as it turned out, a Hungarian aristocrat named László Almásy?

Answer: THE ENGLISH PATIENT

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The name of what fictional American individual, possibly derived from that of a murderous English chimney sweep, from that of an archangel of death, and/or as a jolly euphemism for the underworld, fills in the blank in the slang expression of the form what in _____ is going on here?

Answer: SAM HILL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - "...[W]hen any act by a player more than one yard beyond the line of scrimmage significantly hinders an eligible player's opportunity to catch the ball." Per the 2017 edition of the rulebook of the National Football League, the preceding quote is the definition of what penalty, which can be committed by either the offense or the defense?

Answer: PASS INTERFERENCE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - To distinguish it from another city, on the Oder River, the German city and commercial hub of Frankfurt has what official full name?

Answer: FRANKFURT AM MAIN

Q6.: SCIENCE - "On the Motion of Bodies," "The Motion of Bodies in Resisting Media," and "On the System of the World" are common (though not official) titles of the three sections of a work by Sir Isaac Newton published in 1687. This work is best known by what shortened, one-word title?

Answer: PRINCIPIA

Q1.: LITERATURE - Though she had written numerous books, including *House of Incest*, *Winter of Artifice*, and the *Cities of the Interior* series, what French-born American novelist did not achieve wide renown until the publication of her diaries written from 1931 to 1966, with their seven volumes published between 1966 and 1980?

Answer: ANAÏS NIN

Q2.: SCIENCE - Violent contractions of the larynx and respiratory muscles with accompanying panic and related symptoms, induced by drinking, are known as hydrophobia. Hydrophobia is itself a historical name for what viral and usually fatal zoonotic disease, during the course of which these symptoms often appear?

Answer: RABIES

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What Italian sparkling wine (spumante), typically made from its namesake grape (now known as the Glera) and named after the northeastern Italian village where the wine and grape originated, is the main ingredient in a Bellini cocktail?

Answer: PROSECCO

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Who is currently serving as Prime Minister of Russia, a position he has held since his term as President ended in May 2012?

Answer: DMITRY MEDVEDEV

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Of the many factors that led to the inauguration of Ronald Reagan in January 1981, among the most significant was an event that occurred 444 days prior in what city?

Answer: TEHRAN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - This photo appeared on the cover of a 2010 album by what musical artist? [Click here](#)

Answer: EMINEM

Q1.: MATH - A parabola is defined as a set of points on a plane equidistant from a given line and a given fixed point. The line is called the directrix; what is the term most commonly used for the fixed point?

Answer: FOCUS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Access, Calico, CapitalG, DeepMind, GV, Jigsaw, Nest, Sidewalk, Verily, and Waymo are some (but not all) of the divisions of what corporate conglomerate founded in 2015?

Answer: ALPHABET INC.

Q3.: FILM - The only occasion during which an Oscar was awarded for the portrayal of another Oscar winner happened at the 77th Academy Awards ceremony in February 2005. Name either Oscar winner (the 2005 recipient or the film's character).

Answer: CATE BLANCHETT, KATHARINE HEPBURN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The salient in the German front lines that appeared on news maps is the source for the common name of what WWII battle, Germany's final major offensive on the Western Front?

Answer: BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What took place in London, England, beginning in April 1908 (and concluding later that year), in large part because of the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy two years prior?

Answer: (1908 SUMMER) OLYMPICS

Q6.: LITERATURE - What word fills in the blank in this first quatrain from a famous poem by Emily Dickinson? "Hope" is the thing with _____ -That perches in the soul -And sings the tune without the words -And never stops - at all -

Answer: FEATHERS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What area, which sits along the eastern coast of Nicaragua and Honduras, is not named after an annoying pest (though they are abundant in the region), but rather for the indigenous people who have inhabited the area for centuries?

Answer: MOSQUITO COAST

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - While the term is used loosely to refer to just about any brass instrument (cornet, trumpet, trombone, etc.), the wordhorn is also used in the name of what common modern woodwind instrument, whose plaintive and mournful sound is featured prominently in Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde* and Sibelius's *The Swan of Tuonela*?

Answer: COR ANGLAIS/ENGLISH HORN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - My Life, 32 Ways to Be a Champion in Business, and What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS are all books authored by what athlete?

Answer: EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Russian nickname grozny (as in the Chechen capital) translates literally to "awe-inspiring" or "formidable," but when applied in its best known historical reference, it is more commonly rendered in English as what?

Answer: TERRIBLE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - 1-800-273-8255, a hit single by Logic featuring Alessia Cara and Khalid released in April 2017, is also the phone number for a hotline created for what purpose?

Answer: SUICIDE PREVENTION

Q6.: BUS/ECON - 1991's Treaty of Asunción created a free trade bloc whose full members today are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay, and that goes by what name?

Answer: MERCOSUR

Q1.: TELEVISION -Gosselinis the last name of the titular ten from what television series, which ran in this version from 2007 through 2009 (first on Discovery Health, and later on TLC)?

Answer: JON & KATE PLUS EIGHT

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What English fashion designer, a former creative director at Chloé and (since 2001) owner of her own fashion house, uses no fur or leather in her collections-unusual for a high-end designer, though not surprising given her legacy?

Answer: STELLA MCCARTNEY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Although the action is officially recorded as a mere transfer of credentials, the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 in October 1971 had the essential effect of expelling what member from the UN (with all subsequent readmission attempts failing thus far)?

Answer: TAIWAN/REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the Arthurian equivalent of the MuslimZulfiqar, the JapaneseKusanagi, the PersianShamshir-e-Zomorrodnegar, the NorseGram, and the CarolingianDurendal?

Answer: EXCALIBUR

Q5.: ART -Judith Slaying Holofernes(pictured), completed in the second decade of the 17th century, is widely believed to be an autobiographical representation of the artist's own rage against her mentor/rapist Agostino Tassi (as well as her horrible post-rape ordeal). Who is the artist of this work?[Click here](#)

Answer: ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI

Q6.: SCIENCE - The unit of length equal to $1.616\ 229(38)\times 10^{-35}$ meters, the constant in quantum physics equal to $6.62607004\times 10^{-34}\text{m}^2\text{kg}/\text{s}$, and the unit of temperature equal to $1.416\ 808(33)\times 10^{32}\text{K}$ (considered "absolute hot") are all named after what Nobel-winning German physicist?

Answer: MAX PLANCK

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the most common term for a type of jet engine that does not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion, as all fuel is stored within the engine itself? The term is also used for a vehicle propelled by this type of engine.

Answer: ROCKET

Q2.: FILM - The actor pictured here, who appears on the HBO series *Westworld*, is the older brother of two fellow actors. What last name do the three men share? [Click here](#)

Answer: HEMSWORTH

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Bougainville, Guadalcanal, and New Georgia—locations of battles in the Pacific theater during WWII—are all islands within what archipelago?

Answer: SOLOMON ISLANDS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the colorful term used by Jesse Jackson for the alliance of liberal and minority groups he constructed during his 1984 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination?

Answer: RAINBOW COALITION

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - With the help of Trey Rogers, a professor of crop and soil sciences at Michigan State University, the Pontiac Silverdome became, on June 18, 1994, the first indoor facility to host a match for what tournament?

Answer: FIFA WORLD CUP

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the chef and fiery television personality whose namesake restaurant in London's Chelsea neighborhood is one of only five Michelin three-starred restaurants in the United Kingdom.

Answer: GORDON RAMSAY

Q1.: LITERATURE - A pilot, who serves as narrator, crash lands in a desert and encounters a solitary, golden-haired young boy, who describes his life on his home planet and his visits to ten other mostly uninhabited planets. In time, the rose-loving boy leaves his corporeal body to return home. This is the framework for what fable published in 1943?

Answer: THE LITTLE PRINCE (LE PETIT PRINCE)

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Name the man who was sworn in on February 5, 2018, to replace Janet Yellen as chair of the board of governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Answer: JEROME POWELL

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - (1) The Duke of Richelieu's capture of Port Mahon on the island of Minorca in June 1756; (2) The town of Bayonne, located at the confluence of the Nive and Adour rivers in southwest France; (3) the French verbmanier("to stir"); (4) an Old French term for "egg yolk." These are four possible etymologies for what word?

Answer: MAYONNAISE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the sartorial term used in college athletics for a player who is held out of competition for a year, though continuing to attend practices and classes, and thus is granted an extra year of playing eligibility? The term in question can be used in this noun form, and also as a verb or an adjective.

Answer: REDSHIRT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A state in Venezuela, a department in Colombia, and a capital city of another South American nation (the constitutional capital, not the de facto capital) are all named after an independence leader and compatriot of Simón Bolívar. Who was that man?

Answer: ANTONIO JOSÉ DE SUCRE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Homer and Margaret (née Wiggum) are the names of the parents of what American cartoonist?

Answer: MATT GROENING

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Due to improved sales tracking information, albums (including, for example, the last eight released by Eminem) frequently debut at #1 on the Billboard 200 chart, but what artist was the first to accomplish this feat with Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy in 1975?

Answer: ELTON JOHN

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the organs in spiders (and other silk-producers) through which silk/gossamer is produced and released? In most spiders, they are located on the underside towards the rear, though in Spider-Man they appear to be in the wrists.

Answer: SPINNERETS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - A tradition began in 1952 when Detroit hockey fans threw a particular item onto the ice that symbolized the eight playoff wins the team needed to capture the Stanley Cup (which the Red Wings were successfully able to do, without a single loss). What was that item?

Answer: OCTOPUS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What is represented by the yellow in this map?[Click here](#)

Answer: LOUISIANA PURCHASE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - In 1873, a unification of municipalities on opposite banks of the Danube River formed what city, now its nation's capital?

Answer: BUDAPEST

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The autological term for what figure of speech and rhetorical device is derived from the Greek words for "sharp" and "dull"?

Answer: OXYMORON

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - "Lost bread" is the literal translation of pain perdu, which is best known in English as what?

Answer: FRENCH TOAST

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the common name for the tactical short-range ballistic missiles, developed during the Cold War by the Soviet Union, that Iraq used extensively against coalition forces during the Gulf War?

Answer: SCUD

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the pop group pictured here, reportedly the most tweeted-about celebrity in 2017?[Click here](#)

Answer: BTS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Tiny people living beneath the floorboards and within the walls of a large house are the subject—and give their name to the title—of what 1952 novel by English author Mary Norton?

Answer: THE BORROWERS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Name the comedian and actress whose Broadway debut was in 1959's *Once Upon a Mattress*, and who also appeared as a regular on the sitcom *Stanley* beginning in 1956 and won an Emmy working on *The Garry Moore Show* before superstardom on her own namesake variety series.

Answer: CAROL BURNETT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - While none of the Great Lakes are located entirely within Canada, the two largest lakes with that distinction (entirely within Canada) are "Great" lakes in their own right. Please name both.

Answer: GREAT BEAR LAKE, GREAT SLAVE LAKE

Q1.: MATH - What is the term in mathematics for a positive integer that is equal to the sum of its proper divisors (i.e., its divisors not including the number itself)? The first such number is 6 (1+2+3); the next four are 28, 496, 8,128, and 33,550,336.

Answer: PERFECT NUMBER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Finland's KONE, Germany's Thyssenkrupp, the U.S.'s Otis, Switzerland's Schindler, and Japan's Mitsubishi Electric are considered the "Big Five" manufacturers of what?

Answer: ELEVATORS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Name the international evangelical and charitable organization, founded in London in 1865 by William Booth, which is known today for its assistance to the poor and homeless and its insistence that its "officers" abstain from alcohol, smoking, and gambling?

Answer: SALVATION ARMY

Q4.: FILM - The individual pictured here is the mascot for what fictional corporation?[Click here](#)

Answer: STAY PUFT

Q5.: SCIENCE -Pruritus is a medical term for the reflex-inducing sensation—typically a symptom as opposed to a condition in itself—that is best known as what?

Answer: ITCH

Q6.: THEATRE - The real-life on-stage and off-stage arguments of married actors Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, particularly during a 1935 performance of *Taming of the Shrew*, inspired what Cole Porter musical, which won the first Tony Award for Best Musical in 1949?

Answer: KISS ME, KATE

Q1.: FILM - A rivalry between two competing factions in Baltimore for the title of "Filthiest People Alive" forms the basis of what 1972 movie, which a contemporaneous review in Variety described as "one of the most vile, stupid and repulsive films ever made"?

Answer: PINK FLAMINGOS

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In this image, a hemidemisemiquaver is represented by what letter?
[Click here](#)

Answer: A

Q3.: SCIENCE - Similia similibus curen tur, a Latin phrase that translates to "like cures like," forms the basis of a doctrine underpinning a holistic approach to medicine proposed in the late 18th century by German physician Samuel Hahnemann that is known by what name?

Answer: HOMEOPATHY

Q4.: LANGUAGE - ð, ε, φ γ, l, n, ñ, r, υ, ȝ, and Ø are among the characters in an "international alphabet" known as IPA. What does the letter ð in IPA stand for?

Answer: PHONETIC

Q5.: AMER HIST - In U.S. history, there have been three elections to recall state governors. The first two were successful—Lynn Frazier (North Dakota, 1921) and Gray Davis (California, 2003)—while the third was unsuccessful. Name either the governor in the third instance (from 2012) or the state he continues to govern.

Answer: SCOTT WALKER, WISCONSIN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Training Camp, Goblin Stadium, Bone Pit, Barbarian Bowl, P.E.K.K.A's Playhouse, Spell Valley, and Builder's Workshop are among the battleground "arenas" used in what massively popular hybrid deck-building/tower defense mobile game?

Answer: CLASH ROYALE

Q1.: ART - Fill in the two-word blank in the following question asked in a famous 1989 Guerrilla Girls poster that parodies Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres's Grande Odalisque: Do women have to _____ to get into the Met. Museum?

Answer: BE NAKED

Q2.: THEATRE - The Follies of 1907 was the first in a long-lived series of flamboyant revues by what American producer, who added his name to the series in 1911 and presented it annually through 1927 (and intermittently thereafter)?

Answer: FLORENZ ZIEGFELD, JR.

Q3.: LITERATURE - In the Warriorss series of children's novels by Erin Hunter, what type of animal are the "warriors"?

Answer: CATS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What two-word slogan and ideological term was used as the title of a 1954 book by Richard Wright and was later popularized by Stokely Carmichael during his time as Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) before evolving into a broader (and potent) political movement?

Answer: BLACK POWER

Q5.: FILM - Following his departure as chairman of Walt Disney Studios, Jeffrey Katzenberg joined fellow industry titans Steven Spielberg and David Geffen to form what film studio?

Answer: DREAMWORKS (SKG)

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What Yiddish term for "spectator" is used in games such as chess for the practice, often highly frowned upon, of making comments that can be heard by the players?

Answer: KIBITZ/KIBITZER

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The term for what dance (and practitioner of such a dance) probably comes from the title of a 1934 Cab Calloway song, whose lyrics describe individuals consuming excessive amounts of alcohol (and the effects thereof)?
Answer: JITTERBUG

Q2.: LITERATURE - In a popular short story from 1820, a strong and mischievous prankster known as Brom Bones is (probably) responsible for the alleged appearance in a Dutch Hudson River town of a Hessian soldier's haunting spirit. This spirit is best known as what?

Answer: HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What English word comes from the Latin for "suffering" and matches that definition when used in certain religious and artistic contexts, but has an altogether different (and perhaps opposite) meaning when used elsewhere?

Answer: PASSION

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the man in this photograph taken on February 23, 2018.[Click here](#)

Answer: RICK GATES

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The purely political purchases—in 1699 and 1712, respectively—of the Lordship of Schellenberg and County of Vaduz resulted in the formation of what modern-day sovereign state?

Answer: LIECHTENSTEIN

Q6.: SCIENCE - If the fictional metallic element vibranium actually existed, it would probably have the symbol VborVi, since the symbol V is already in use for what other rare metal?

Answer: VANADIUM

Q1.: ART - What French philosopher and chief editor of the Encyclopédie, who regularly published reports on the exhibitions of the French Academy (known as Salons) in Correspondance littéraire beginning in 1759, is widely considered the founder of art criticism?

Answer: DENIS DIDEROT

Q2.: MATH - When dividing two numbers, the number that is divided is the "dividend," whereas the number the dividend is being divided by is the "divisor." What term, from a Latin adverb for "how many times," is used for the quantity that is a result of the division?

Answer: QUOTIENT

Q3.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the legal and theological document, with 28 editions published between 1487 and 1600, that was accepted for centuries by Roman Catholics and Protestants as an authoritative source on sorcery and satanism, and as a guide to Christian defense? (Either the original Latin title or the common English translation is acceptable.)

Answer: MALLEUS MALEFICARUM/HAMMER OF WITCHES

Q4.: AMER HIST - Complete the following quote which concludes a speech given by William Jennings Bryan at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on July 9, 1896. "Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests, and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for a gold standard by saying to them: You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a _____."

Answer: CROSS OF GOLD

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - It is smaller (about three feet high); its pillar is curved outward instead of straight; it has brass strings that are plucked with the fingernails; it lacks pedals. These characteristics distinguish the Irish from the concert version of what instrument?

Answer: HARP

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Following scandals involving an affair with a staff member and an allegation of sexual harassment, Barnaby Joyce resigned in February as deputy prime minister and National Party leader of what country?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The gentleman pictured here is a citizen of—and is representing—what nation? [Click here](#)

Answer: TONGA

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the botanical term—often used as a synonym of "stone fruit"—for a one-seeded fruit with a hardened innermost layer (endocarp) "pit," "stone," etc.), a fleshy middle layer (mesocarp), and thin skin (exocarp)? Examples include peaches, plums, cherries, mangoes, olives, and almonds.

Answer: DRUPE

Q3.: TELEVISION - The Naval Criminal Investigative Service has a dozen primary Field Offices in the United States, but not one in either of the cities that provide the primary settings for spinoffs of the TV series NCIS (though the cities are served by the Southwest and Southeast Field Offices, respectively). What are those two cities?

Answer: LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A trick-taking card game played by four people with a deck from which the 8s, 9s, and 10s have been removed, whose peak popularity sits chronologically between Ombre and Whist in the 18th and 19th centuries, shares a name with a ballroom dance of roughly the same era performed by four couples in a square formation. What is that name?

Answer: QUADRILLE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who served for the longest period as prime minister of Israel between Benjamin Netanyahu's first term of office (which ended in 1999) and his second (and current) term?

Answer: ARIEL SHARON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A gastronomic society for the promotion of a particular dish, a cornmeal preparation that is a basic dish of northern Italy, has a motto that exclaims, "Per Patria Prima Per [this] Poi!" ("First for homeland, then for [this]!") What is this dish?

Answer: POLENTA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The Tabqa Dam on the Euphrates River, completed in 1973, created Lake Assad, which is the largest lake in what country?

Answer: SYRIA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the baseball player who, in 2017, set records for most extra-base hits (8) and total bases (29) in a single World Series while tying the record for most home runs (5).

Answer: GEORGE SPRINGER

Q3.: FILM - Give the title of any one of the three films—from 1992, 1996, and 2001—that have come to be known as the "Red Curtain Trilogy." Although unrelated in terms of plot, they share the same director (his first three films) and lavishly incorporate traditional theatrical conventions and lush imagery.

Answer: STRICTLY BALLROOM, ROMEO + JULIET, MOULIN ROUGE!

Q4.: AMER HIST - What portmanteau arose from a governor of Massachusetts during the 1810s and his partisan political activity that evoked a particular amphibian?

Answer: GERRYMANDER

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the revolutionary literary movement of late-18th-century Germany, a short-lived and intensely emotional precursor to Romanticism named after a 1776 play by Friedrich Maximilian Klinger, which rejected classicism in favor of artistic creativity and subjective feeling?

Answer: STURM UND DRANG

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the extract from the stomach of a young animal (particularly a calf or lamb) that contains an enzyme that causes the milk protein casein to curdle, and is therefore used in the manufacture of some cheeses?

Answer: RENNET

Q1.: LITERATURE - Among the most famous works of English poet John Keats are a set of six odes composed in 1819. They are odes on aGrecian Urn, onIndolence, onMelancholy, toPsyche, toAutumn, and towhat bird?

Answer: NIGHTINGALE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - A term in operations management for a methodology that uses statistical analysis and a data-based approach to improve business processes takes its name from a rating used to report the percentage of defects in a manufacturing process. The term is also used for certification (with high levels earning "black belts"). What is this term?

Answer: SIX SIGMA

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The irregularity of spelling in English and need for orthographic reform have been famously demonstrated in a mischievous re-spelling of "fish" incorrectly attributed to George Bernard Shaw. What is thecorrect spellingof that novel five-letter word?

Answer: GHOTI

Q4.: ART - Pictured here is a canvas from theOcean Parkseries by what Californian abstract expressionist painter?Click here

Answer: RICHARD DIEBENKORN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The electronic musician and DJ born Richard Melville Hall was named in part after his famous author great-great-great-granduncle, and his nickname also references that ancestor. What is Hall's nickname (and stage name)?

Answer: MOBY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Abu Dhabi, UAE; Suzhou, China; Delft, The Netherlands; Nevyansk, Russia; Suurhusen, Germany; Bad Frankenhausen, Germany; and Bologna, Italy, all have structures with a characteristic most famously associated with a structure in what other Italian city?

Answer: PISA

Q1.: FILM - Meryl Streep has been nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress 17 times (including for 2017's *The Post*) and has won the award twice. Name any one of the five actresses who have been nominated for that award exactly two times and won it twice.

Answer: SALLY FIELD, VIVIEN LEIGH, FRANCES McDORMAND, LUISE RAINER, HILARY SWANK

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the writer, social critic, and two-time Pulitzer-winner who cofounded the alternative newsweekly *The Village Voice* and ran unsuccessfully for mayor of New York in 1969.

Answer: NORMAN MAILER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In his *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Immanuel Kant introduced the philosophical theory with which he is most closely associated—similar (but not identical) to the "Golden Rule"—which states (in part) that a person must act in ways that the person would wish everyone else would act in too. By what two-word term is this concept best known?

Answer: CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE

Q4.: MATH - Among the named properties of equalities in mathematics are the transitive property (if $a=b$ and $b=c$, then $a=c$), the symmetric property (if $a=b$, then $b=a$), and what other property, which states that any quantity is equal to itself ($a=a$)?

Answer: REFLEXIVE PROPERTY

Q5.: AMER HIST - A certain term used to represent, both geographically and culturally, a particular region of the United States is possibly (and plausibly) a corruption of the name of an English surveyor born in 1733. What is that term?

Answer: DIXIE

Q6.: ART - This image is a close-up on the face of an individual who is doing what, per the sculpture's common titles? [Click here](#)

Answer: DYING

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Led by Johann Stamitz, a group of mid-18th-century composers, who played an important role in the development of the modern orchestra and classical symphony form, are associated with a "school" based in what southwestern German city? Musically, the city may today be more closely associated with new-age and prog Christmas music.

Answer: MANNHEIM

Q2.: TELEVISION - Working-class Tory supporter and generally rude misogynist Alf Garnett, a fictional character on the British sitcom Till Death Us Do Part, was an inspiration for the creation of what American sitcom character, who appeared on television throughout the 1970s and into the 1980s?

Answer: ARCHIE BUNKER

Q3.: LITERATURE - Sir Humphrey Davy Abominated gravy. He lived in the odium of having discovered Sodium. This verse is an example of a form known as what, after its inventor Edmund C. Bentley (who wrote the above)?

Answer: CLERIHEW

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In September 2017, the United Nations-backed Permanent Peoples' Tribunal found Myanmar guilty of genocide against what people in the country's Rakhine State?

Answer: ROHINGYA

Q5.: ART - The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the Bank of China Tower in Hong Kong, and Le Pyramide du Louvre in Paris are iconic works of what architect?

Answer: I.M. PEI

Q6.: SCIENCE - A quantity, such as velocity, momentum, or force, that has both magnitude and direction, is known as a vector. What is the accompanying term used for a quantity, such as mass, length, temperature, or speed, whose only property is magnitude (or numerical value)?

Answer: SCALAR

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The historical name for a 1521 meeting that occurred between Martin Luther and Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in a city on the banks of the River Rhine could be read in English as a rather unappetizing nutritional regimen. What is that name?

Answer: DIET OF WORMS

Q2.: POP MUSIC -Major Key Alert,Bless Up,Anotha One,Give Thanks to the Most HighandWe the Bestare all phrases associated with what pop music hitmaker and Snapchat staple?

Answer: DJ KHALED

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Although it's commonly known ashara-kirior sometimes "happy dispatch," what is the standard Japanese term for the suicidal disembowelment practiced by an individual in serious disgrace? The term comes from the Japanese words for "to cut" and "abdomen."

Answer: SEPPUKU

Q4.: THEATRE - What is the common title of the person in a theatrical production who is responsible for the overall execution of the production, organizing schedules, running production meetings, keeping track of blocking, and calling sound and lighting cues during the performance (among many other duties)?

Answer: (PRODUCTION) STAGE MANAGER

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A single word has been redacted from the top of each of these three posters (covered by red boxes). What is the word? (The blue boxes conceal examples of the word in question.)[Click here](#)

Answer: GYROS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the scientific term, one of the three components of Ohm's law (along with current and resistance), that is used most commonly for the difference in potential energy between two points in an electrical field?

Answer: VOLTAGE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Two giants of beach volleyball—UCLA graduates and former teammates-turned-rivals who dominated the sport in the '80s and '90s—had the last names of Smith and Kiraly. Their given first names were Christopher and Charles, but they were better known by other names. Give either one.

Answer: SINJIN, KARCH

Q2.: FILM - Gary Oldman, Christopher Lee, Frank Langella, Gerard Butler, and Leslie Nielsen have all portrayed a character on film who, perhaps most definitively, was portrayed in a 1931 film by what other actor?

Answer: BELA LUGOSI

Q3.: MATH - $\frac{99}{70}$ ("Ninety-nine seventieths") is a frequently used rational approximation for an irrational number that is most commonly referred to as what?

Answer: SQUARE ROOT OF TWO

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only African country that shares a land border with a European country?

Answer: MOROCCO

Q5.: AMER HIST - Beginning in the mid-19th century, most Sioux peoples were organized within one of three loose confederations: the Santee-Sioux, the Yankton-Sioux, and the Teton-Sioux. These confederations are also known by alternate names, all of which rhyme. Give any one of these other three names for the Sioux confederations.

Answer: DAKOTA, NAKOTA, LAKOTA

Q6.: ART - What cultural and artistic movement was founded in the 1920s by French writer André Breton and defined in his 1924 "Manifesto," in which he laid out the nonconformist and unconscious—and at times absurdist—method by which art is created in the movement, with absence of reason or aesthetic concern?

Answer: SURREALISM

Q1.: FILM - Two of the top 15 films that have opened in 2018 so far (as measured by U.S. gross box office earnings) have titles that include a color. One is Black Panther; what is the other?

Answer: RED SPARROW

Q2.: MATH - "No three positive integers a, b , and c satisfy the equation $a^n + b^n = c^n$ for any integer value of n greater than 2." This mathematical statement is associated with British mathematician and Oxford professor Sir Andrew Wiles, but even more so with what Frenchman?

Answer: PIERRE DE FERMAT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The world's best-knowninselberg, and perhaps its most spectacular, is located within Australia's Northern Territory. What is its name?

Answer: ULURU/AYERS ROCK

Q4.: TELEVISION - What beloved TV detective was first introduced in the 1960 anthology series The Chevy Mystery Show in an episode titled "Enough Rope"? This title hints at the sleuth's methods: appear slow-witted, keep asking questions ("just one more thing..."), and give the perp enough rope to hang himself with his own self-incrimination.

Answer: COLUMBO

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The conflict known in much of the Arab world as the "War of 1967" (الحربSix-DAY WAR), which took place between June 5 and June 10 of that year, is best known in the Western world by what name?

Answer: SIX-DAY WAR

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Name any one of the nine largest companies headquartered in Europe, as measured by annual revenue.

Answer: ALLIANZ, AXA, BP, DAIMLER, EXOR, GLENCORE, ROYAL DUTCH SHELL, TOTAL, VOLKSWAGEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - According to legend, a savage giant named Polyphemus shut Odysseus and his 12 companions in a cave with a rock-blocked entrance before getting drunk, getting himself blinded, and letting the Greek hero sneak out by clinging to a sheep's belly. Polyphemus was a particular type of giant known by what term?

Answer: CYCLOPS

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The origin of the phrase "Me Too" (in the context of pervasive sexual abuse in society) is credited to civil rights activist Tarana Burke, whereas its popularization is credited to what actress (and activist in her own right) who used the phrase and sparked the campaign on Twitter in October 2017?

Answer: ALYSSA MILANO

Q3.: SCIENCE - What term, first used in the 1950s and whose usage has grown steadily since, is used for a process of injecting high-pressure liquid to recover gas and oil from shale rock?

Answer: FRACKING

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Jimmie Rodgers, Webb Pierce, Lefty Frizzell, George Jones, and Hank Williams were all pioneers of what style of music, a subgenre of what came to be known as country music? The etymology of the term in question—which is also used for the establishments where the music was played—is unknown, but could plausibly refer onomatopoeically to the noise generated by the music in these bars.

Answer: HONKY TONK

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The period of Chinese history immediately following the end of the Han dynasty in 220 CE, during which battles for supremacy were fought among the Wei in the north, the Wu in the southeast, and the Shu Han in the west, is known by what name?

Answer: THREE KINGDOMS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Pictured here is a meal from what fast food restaurant?[Click here](#)
Answer: JACK IN THE BOX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the cocktail that gets its name simply from its appearance and ingredients, and is not related to supporters of the Tsarist regime who fought against the Soviet Red Army during the late 1910s and early 1920s (as one might reasonably suppose).

Answer: WHITE RUSSIAN

Q2.: TELEVISION - A Negro League baseball star who is actually an alien; an EMT who can regenerate body parts and subsists on cancerous tumors; eugenically developed identical girls created as supersoldiers by the U.S. military: These are among the storylines from what TV series?

Answer: THE X-FILES

Q3.: ART - Any statuette of the Late Stone Age period depicting a woman—such as those found in Willendorf, Austria; the Hohle Fels cave in Germany; Brasempouy, France; Lespugue, France; and Moravany nad Váhom, Slovakia, has typically been given what name upon its discovery?

Answer: VENUS

Q4.: LITERATURE - The "slave narrative" was a popular form of literature in the 18th and 19th centuries, and probably the most widely read work of the form was Narrative of the Life of what man, who wrote it in 1845 (while technically still a fugitive) and subsequently founded the abolitionist journal the North Star?

Answer: FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Q5.: SCIENCE - Whereas placental mammals have separate digestive and urogenital openings, the majority of vertebrates—including most reptiles, amphibians, and birds—have a single posterior chamber into which the digestive, urinary, and reproductive tracts all enter. What is the term for this orifice?

Answer: CLOACA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What pop music group scored hits in the United States during the 1970s with "Saturday Night," "Money Honey," and "You Made Me Believe in Magic"? They were "tartan teen sensations from Edinburgh" and not from a place like San Francisco, Tampa, Norfolk, Monterey, Mobile, or the like (though they were named after a small city in Michigan—apparently randomly).

Answer: BAY CITY ROLLERS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The first king of Scots, a mononymous New York hairdresser who died in 2013, the intended (or perceived) target of a 1986 assault on Dan Rather, and the top-selling instrumental artist in music history all share what name?
Answer: KENNETH

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Although the nations are nearly equal in population, which nation on the island of Hispaniola is the larger in land area?
Answer: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Raspberry, cherry, grape, lemon, orange, and root-beer were the original six flavors of what drink, which was developed in 1927 and is now owned by Kraft Foods? Currently available flavors include tropical punch, strawberry, mixed berry, black cherry, and—oh yeah!—blue raspberry lemonade.
Answer: KOOL-AID

Q4.: BUS/ECON - When originally proposed in 1960, the "marketing mix" of business consisted of the "Four Ps." The first three are product, place, and price—what is the fourth?

Answer: PROMOTION

Q5.: SCIENCE - The object in this image is a simple version of a scientific instrument with what technical name?[Click here](#)
Answer: SEISMOMETER/SEISMOGRAPH

Q6.: TELEVISION - On the game show *Family Feud*, what is the name for the segment of gameplay at the end, in which two members of the winning family take turns answering the same five questions with the goal of earning a combined total of 200 points?
Answer: FAST MONEY

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - According to an announcement by its publisher, Epic Games, in October 2017, the standalone free-to-play "battle royale" version of what hit survival video game tallied 10 million players in its first two weeks?

Answer: FORTNITE

Q2.: ART - What was the last name of the husband-and-wife team who designed these items?[Click here](#)

Answer: EAMES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The "Eastern Question," a diplomatic issue that arose in the late 18th century and was ultimately settled after World War I, revolved around the economic and political instability—and seemingly imminent disintegration—of what fading world power?

Answer: OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Kanagawa, Aichi, Saitama, Chiba, and Fukuoka are among the 47 administrative subdivisions of Japan that are known by what term, roughly equivalent to a U.S. state or Canadian province?

Answer: PREFECTURE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What was the stage name of the artist, now known as Sananda Maitreya, whose audacious self-titled debut album from 1987 included the singles "If You Let Me Stay," "Wishing Well," and "Sign Your Name"?

Answer: TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY

Q6.: SCIENCE - Terylene and Dacron are trade names for the world's most widely produced synthetic fiber, which, with regard to textiles, is best known by what common name?

Answer: POLYESTER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Panaji is the capital of what Indian state, a center of international tourism and a former Portuguese territory that is both India's smallest state and its wealthiest (by per capita GDP)?

Answer: GOA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - On Herbie Hancock's landmark 1964 LP *Empyrean Isles* is a track called "Oliloqui Valley," but no such valley appears on any map. Likewise, another track on the album refers to a nonexistent island named after what fruit?

Answer: CANTALOUE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Facing the growing nuclear threat from North Korea, President Trump stated in August 2017 that "They will be met with _____ like the world has never seen." What three words fill in the blank, which are also the title of a book published in January 2018?

Answer: FIRE AND FURY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Collectively, the semitendinosus, semimembranosus, and biceps femoris muscles are commonly referred to as what plural noun?

Answer: HAMSTRINGS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The card pictured here was printed for use in what game? Click [here](#)

Answer: SORRY!

Q6.: FILM - Jerry Lewis and Tim Meadows both portrayed the lead characters in films—from 1961 and 2000, respectively—that, though very different in plot and style (and reception), shared what title?

Answer: THE LADIES MAN

Q1.: TELEVISION - "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to protect the innocent." This quote has often been reused and parodied, but it (or variations of it) was used first, and most famously, on what police procedural drama series?

Answer: DRAGNET

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest and largest of the six pyramids in the Giza complex, is generally believed to have been commissioned by Khufu, a ruler during the Fourth Dynasty in the 26th century BCE. Khufu was known to the Greeks, and is still widely referred to in the West, by what other name?

Answer: CHEOPS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Vermilion, Iroquois, Kankakee, Clark, and Wabash are among the counties that run along the eastern boundary of what U.S. state?

Answer: ILLINOIS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The majority of the thousands of living species in the phylum known as Annelidare commonly referred to as what?

Answer: WORMS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The bakeware pictured here has what name, which was trademarked by the Nordic Ware company of Minnesota in 1950? [Click here](#)

Answer: BUNDT PAN

Q6.: MATH - The graph of the function $y=x^2$ forms what type of curve, first defined by ancient Greek mathematician Apollonius of Perga?

Answer: PARABOLA

Q1.: SCIENCE - When dissolved in water, the chemical compound sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) forms a solution commonly known as what?

Answer: (LIQUID/HOUSEHOLD) BLEACH

Q2.: LITERATURE - A popular children's book by P.D. Eastman details the activities of a set of anthropomorphic canines—big, little, red, blue, yellow, etc.—who operate various means of transport, some while wearing hats, as they go about the day, ultimately ending up at a big party. What is the title of this book?

Answer: GO, DOG. GO!

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A predecessor to what still-active rock band was formed by its pre-teen founders as "The Broken Combs" way back in 1964? Coincidentally, this is the same year that Roy Orbison's "Oh, Pretty Woman" and The Kinks' "You Really Got Me" were released as singles.

Answer: VAN HALEN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - There are three NCAA Division I hockey teams whose universities are located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. One is Northern Michigan; name either of the other two.

Answer: LAKE SUPERIOR STATE, MICHIGAN TECH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Supporters of the Parliament during the English Civil War of the mid-17th century were known by what derogatory name, so called due to their close-cropped hair (contrasting with the long hair of the Royalists/Cavaliers)?

Answer: ROUNDHEADS

Q6.: TELEVISION - Darrell Hammond, Norm Macdonald, Rob Riggle, George Hamilton, Rob Lowe, and Reba McEntire are among the actors who have appeared in television ads portraying what corporate mascot?

Answer: COLONEL SANDERS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A Bantu dialect term for "okra" and a Choctaw word for "filé" are possible (and appropriate) origins for the name of what dish?

Answer: GUMBO

Q2.: THEATRE - What Chicagoan dance lord became, in 1975, the first American to secure a title at the Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne (Irish Dancing World Championships)?

Answer: MICHAEL FLATLEY

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In early May 2018, what company, with its parent company SCL Group, ceased operations, following a scandal relating to its acquisition and use of personal data about Facebook users?

Answer: CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What island and external federal territory of Australia was visited, and named, by English sea captain William Mynors in December 1643?

Answer: CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Q5.: SCIENCE - An agricultural device gives its name to what term for a U-shaped bend in a river? The term is also used for a lake formed when a river bend becomes so sharp that the river cuts through the narrow neck of land in the middle.

Answer: OXBOW

Q6.: FILM - "Not Tonight Josephine"—purportedly (but likely not) once uttered by Napoleon to Empress Joséphine one evening—was the working title of what 1959 comedy film, in reference to a character portrayed by a character portrayed by one of the movie's main actors?

Answer: SOME LIKE IT HOT

Q1.: LITERATURE - New York Times culture reporter Dave Itzkoff's current nonfiction best seller details the life and career of what late actor and comedian?

Answer: ROBIN WILLIAMS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the seven countries on the Central American isthmus between Mexico and Colombia, all but two have coasts on both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Name both of the countries that have just one coastline.

Answer: BELIZE, EL SALVADOR

Q3.: ART - What is the term, derived from the Italian for "smoke" and associated with da Vinci, Giorgione, and Correggio, that is used in painting to describe the gradual, soft transition from one tone or hue to another?

Answer: SFUMATO

Q4.: SCIENCE - Nineteenth-century French surgeon and anthropologist Pierre Paul Broca is the namesake for a specific area in what organ in humans?

Answer: BRAIN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev used what Russian term for "openness" to name a policy introduced in 1986 that relaxed repression on human rights and increased governmental transparency?

Answer: GLASNOST

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The trade name for a once-popular videotape cassette recorder standard that was introduced in the mid-1970s by JVC/Matsushita is widely known by a three-letter acronym. What do the three letters in that acronym stand for?

Answer: VIDEO HOME SYSTEM

Q1.: TELEVISION - The Time Bandit, Cornelia Marie, Saga, Wizard, Northwestern, and (tragically) Big Valley are among the vessels that have been featured on what television series?

Answer: DEADLIEST CATCH

Q2.: ART - The popular skateboard and apparel brand Supreme famously "borrowed" its logo and aesthetic from the work, such as the graphic pictured here, of what conceptual artist? [Click here](#)

Answer: BARBARA KRUGER

Q3.: AMER HIST - Prompted by the 1902-03 armed intervention of British and German forces in Venezuela to settle debt claims, an amendment to the Monroe Doctrine was issued stating that only the United States may act as an "international police power" in the Western Hemisphere. This supplement is commonly known by what name, after the man who issued it in 1904?

Answer: ROOSEVELT COROLLARY

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What language, which has an official designation in Ethiopia and is considered a holy language by the Rastafari religion, is the second-most commonly spoken Semitic language in the world (after Arabic)?

Answer: AMHARIC

Q5.: THEATRE - "Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News," "Believe in Yourself," "Everybody Rejoice" ("A Brand New Day"), and "Slide Some Oil to Me" are songs from what musical that debuted on Broadway in January 1975?

Answer: THE WIZ

Q6.: MATH - In mathematics, the best-known and most commonly used coordinate system for identifying a point in a plane is named after what man, who invented it in the 17th century?

Answer: RENE DESCARTES

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Pawns, chips, stones, nips, discs, pips, counters, checkers, men, and draughts are different names for the fifteen pieces (per player) in what game, where the object is to bear off these pieces before one's opponent?
Answer: BACKGAMMON

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the man in the foreground of this photograph.[Click here](#)
Answer: EMMANUEL MACRON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the historical name of the empire known natively and contemporaneously as Tawantinsuyu ("Empire of the Four Regions")? This better-known name comes from Quechua for "king."
Answer: INCA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Pump, Dicky, Skies, Yachty, Uzi Vert: These terms, and many others, are all preceded by what word to form the names of popular American rap artists?
Answer: LIL

Q5.: SCIENCE - The term for the cartilaginous flap that covers the opening of the windpipe is one example of the use of what three-letter prefix that indicates "above," "over," or "upon"?

Answer: EPI

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - A village in New York's Hudson Valley, first developed in the 1880s by tobacco scion Pierre Lorillard IV and for many years a country home for members of New York's social elite, gave its name to what distinctive article of clothing?

Answer: TUXEDO

Q1.: TELEVISION - Pictured here is a typical scene from what currently running television series, a reboot of a series that ran from 1985 to 1992? [Click here](#)
Answer: MACGYVER

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - A set of six string quartets by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed between December 1782 and January 1785, and published in September of that year, were dedicated to—and are commonly named after—what other composer?
Answer: JOSEPH HAYDN

Q3.: AMER HIST - The resolution by the US Congress in August 1964 that authorized President Johnson to escalate the Vietnam War is named after what body of water?
Answer: GULF OF TONKIN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The name for what vocation could be considered outdated, as its namesake chemical element (from Latin) has largely been banned for use by its tradesmen for decades?

Answer: PLUMBING

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - After the 2000 Sydney Olympics, various rule changes instituted by what sport's governing body (to improve the spectating experience) included increasing the ball diameter by 2mm, reducing a game from 21 to 11 points, and preventing the act of ball-hiding?

Answer: TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

Q6.: FILM - The actor who portrayed fictional mercenary leader Barney Ross in a three-film series during the 2010s has portrayed two other characters in successful multi-film franchises with at least three installments. Give the name of either of these other two characters.

Answer: ROCKY BALBOA, JOHN RAMBO

Q1.: LITERATURE - The initial volume of The Grammatical Institute of the English Language, which later came to be known as The American Spelling Book and subsequently The Elementary Spelling Book, was the earliest success and possibly the second-most (but definitely not first-most) important work of what pioneering American author and educator?

Answer: NOAH WEBSTER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Luanda, Cabinda, Cuanza Sul, Namibe, and Zaire are among the provinces of what African nation?

Answer: ANGOLA

Q3.: FILM - What film won the inaugural Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2002, and remains today one of only two such Oscar-winners for DreamWorks Animation despite eleven subsequent nominations (the other was Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit)? While the film was extremely successful commercially, its sequels are the studio's highest grossing films.

Answer: SHREK

Q4.: MATH - While commonly used in adjective form, what word is, in its noun form, defined mathematically as a variable that approaches 0 as a limit, or a quantity less than any finite quantity but greater than zero?

Answer: INFINITESIMAL

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The plastic polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC), remarkable for its ability to adhere to itself and its low permeability, was beginning in 1953 best known by what brand name? The brand, which still exists today and is now owned by S. C. Johnson & Son, changed its formula in 2004 from PVDC to ordinary low-density polyethylene due to cost, processing, and environmental concerns.

Answer: SARAN WRAP

Q6.: BUS/ECON - "Fantasy gifts" in what American retailer's Christmas Bookcatalogs have included Yours & Mine Limited Edition Rolls-Royce Dawns, a \$20 million submarine, an Arch motorcycle designed by Keanu Reeves, and a live Black Angus bull?

Answer: NEIMAN MARCUS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What musician and 27-time Grammy winner (a record co-holder among living artists) is the leader of the bluegrass music band Union Station?

Answer: ALISON KRAUSS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the mausoleum commissioned in 1632 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife, Arjumand Banu Begum?

Answer: TAJ MAHAL

Q3.: ART - Who designed the work of art in the foreground of this photo?[Click here](#)

Answer: FILIPPO BRUNELLESCHI

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Classico, Montalbano, and Rùfina are among the eight "zones" where what Tuscan red wine is produced?

Answer: CHIANTI

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - On one side of the standard Canadian two-dollar coin ("toonie") is a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, while on the other side is an image of what carnivore?

Answer: (POLAR) BEAR

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Early in the game play ofPokémon Go, players join one of three teams that serve as contingents battling to control Gyms within thePokémon Goworld. Name anyoneof these three color-coded teams, corresponding to red, blue, and yellow, respectively.

Answer: VALOR, MYSTIC, INSTINCT

Q1.: AMER HIST - Bill and Hillary Clinton were among the co-founders in 1978 of what corporation, which would finally be dissolved fourteen years later?

Answer: WHITEWATER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - C. Bechstein, Bösendorfer, and Blüthner are regarded as three of the "Big Four" manufacturers of what item? Other producers have included Érard, Baldwin, Weber, and Nordheimer.

Answer: PIANOS

Q3.: SCIENCE - Of the hundreds of species of cactus found in the United States, the largest in physical size—and perhaps most iconic, due to its association with the American Southwest and namesake national park in Arizona—has what name?

Answer: SAGUARO

Q4.: TELEVISION - Floyd Lawson, Helen Crump, Howard Sprague, Clara Edwards, and Otis Campbell were among the secondary characters in what long-running 1960s television sitcom?

Answer: THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What word, the name of small town in the French Seine-Maritime region where its namesake soft cheese is made, is redacted in this image?[Click here](#)
Answer: NEUFCHATEL

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the wealthy Baghadian who, according to legend, discovers the rocs' eggs and the Valley of Diamonds, is buried alive with his deceased wife, and kills the Old Man of the Sea (among numerous other adventures)?

Answer: SINBAD

Q1.: FILM - A lunatic hypnotist, his carnival somnambulist, and various asylum inmates (who may not be what they appear) are central to the plot of what 1920 horror film and classic of German Expressionism?

Answer: THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI

Q2.: WORLD HIST - From 1975 until 1979, while under the control of the Khmer Rouge, the present-day nation of Cambodia was known by what name?

Answer: (DEMOCRATIC) KAMPUCHEA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Devin Booker, TJ Warren, and Josh Jackson were leading scorers for what NBA team during the 2017-2018 season?

Answer: PHOENIX SUNS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Quartz, tridymite, cristobalite, coesite, and stishovite are the five crystalline forms, and opal an amorphous form, of a chemical compound best known by what single word?

Answer: SILICA

Q5.: LITERATURE - U.S. Army airmen seeking to be excused from WWII bombing missions due to mental derangement, but judged ineligible as the sanity of such a request proves their fitness, are central to the plot of what novel?

Answer: CATCH-22

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The images in this montage, all with slight edits, are taken from album covers by what musical group?[Click here](#)

Answer: FOO FIGHTERS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - From April 1983 to July 1985, a tennis duo—who won 20 career doubles Grand Slam titles together—went on a record-setting streak of 109 matches without a defeat. Name either of these women, both members of the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Answer: MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, PAM SHRIVER

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the last name of the fictional persona invented by Washington Irving in 1809 to narrate his satirical *A History of New York*? This name became a term for Dutch-Americans residing in New York (and later, for any New Yorker).

Answer: KNICKERBOCKER

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What "Russian-sized" version of the current name of Russia's second-largest city was that city's official name from September 1914 to January 1924?

Answer: PETROGRAD

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name the singer, actress, and "Goddess of Pop" who starred in the 1969 film *Chastity* and co-hosted a variety show on CBS beginning in 1971 before hosting a show of her own (after separating from her co-host) in 1975, all during a recording career that now spans six decades.

Answer: CHER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The *Hegira* is the name for Muhammad's secret departure from Mecca in 622, with Abu Bakr, to live among the people of Yathrib, founding the first Muslim community. The city of Yathrib was later renamed what?

Answer: MEDINA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What English word, derogatory (and arguably offensive) in modern usage, comes from the name for a secretive gang of murderers and robbers devoted to the Hindu god Kali? The term has been embraced by hip-hop artists such as Tupac Shakur, who formed a group whose name included the word and also had it tattooed on the right side of his abdomen.

Answer: THUG

Q1.: BUS/ECON - For many years, the school of economic thought most closely associated with monetarism was named after what American university, the home of noted monetarist Milton Friedman from 1946 to 1977?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Q2.: TELEVISION - "Now this is your last chance. If one piece of candy gets past you and into the packing room unwrapped...you're fired!" This quote, uttered by a stern factory supervisor, kicks off a classic scene in sitcom history from what television series?

Answer: I LOVE LUCY

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What character, likely opera's most famous valet, was on the staff of philandering 18th-century Spanish Count Almaviva, as was his beloved wife Susanna (as the Countess's maid)?

Answer: FIGARO

Q4.: LITERATURE -The Saga of an American Familyis the subtitle of what 1976 historical fiction Pulitzer Prize-winning runaway best seller?

Answer: ROOTS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the object that traveled approximately 43 million miles from October 4, 1957, until January 4, 1958, much of that time at around 18,000 miles per hour.

Answer: SPUTNIK (SPUTNIK 1)

Q6.: SCIENCE - The echidnas and platypus of Australia and New Guinea, who lay eggs and have a single opening for reproduction and elimination of waste, are the only living members of the most primitive of three conventional groups of mammals (in comparison to placentals and marsupials). This group is known as—and is categorized within the mammalian taxonomic order of—what?

Answer: MONOTREMES

Q1.: LITERATURE - Zuckerman Bound, a collection that includes the trilogy *The Ghost Writer*, *Zuckerman Unbound*, and *The Anatomy Lesson*, along with the novella *The Prague Orgy*, is the work of what late American novelist?

Answer: PHILIP ROTH

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Volga, Ural, and Kura Rivers all discharge into what body of water?

Answer: CASPIAN SEA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name for any of various bacteria having a round or ovoid form, including those that cause strep throat, some forms of pneumonia and meningitis, and staph infections?

Answer: COCCUS/COCCI

Q4.: AMER HIST - Name any one of the U.S. states that were not one of the original thirteen British colonies but became a state in the 18th century.

Answer: VERMONT, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE

Q5.: MATH - Whose "witch" is pictured here? [Click here](#)

Answer: (MARIA GAETANA) AGNESI

Q6.: FILM - Though she did not star in the film (having died seven years earlier), Rita Hayworth plays an important role (of sorts) as a plot element in what 1994 film?

Answer: THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Q1.: LANGUAGE - In Through the Looking-Glass, Lewis Carroll first used what term to describe words that are composed of parts of two or more words? Examples are found throughout "Jabberwocky" and includemimsy(flimsy and miserable), galumphing(gallop and triumphant), andchortled(chuckle and snort).

Answer: PORTMANTEAU

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What was the name of the top-grossing summer caravan musical tour in 1997, the first to achieve this distinction with a lineup of all female-led acts?

Answer: LILITH FAIR

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Bronze Age civilization that developed on the island of Crete roughly 5000 years ago and lasted for nearly two millennia is named after a legendary king. What is that name (either the king's or the civilization's)?

Answer: MINOS/MINOAN

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What is the name of the nonprofit organization that was the appellant in the landmark 2010 case before the U.S. Supreme Court where the majority held that, under the First Amendment, corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections cannot be limited? The organization's name has become shorthand for the case itself.

Answer: CITIZENS UNITED

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the name for the scientific study of how matter behaves at very low temperatures, including approaching absolute zero?

Answer: CRYOGENICS/CRYOPHYSICS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What country has the greatest ratio of "height" (north/south distance) to "width" (east/west distance) in its contiguous land territory, with 2,653 miles between its northernmost and southernmost points but only 221 miles at its widest?

Answer: CHILE

Q1.: LITERATURE - Jātakas is the name for any of numerous popular tales of virtue illustrating the former lives of what individual?

Answer: GAUTAMA/SIDDHARTHA BUDDHA

Q2.: FILM - Who appeared in 31 films from 1956 to 1969, first as "Clint Reno" and finally as "Dr. John Carpenter," with "Pacer Burton," "Tulsa McLean," "Chad Gates," "Steve Grayson, " and "Lucky Jackson" among the roles in between?

Answer: ELVIS PRESLEY

Q3.: THEATRE - What is the current name of the music hall on West 125th Street in New York's Harlem neighborhood that opened in 1914 as the whites-only Hurtig & Seamon's New Burlesque Theater?

Answer: APOLLO THEATER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the common, Romanized four-letter name of the "Empress Dowager" who rose from the position of third-rank concubine of Emperor Xianfeng to essentially rule China, autocratically and ruthlessly. for most of 47 years beginning in 1861? (Please note that correct spelling is required for this question.)

Answer: CIXI

Q5.: ART - The subjects in what famous painting are often assumed to be husband and wife, but were meant by the artist to represent a father and daughter, and were in reality the artist's sister and dentist?

Answer: AMERICAN GOTHIC

Q6.: TELEVISION - The twin children on the television series Black-ish are named after the subjects of a song that reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart in October 1982. What are their names?

Answer: JACK AND DIANE

Q1.: SCIENCE - What everyday object, a compound machine consisting of two wedges connected by two levers, appears in the titles of a fantasy film from 1990 and a 2006 cinematic memoir, and was also central to the plot of the 1991 thriller *Dead Again*?

Answer: SCISSORS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Shockley, Fairchild, Cypress, National, and Lattice are partial names of companies that were (or are) in the business of developing and/or manufacturing what specific product? The product in question is contained in the full name of each corporation.

Answer: SEMICONDUCTOR

Q3.: TELEVISION - Who appeared onstage to perform the opening theme's closing note during regular episodes of the television series *The Muppet Show*?

Answer: GONZO (THE GREAT)

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A British dish consisting of savory cheese sauce poured over toast and served hot has what name, a misnomer of sorts as there is nothing evidently leporine about it?

Answer: WELSH RABBIT (RAREBIT)

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A valuable slab of black basalt was found by a French soldier during Napoleon's occupation of Egypt in 1799 at Fort Julien, which is located on the west bank of the Nile about 3 miles northwest of what small Egyptian port city?

Answer: ROSETTA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What musician was a member of Buddy Holly's band The Crickets (and gave up his seat to The Big Bopper on the fatal 1959 plane crash that also killed his boss and Ritchie Valens) before becoming a part of the "Outlaws" country music clique in the mid-1970s and The Highwaymen supergroup in the 1980s?

Answer: WAYLON JENNINGS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Bernard Hinault, Laurent Fignon, and Claudio Chiappucci were the Tour de France runners-up in 1986, 1989, and 1990. Who won the race all three of these years and remains today the only American cyclist to have won the Tour (officially at least)?

Answer: GREG LEMOND

Q2.: THEATRE - A critical and popular hit play from 1988 by Wendy Wasserstein, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, chronicles the life of the title character and the world around her. What is that character's first name?

Answer: HEIDI

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Stipulating that Australia is a landmass and not an island, three of the world's six largest islands (by land area) contain territory that is a part of what country?

Answer: INDONESIA

Q4.: FILM - Identify either of the films that fill in the blanks in the following list. Dirty Harry, _____, The Enforcer, _____, The Dead Pool.

Answer: MAGNUM FORCE, SUDDEN IMPACT

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What spice is most closely associated with the cuisine of Hungary and is the namesake for one national dish and dominant seasoning for another (goulash)?

Answer: PAPRIKA

Q6.: LITERATURE - What two words are missing from the following title of a Walt Whitman poem, which was untitled in 1855's Leaves of Grass and later appeared as "Poem of the Body" before acquiring this present title (which is also now the poem's first line): I _____ the Body _____.

Answer: SING, ELECTRIC

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Around two dozen U.S. cities and towns, the largest of which is in Ohio, have a name that is also a term for a member state of the Swiss Confederation. What is that name/term?

Answer: CANTON

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the most common, three-word name for the largest object ever put into Earth's orbit by humans?

Answer: INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A specially prepared cornmeal dough usually stuffed with sweet or savory fillings and steamed inside a trimmed corn husk or banana leaf—this describes, most commonly, what dish? Zacahuiles are giant ones, while norteños are a smaller variety.

Answer: TAMAQUE

Q4.: ART - This is the face of whom, per the work's title?[Click here](#)

Answer: VENUS

Q5.: LITERATURE - A category of satire that criticizes with gentle laughter (as opposed to bitter condemnation) takes its name from what 1st-century Latin lyric poet—also famous for his odes—whose influential satires were infused with warmth and charm?

Answer: HORACE

Q6.: AMER HIST - Name the political machine, originally a club incorporated in 1789, that 100 years later was a dominant and corrupt force in New York City politics?

Answer: TAMMANY HALL

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What is the title used for the military dictator who served as de facto ruler of Japan for most of the years from the late 12th century until the mid-19th century, when Tokugawa Yoshinobu relinquished the office to Emperor Meiji in 1867?

Answer: SHOGUN

Q2.: FILM - In a famous 1961 action adventure film, a group of Allied and Greek commando specialists are assembled by British intelligence to destroy Nazi artillery cannons concealed within the solid rock of what fictional Greek island?

Answer: NAVARONE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Shape of You," "Perfect," "Castle on the Hill," "Don't," and "Photograph" are recent pop smashes from what English singer/songwriter?

Answer: ED SHEERAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - A common name for the flowering plant pictured here, when one letter is added, becomes the name of a chemical element discovered by Saxon chemist Clemens Winkler in 1886. What is either of those names (the flower or the element)?

[Click here](#)

Answer: GERANIUM/GERMANIUM

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The city of Malmö, Sweden, sits about 18 miles (and a 45-minute drive, depending on traffic) from what national capital city?

Answer: COPENHAGEN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - "Hadouken!" is a special attack move (and exclamation) used by characters, including Ryu and Ken, from what video game series?

Answer: STREET FIGHTER

Q1.: FILM - A Mesopotamian goddess of war, justice, and sexual love has a name that, particularly in the West, is more associated today (unfortunately for her) with a massive Hollywood flop that Roger Ebert described as "a lifeless, massive, lumbering exercise in failed comedy." What is that name?

Answer: ISHTAR

Q2.: SCIENCE - What word from acoustics, synonymous with tone quality or tone color, is defined as the character of a sound, distinct from its pitch and intensity? It's what makes two sounds with the same pitch and intensity distinguishable from each other.

Answer: TIMBRE

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - The populist political parties the Five Star Movement and the League, having earned the most votes in the general election held on March 4, 2018, formed a coalition government that is now in place in what country?

Answer: ITALY

Q4.: LITERATURE - The novels *The Deerslayer*, *The Last of the Mohicans*, *The Pathfinder*, *The Pioneers*, and *The Prairie*, which are ordered here by plot chronology and all feature fictional frontiersman Natty Bumppo, are collectively known as what "Tales," after a nickname used for Bumppo in *The Pioneers* (the first novel published)?

Answer: THE LEATHERSTOCKING TALES

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the stadium, located in its namesake London neighborhood, that is owned by the English Football Association and serves as home pitch for England's national team?

Answer: WEMBLEY STADIUM

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Identify the Anglican cleric—the Bishop of Johannesburg beginning in 1985 and then Archbishop of Cape Town from 1986 to 1996—who was named chair of South Africa's post-apartheid Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1995.

Answer: DESMOND TUTU

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - This Pittsburgh-area medical clinic sits at the former site of what restaurant? [Click here](#)

Answer: PIZZA HUT

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, Etta James, Willie Dixon, Buddy Guy, Bo Diddley, and Sonny Boy Williamson II were among the artists who recorded for what Chicago-based blues and R&B record label? The label was not named after a game (as might be assumed, especially considering the label's logos), but rather is an Anglicized version of the founding brothers' Polish last name.

Answer: CHESS RECORDS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Eleven properties in the standard U.S. version of the board game Monopoly have names that include U.S. states. One state appears twice. Which one?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the term used in the theory of general relativity for a point of infinite density and infinitesimal volume, at which space and time become infinitely distorted? They are believed to exist at the center of black holes, and the Big Bang theory suggests that one existed at the beginning of the universe.

Answer: SINGULARITY

Q5.: TELEVISION - This is a screenshot from what game show? [Click here](#)

Answer: TIC TAC DOUGH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Ships operated by what cruise line have names ending with "of the Seas" (for example, Symphony of the Seas, Navigator of the Seas, and Empress of the Seas, among many others)?

Answer: ROYAL CARIBBEAN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - La Goulette, Khereddine, Sidi Bou Said, and Carthage Hannibal are names of train stations on a railway that serves the metro area of what capital city?

Answer: TUNIS

Q2.: TELEVISION - A scene in a season five episode of Happy Days, which first aired in September 1977, is the inspiration for what now-common pejorative idiom?

Answer: JUMP THE SHARK

Q3.: ART - Noa Noa: Voyage de Tahiti is a manuscript published in 1901 with text, drawings, and prints by what post-Impressionist?

Answer: PAUL GAUGUIN

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name for the cosmetic pictured here, known in some parts of the world as "rimmel" after the French-born perfumer who developed the modern version in the 19th century?[Click here](#)

Answer: MASCARA

Q5.: AMER HIST - The military program announced by President Reagan in March 1983, which promoted funding for a shield of laser and particle-beam weapons in outer space that would eliminate oncoming ICBMs before they could reach the U.S., was known derisively as "Star Wars," but formally by what three-word name?

Answer: STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

Q6.: THEATRE - Andrew Garfield and Nathan Lane won Tony Awards in 2018 for their performances in what play, in roles originated on Broadway in 1993 by Stephen Spinella and Ron Leibman?

Answer: ANGELS IN AMERICA

Q1.: FILM - Who began his acceptance speech after winning the Best Actor Oscar at the Academy Awards ceremony in 1970, "If I'd have known that, I'd have put that patch on 35 years earlier," having won the award for the first time for his 139th film?

Answer: JOHN WAYNE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - "Brummie" is a term used for a person from what city, as well as the name for a local dialect?

Answer: BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

Q3.: SCIENCE - The scientific device pictured here was invented by, and is named after, what American physicist of Dutch descent?[Click here](#)

Answer: ROBERT VAN DE GRAAFF

Q4.: ART - Encaustic painting is most often used as the name of an artistic technique where pigments are mixed with what medium before being applied to the rigid support material (usually wood)?

Answer: WAX

Q5.: AMER HIST - U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper, U.S. Rep. Hale Boggs, U.S. Rep. Gerald R. Ford, and former CIA Director Allen Dulles were among a group of seven men who, beginning in late 1963, were collectively known most commonly by what name?

Answer: WARREN COMMISSION

Q6.: LANGUAGE - With only one of its nine letters a vowel, what word—sometimes the name for a section of a CV/resume (or perhaps, probably more often, a topic of discussion in a job interview)—is widely considered the longest word in the English language containing only one vowel?

Answer: STRENGTHS

Q1.: SCIENCE - Compression of the median nerve that passes through the wrist to supply the thumb side of the hand can produce, most commonly, a medical condition best known as what?

Answer: CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What Mexican state, which is bordered by New Mexico and Texas to the north, is that country's largest state by land area?

Answer: CHIHUAHUA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Adam Arkin, Hector Elizondo, Mandy Patinkin, Thomas Gibson, and Christine Lahti were among the stars of what CBS medical drama that aired, during its first season, on the same night and time as its more successful first-season NBC rivalER (and was also set in the same city)?

Answer: CHICAGO HOPE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What term, used in mathematics to designate a specific value in certain arithmetic operations, is used commonly in finance for a payment of income by a company to its shareholders?

Answer: DIVIDEND

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The items in this montage (not pictured to scale) were all produced specifically for preparing or serving what vegetable? [Click here](#)

Answer: ASPARAGUS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What Serbian nationalist and revolutionary, who died in prison in 1918, is by far history's best-known (and most consequential) individual associated with a terrorist organization known as the Black Hand?

Answer: GAVRILO PRINCIP

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - What American bandmaster and composer, known as the "March King," was leader of the United States Marine Band for 12 years beginning in 1880 before leaving to found his own successful touring band?

Answer: JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Q2.: FILM - What 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson, produced early in the sound era, is one of the earliest and most influential of what came to be known as "gangster movies"? Given the subject matter and plot, it's probably not the inspiration for a similarly named restaurant chain.

Answer: LITTLE CAESAR

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the mythological hero in this illustration, taken from the logo of a European football (soccer) team.[Click here](#)

Answer: AJAX

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - The U.S. federal statute known colloquially as "Obamacare" and often shortened to the "Affordable Care Act" has a full name that is abbreviated PPACA. What do the letters "PP" in this abbreviation stand for?

Answer: PATIENT PROTECTION

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Reprise Records, a still-existing record label now owned by Warner Music Group, was formed in 1960 by what musical artist, who served as its CEO and Chairman of the Board and also released his LP *Ring-a-Ding-Ding!* through the label in 1961?

Answer: FRANK SINATRA

Q6.: LITERATURE - John H. Johnson, founder of the Johnson Publishing Company and the first African American to appear on the Forbes 400, achieved much of his prosperity via the publication of what magazine, his first major success, which he began in 1945?

Answer: EBONY

Q1.: LANGUAGE - 1852's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases is the best-known and most enduring work of what English physician and philologist?

Answer: PETER MARK ROGET

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What percussion instrument of Central America, associated particularly with Guatemala and also used in Africa (where it originated), is similar in appearance to a xylophone and consists of wooden slabs with gourds or other resonators beneath them for amplification?

Answer: MARIMBA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the last name shared by the French-Italian astronomer who studied the division in Saturn's ring system that now bears his name, and the French-born American fashion designer largely responsible for what became known as the "Jackie Look"?

Answer: CASSINI

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the many cultivars of the species *Brassica oleracea*, which cultivar is the most common and popular one that is named after a European capital?

Answer: BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - A bridge that was once the longest twin-span suspension bridge in the world is one of dozens of stationary vehicular crossings of its namesake river, but it is the only such crossing between two U.S. states?

Answer: NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE

Q6.: FILM - "Wonderboy," an inanimate object created as a result of a lightning strike, plays a central role in what 1984 film (and the 1952 novel on which it was based)?

Answer: THE NATURAL

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The I Promise School opened its doors on July 30, 2018, to 240 at-risk third- and fourth-graders in what city?

Answer: AKRON, OHIO

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Camp David Accords of 1978, named for the presidential retreat where they were negotiated in secret, were signed at the White House with President Jimmy Carter as witness. What two men were the signatories to these agreements, which led to their sharing of the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize?

Answer: MENACHEM BEGIN, ANWAR SADAT

Q3.: ART - Pictured here are the Burghers of what city?[Click here](#)

Answer: CALAIS

Q4.: SCIENCE - What word is redacted in this image?[Click here](#)

Answer: MICROWAVE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the world's largest country by area in which Spanish is the majority language?

Answer: ARGENTINA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the musical term most commonly used for the gradations of relative loudness or softness with which music is performed? Some of its more important "markings" are *p*, *pp*, *mp*, *f*, and *cresc.*

Answer: DYNAMICS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Max Roach, Joe Morello, Elvin Jones, Cindy Blackman Santana, Billy Cobham, Tony Williams, Kenny Clarke, and Jack DeJohnette are all names of jazz musicians famous for their skill on what instrument?

Answer: DRUMS

Q2.: TELEVISION - The host of the original Star Search in the 1980s and '90s, a long-time co-host of the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, Dick Clark's co-host on TV's Bloopers & Practical Jokes, and a spokesperson for the American Family Publishers sweepstakes—any of these was arguably the second-most-prominent show business job held by what man?

Answer: ED MCMAHON

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - A split in rugby football in 1895 resulted in two separate forms of rugby, both of which evolved further to become two wholly separate sports. The names of the sports are Rugby _____ and Rugby _____. Please provide the two words missing from the respective blanks.

Answer: LEAGUE, UNION

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What was, until August 1883, the largest island in the Sunda Strait, between the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra?

Answer: KRAKATOA

Q5.: LITERATURE - What name is shared in Greek mythology by one of the sea nymphs known as the Nereids, one of the Graces (with Aglaea and Euphrosyne), and one of the Muses (the Muse of comedy)? The name is also used (with a different pronunciation) by a popular Mexican musical artist and "Queen of Latin Pop."

Answer: THALIA

Q6.: AMER HIST - The Iron Brigade, Philadelphia Brigade, Excelsior Brigade, and Irish Brigade fought during the U.S. Civil War within the Union's principal army in the Eastern Theater, which was commonly known as "Mr. Lincoln's Army" but was formally known as the 'Army of' what body of water?

Answer: POTOMAC

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify either the structure that became the world's tallest in 1889 (a distinction it held until the Chrysler Building's completion in 1930) or the landmark overtaken as the world's tallest in 1889. Both structures are iconic, and the weight of the taller of the two is one-eighth that of the shorter.

Answer: EIFFEL TOWER, WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Q2.: FILM - In Arnold Schwarzenegger's first feature film role, in which he was credited as "Arnold Strong," he portrayed Hercules visiting—per the 1970 film's title—what location?

Answer: NEW YORK

Q3.: THEATRE - In modern Broadway history, a few musicals have had titles that include a slash (/): 1980's *A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine*, 1988's *Romance/Romance*, 2014's *If/Then*, and what fourth, a 1995 musical based on a 1982 film of the same name (and with the same director and lead actress)?

Answer: VICTOR/VICTORIA

Q4.: MATH - What term can be used in geometry for the region of a circle bounded by an arc of the circle and a chord that connects the endpoints of the arc, and also for the portion of a sphere included between a pair of parallel planes that intersect the sphere? Note, while these are common uses of the term in question in geometry, they are not the most common.

Answer: SEGMENT

Q5.: SCIENCE - The chemical compound sodium bicarbonate, when sold in grocery stores, is more commonly labeled as what?

Answer: BAKING SODA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The 1938 Munich Agreement, which led to Neville Chamberlain's now-infamous declaration of "peace for our time," authorized Nazi Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakian territory that is best known by what name?

Answer: SUDETENLAND

Q1.: ART - In 1894, "Favrile" was registered as a trademark by what American decorative artist, who also patented its production process that same year and remains inextricably linked with its aesthetic?

Answer: LOUIS COMFORT TIFFANY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean Sea by area, and Jamaica is the third largest. What is the name of the Caribbean's second-largest island?

Answer: HISPANIOLA

Q3.: AMER HIST - What three words fill in the blanks in this quote, Article II Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution? "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other _____ and _____. "

Answer: HIGH, CRIMES, MISDEMEANORS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The very first website, which was devoted to the World Wide Web project itself, was hosted on a NeXT computer at the site of an international organization known by what acronym?

Answer: CERN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Give either the Italian or the Japanese 2018 equivalent of the British Silverstone, the French Le Castellet, the German Hockenheim, the Belgian Stavelot, and the United States' Austin.

Answer: MONZA, SUZUKA

Q6.: LITERATURE - "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary..." So begins the first stanza of what poem?

Answer: THE RAVEN

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - An event known as Crufts, which is hosted annually in the United Kingdom and was founded by Charles Cruft in 1891, is an exhibition centered around the judging of what?

Answer: DOGS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Until his retirement in 1973, "Willy the Hillbilly" was the advertising mascot for what product, which still exists today with the same name but a sharply different marketing strategy?

Answer: MOUNTAIN DEW

Q3.: SCIENCE - Atoms that have the same atomic number (i.e., the same number of protons) but a different number of neutrons are referred to by what term, from the Greek for "equal" and "place" (as they occupy the same position on the periodic table)?

Answer: ISOTOPES

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Sir Christopher Wren Building, the oldest college building still standing in the United States, sits on the campus of what university, the original home of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society and the nation's second-oldest institution of higher education (after Harvard)?

Answer: COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Though he was essentially the group's lead singer, Ralph Tresvant had arguably the least prolific post-breakup musical career of all the primary members of what 1980s R&B group?

Answer: NEW EDITION

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The Harry Vardon Trophy, Claret Jug, Wanamaker Trophy, and Bob Jones Award are all honors earned through excellence in what sport?

Answer: GOLF

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The outline in this image, which looks vaguely like the United States (maybe?), is actually that of what island republic?[Click here](#)
Answer: CYPRUS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What nickname (usually for a male) is also used as a term for the well-marbled primal cut of beef from the neck, shoulder blade, and upper arm? In the 19th century, the word was commonly used as a slang term for any food.
Answer: CHUCK

Q3.: FILM - Richard Bohringer, Michael Gambon, Helen Mirren, and Alan Howard play the title characters in what 1989 film, one of the last mainstream films before the creation of the NC-17 classification to be assigned an X rating by the MPAA (which was not accepted, as it was released theatrically without a rating) ?
Answer: THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER

Q4.: TELEVISION - The words "Goodbye, kids" were the first words spoken by Clarabell the Clown—and the last words spoken by anyone—on what children's television program?
Answer: HOWDY DOODY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Ethiopian Empire, which existed in East Africa until Haile Selassie's deposition in 1974, was known by what other name, taken from the Arabic term for the people who occupied it during empire's founding in the 13th century?
Answer: ABYSSINIA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Many profit-sharing and 401(k) plans offer different schedules that determine the percentage of the account balance owned by the employee at different intervals. What is the legal term commonly used—and used officially by the Internal Revenue Service—for "ownership" in these scenarios? It derives, ultimately, from a Latin term for "garment."
Answer: VESTING/VESTMENT

Q1.: SCIENCE - The infectious disease known as whooping cough is known by what other name (which it shares with the bacterium that causes it)?

Answer: PERTUSSIS

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The letter "e" is expressed in International Morse Code by a single dot, in Braille by the pattern ·, and in American Sign Language by the handshape where all four fingers are bent and hooked, with the thumb opposed and fully closed so that its length touches the fingernails of the other fingers. What consonant is expressed in International Morse Code by a single dash, in Braille by the pattern ⠃, and in ASL by the handshape where the fingers are curled into a fist, with the thumb under the index finger, so that the thumb tip protrudes between the index finger and the middle finger?

Answer: T

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The heart, liver, and lungs of a calf or sheep chopped up with suet, onions, oatmeal, and seasoning, and boiled in a sheep's stomach, is a traditional preparation of what dish, which is historically served during a Scottish celebration known as Burns supper?

Answer: HAGGIS

Q4.: ART - What is the name of this young woman, per the work's title?[Click here](#)
Answer: CHRISTINA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the woman who swept the four apparatus titles and thus also won the women's all-around title in dominant fashion at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Boston in August 2018.

Answer: SIMONE BILES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The artist born Steven Demetre Georgiou in 1948 in London, who changed his name to Yusuf Islam after his conversion to the Muslim faith, performed under what name during the peak of his commercial success in the 1970s?

Answer: CAT STEVENS

Q1.: THEATRE - Viewers of the 2007 NBC reality series subtitled You're the One That I Want! chose Max Crumm and Laura Osnes to play the main characters in what Broadway revival that opened later that year?

Answer: GREASE

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the word used to categorize birds, colloquially known as "perching birds," that belong to the avian order that makes up more than half of all living birds, including all songbirds (swallows, larks, cardinals, crows, wrens, finches, orioles, etc.)? The term is derived from the Latin word for "sparrow."

Answer: PASSERINE (PASSERIFORMES)

Q3.: LITERATURE - The character Jules Maigret, who appeared in over 80 novels by author Georges Simenon, held what profession?

Answer: INSPECTOR/DETECTIVE/POLICE COMMISSIONER

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A member of a preeminent British comedy group, a notorious murderer from the 1980s, a prolific American fruit-planter, and the only player to have died from an injury received during a major league baseball game all share what last name?

Answer: CHAPMAN

Q5.: MATH - A hypercube is an object resembling a cube but having an arbitrary number of dimensions (ordinarily, more than three). What is the most common term used for a four-dimensional hypercube, having sixteen corners (or vertices)?

Answer: TESSERACT

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What term for a particular type of house originated as a house for a European in India, usually one story surrounded by a veranda and with a thatched roof to protect from the sun?

Answer: BUNGALOW

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Pictures at Eleven, The Principle of Moments, Shaken 'n' Stirred, and Now and Zen (which features the single "Tall Cool One," later featured in a Coca-Cola commercial) were the first four solo albums from what Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee?

Answer: ROBERT PLANT

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - J.S. Bach's Concerto in A minor, Beethoven's Concerto in D major, op. 61, Mozart's Concerto in A major, K. 219, and Tchaikovsky's Concerto in D major, op. 35 were all written for what instrument?

Answer: VIOLIN

Q3.: SCIENCE - In botany, this is the term for a tiny opening in the epidermis of a plant (especially abundant on leaves). In biology, it's any opening in a body, like the oral cavity of a nematode. In medicine, it's an opening in a body surface created by a surgical procedure. What is this term?

Answer: STOMA

Q4.: TELEVISION - The CW Television Network, which began airing in September 2006, was created through a joint venture that resulted in the shutdown of what other two networks?

Answer: UNITED PARAMOUNT NETWORK (UPN), THE WB

Q5.: AMER HIST - Though he never visited North America himself, Sir Walter Raleigh made two attempts to found an English colony on the continent, both of which were on what island (and both of which were unsuccessful)?

Answer: ROANOKE ISLAND

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What word appears most often on a standard Scrabble board?

Answer: SCORE (also DOUBLE, QI)

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Give the names of the women who previously held the position that has been held since 2014 by engineer and business executive Satya Nadella.

Answer: BILL GATES, STEVE BALLMER

Q2.: LITERATURE - A 1946 book by John Hersey, initially published as a full-issue article in an August 1946 issue of the New Yorker magazine, describes the harrowing experiences of six individuals the previous year in what city, after which the book is named?

Answer: HIROSHIMA

Q3.: WORLD HIST - After the defeat of Cassius and Brutus at the Battle of Philippi in 42 BCE, the Roman Republic was primarily ruled by two men—Octavian in the west, and what other man in the east? This arrangement lasted until the Battle of Actium in 31 BCE, and Octavian's subsequent supremacy (and eventual ascension as the first Roman Emperor).

Answer: MARK ANTONY

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - For three consecutive years in the 1980s, players from what Major League Baseball team won the American League Rookie of the Year Award (José Canseco in 1986, Mark McGwire in 1987, and Walt Weiss in 1988)?

Answer: OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Q5.: ART - The work of art formally titled *La Trahison des images* (The Treachery of Images) is a painting of (but, according to its included text, not actually) what object?

Answer: PIPE

Q6.: SCIENCE - Veins in the human body carry deoxygenated blood, with two exceptions. One exception is the umbilical vein, which is present during prenatal development and transports oxygenated blood from the placenta to the fetus. What is the other exception—the only vein (actually four in number under normal conditions) that carries oxygenated blood and is present in all humans?

Answer: PULMONARY VEIN

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Salamanzar, Balthazar, and Nebuchadnezzar, in addition to being Biblical kings, are also names for different sizes of what?
Answer: (WINE) BOTTLES

Q2.: LITERATURE - A 1933 James Hilton novel, which allegedly became in 1939 the first mass-market paperback, featured a utopian world that was FDR's source for the name of his presidential retreat ("Shangri-la," later Camp David). What is the title of that novel?

Answer: LOST HORIZON

Q3.: SCIENCE - Mass production of steel from molten pig iron began in the mid-19th century upon the invention of a process named after its prolific English inventor, who patented it in 1856. What is the name of this process, by which compressed air is blasted through molten iron to burn out excess carbon and impurities?

Answer: BESSEMER PROCESS

Q4.: FILM - Male film characters who get to be female for a short time, and from this brief experience believe themselves able to understand and sympathize with women and represent their perspective to the world, have been said by critics to display a syndrome named after the title character in what 1982 movie?

Answer: TOOTSIE

Q5.: ART - What single word fills in the blanks in the following phrases, all significant in art history: _____ Carré, _____ d'Automne, _____ des Indépendants, _____ des Refusés?

Answer: SALON

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What is the plainly and accurately descriptive name used, in English, for the massive withdrawal of the Chinese Red Army from southeastern to northwestern China in 1934-35, which had the essential effect of establishing Mao Zedong as the leader of the Chinese Communist Party.

Answer: THE LONG MARCH

Q1.: TELEVISION - While many of the actors who played the title characters in 2001's Ocean's Eleven have had successful television careers, only one starred in his own, namesake sitcom. Who is that actor, whose series aired on Fox from 2001 to 2006?

Answer: BERNIE MAC

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Temple of the Tooth, which houses a sacred relic comprised of the left cuspid of the Buddha, is located within the palace of the former Kingdom of Kandy in what island nation, where over 90% of its Sinhalese population practices Buddhism?

Answer: SRI LANKA

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In 1976, Sumitomo Credit Service, Carte Bleue, ChargeX, Barclaycard, and other licensees of a multinational credit card program known as the International Bankcard Company (IBANCO) formed a new association, in conjunction with the domestic National BankAmericard Inc., while retaining the original programs' distinctive blue, white, and gold coloring scheme. What was the name of this new company, which still exists today?

Answer: VISA

Q4.: AMER HIST - While the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibited the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcohol, the amendment was enforced by what 1919 federal act, sponsored by and named after a Congressman from Minnesota?

Answer: VOLSTEAD ACT

Q5.: LITERATURE - The title of a George Peele poem from 1590, written on the occasion of the retirement of Queen Elizabeth's champion knight, Sir Henry Lee, and sung to her during Lee's final jousting tournament, provides the title for what 1929 Ernest Hemingway novel?

Answer: A FAREWELL TO ARMS

Q6.: SCIENCE - Name anyone of the three most abundant elements in the earth's crust (making up roughly 47%, 28%, and 8% by weight, respectively).

Answer: OXYGEN, SILICON, ALUMINUM

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In the general elections of 1995, incumbent Alberto Fujimori handily defeated former United Nations Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar to retain the presidency of what country?

Answer: PERU

Q2.: LITERATURE - What term for fans of a work of art who romantically pair major characters in that work is believed to have originated with The X-Files, and fanfiction writers who detail a romantic union between Fox Mulder and Dana Scully?

Answer: SHIPPER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What Yiddish term is used for the rendered chicken fat that is stirred into chopped liver and added to latkes and kugel, and whose preparation results in a crispy byproduct known as gribenes?

Answer: SCHMALTZ

Q4.: TELEVISION - Two actors from the television series Friends appeared in multiple episodes of the first season of NYPD Blue. One was Robert Costanzo, who played Joey Tribbiani, Sr., and mafioso Alphonse Giardella. Who was the other actor, whose Josh "4B" Goldstein died tragically in NYPD Blue's fourth episode?

Answer: DAVID SCHWIMMER

Q5.: ART - The name for certain cuttlefish (and the genus in which they are classified) is used for a pigment derived from the fish's ink. The pigment was once commonly used for pen drawings and diluted "colored wash" painting, and the term is now used for a common photographic technique. What is that name/term?

Answer: SEPIA

Q6.: SCIENCE - For a body orbiting the earth, the closest and furthest points of the orbit from earth are the perigee and apogee. What are the equivalent terms for the closest and furthest points of a body's orbit from the sun? (Note, correct spelling is required.)

Answer: PERIHELION, APHELION

Q1.: LITERATURE - For her three works in the Broken Earth series (The Fifth Season, The Obelisk Gate, and The Stone Sky), what American novelist has won the science fiction literary award known as the Hugo Award (in the Best Novel category) for three years running?

Answer: N. K. JEMISIN

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - On the evening of August 20, 2018, protestors toppled a statue of a Confederate soldier named "Silent Sam" that stood since 1913 on the northern edge of the campus of what university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Q3.: FILM - "In the spring of 1980, the port at Mariel Harbor was opened, and thousands set sail for the United States. They came in search of the American Dream." This text appears on a poster—popular in American college dorm rooms occupied by males and in homes of artists featured on MTV Cribs—for what 1983 film, a remake of a 1932 Howard Hawks classic?

Answer: SCARFACE

Q4.: SCIENCE - The disease beriberi is caused by the absence in one's diet of vitamin B1, a vitamin that is also known commonly by what name?

Answer: THIAMINE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who became Japan's War Minister in 1940 and Prime Minister in 1941, serving the latter role until 1944. He was hanged as a war criminal in December 1948.

Answer: HIDEKI TOJO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - List the three races of the U.S. Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing in order from shortest to longest in distance (i.e., length of the track).

Answer: PREAKNESS STAKES, KENTUCKY DERBY, BELMONT STAKES

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Lomond, Awe, Maree, Morar, and Tay are among the largest of the geographical features that are known in their native Scotland (and native Scottish Gaelic and Scots languages) by what term?

Answer: LOCHS

Q2.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of a hit country music song from 2018 by the duo Dan + Shay, the narrator is reminded of his ex-love when he tastes what liquor, which provides the song's title?

Answer: TEQUILA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - LeBron James is the NBA's #2 all-time career scorer among active players, with 31,038 points. What player is just ahead of him in first, and sixth all-time among all players, with 31,187? The player in question is signed for the 2018-19 season with his current (and only) team, which will set an NBA record for most seasons with the same team.

Answer: DIRK NOWITZKI

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Transvaal Republic president Paul Kruger, the German spa town of Ems, President of the Reichstag Hermann Göring, and German Foreign Secretary Arthur Zimmermann are all, historically speaking, associated by name with what specific type of dispatch?

Answer: TELEGRAM

Q5.: TELEVISION - From when Kelly Ripa replaced Kathie Lee Gifford in 2001 on the syndicated morning talk show that would be renamed Live with Regis and Kelly, until today, she has had three permanent co-hosts. The first was Regis Philbin—name both of the other two.

Answer: MICHAEL STRAHAN, RYAN SEACREST

Q6.: LITERATURE - A series of letters written by a young African American woman named Celie to God (interspersed with letters to and from other human characters) form the structure of what Pulitzer Prize-winning novel?

Answer: THE COLOR PURPLE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - An Anglicized Muscogee Creek word for "town" begins the names of cities in Florida and Alabama. What is that word, whose five letters also begin the name of a river in Mississippi (a river whose name means "river of the rock" in Choctaw)?

Answer: TALLA

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the 19th-century musician and composer who is the conventional image of the quintessential Romantic artist—a fastidiously accoutered dandy who was exquisitely mannered, abandoned by his mistress, and died of consumption, after being exiled as a young man from the homeland that now considers him a national hero.

Answer: FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Q3.: FILM - Rhonda Britton ("The Rabbit Lady"), Steve Wilson ("The Tourism Chief"), Ronald Reagan, Pat Boone, Anita Bryant, and Bob Eubanks all appeared in what 1989 film?

Answer: ROGER & ME

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The title of a Muddy Waters tune from 1950, itself a cover of an old Delta blues song called "Catfish Blues" recorded by Robert Petway in 1941, inspired the name of what rock and roll band?

Answer: THE ROLLING STONES

Q5.: THEATRE - Name the theatre star who originated (on Broadway) the roles of Precious inSteel Pier, Sally inYou're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and Glinda inWicked?

Answer: KRISTIN CHENOWETH

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the Italian dish, literally "bone (with a) hole," which is a stew of veal shanks in white wine with tomatoes and onions, usually served with pasta or rice.

Answer: OSSO BUCO

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Who replaced Malcolm Turnbull on August 24, 2018, as Prime Minister of Australia?
Answer: SCOTT MORRISON

Q2.: FILM - In the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, who pulls back the curtain to reveal that the "Wizard" is just a blustery man talking into a microphone?
Answer: TOTO

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Caspian Sea is bordered by five countries: Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, and what fifth?
Answer: AZERBAIJAN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "Brandy" was a hit in the UK in 1971 for the song's co-writer, Scott English, but became, under a slightly altered name, a much greater hit (and first US #1) in 1974 for what other artist?

Answer: BARRY MANILOW

Q5.: SCIENCE - Canis Major Dwarf, Segue 1, Sagittarius Dwarf, Ursa Major II Dwarf, Triangulum II, and Large Magellanic Cloud are names of different celestial objects known as what?

Answer: GALAXIES

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the mountain fortress in the Judaean desert, perched atop a plateau 1,300 feet above the western shores of the Dead Sea, that was fortified between 37 and 31 BCE and is now a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site?

Answer: MASADA

Q1.: ART - Most of the works of the late 18th-, early 19th-century English painter George Stubbs, as well as many of the significant works in the career of American painter Susan Rothenberg, feature what as their subject, which is also featured in numerous works (and their titles) of German painter Franz Marc?

Answer: HORSES

Q2.: FILM - The first credited acting role for Henry Golding, a Kuala Lumpur-based correspondent for the BBC program The Travel Show, was as a leading character in what feature film?

Answer: CRAZY RICH ASIANS

Q3.: LITERATURE - Name the title character of the ribald satire by Aristophanes who, outraged by the destruction of the Peloponnesian War, convinces her fellow Athenian women to seize the city-state's treasury, occupy the Acropolis, and withhold carnal relations from their spouses until the war ends.

Answer: LYSISTRATA

Q4.: AMER HIST - Who was British Prime Minister for most of the duration of the American Revolutionary War? He shared a name, in a sense (perhaps a strained sense), with one of the belligerents in another war that would begin roughly eight decades later.

Answer: FREDERICK NORTH, LORD NORTH

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the common term for the thick, dark brown, uncrystallized residue, similar to black treacle, obtained from cane or beet sugar during the refining process?

Answer: MOLASSES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Miami-based record producers Mike Triay and Carlos de Yarza, working collectively as the Bayside Boys, are largely responsible for Billboard magazine's #1 single for 1996, their remixed version of what song?

Answer: MACARENA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Bullitt, Cumberland, Fayette, Jefferson, and Knox are among the 120 counties in what U.S. state?

Answer: KENTUCKY

Q2.: FILM - British actors Alex Lawther and Ewan McGregor played the same title character in different films, from 2017 (a biographical drama) and 2018 (a fantasy drama). What is the name of that character?

Answer: CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A man named Ahmed Bey Zogu, and better known as Zog, served as Prime Minister (1922-24), President (1925-28), and King (1928-39) of what country? The latter position is one that had previously been offered, reportedly, to former English cricketer C.B. Fry.

Answer: ALBANIA

Q4.: BUS/ECON - There are two basic methods of accounting generally recognized (and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service) for recording business activity. One is the "cash" method, where revenue and expenses are reported when cash is received or paid out. What is the common name for the other method, which records activity as it happens (e.g., when a product is delivered to a customer), even if cash has not changed hands?

Answer: ACCRUAL

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the composer, widely regarded as both the father of the symphony and of the string quartet, whose London Symphonies and Paris Symphonies are among his prodigious output of 106 symphonies and 68 string quartets.

Answer: JOSEPH HAYDN

Q6.: LITERATURE - The title of what 1927 novel refers to the specific type of animal to which the main character, a lonely middle-aged intellectual named Harry Haller, likens himself, as he labors to confront a bourgeois society he both hates and needs?

Answer: STEPPENWOLF

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - British fashion designer Sarah Burton, who has served as creative director for the Alexander McQueen fashion house since McQueen's death in 2010, shot to international fame when it was revealed the following year that she had designed the widely lauded and influential bridal gown worn by whom?

Answer: KATE MIDDLETON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Important historical expulsions in the capital of Bohemia (in modern-day Czechia) in 1419 and 1618, which led to the Hussite Wars and the Thirty Years' War respectively, are known today by a term that they share. What is that term?

Answer: DEFENESTRATION (OF PRAGUE)

Q3.: LANGUAGE - In the NATO phonetic alphabet (officially, the International Radiotelephony Spelling Alphabet), A is represented byAlfa, B byBravo, and Z byZulu. Another letter is represented by a word that is a popular sport. What is that word?

Answer: GOLF

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the most common Italian parallel to the Turkishraki, the Frenchpastis, the Greekouzo, and the Eastern Mediterraneanarak?

Answer: SAMBUCA

Q5.: FILM - The 1929 filmBlackmail, widely regarded as Britain's first "talkie," was the tenth film from what director, who would go on to direct an additional 45 feature films during his illustrious career?

Answer: ALFRED HITCHCOCK

Q6.: TELEVISION - Pine Valley, Pennsylvania; Llanview, Pennsylvania; Oakdale, Illinois; Port Charles, New York; and Genoa City, Wisconsin, are all fictional cities associated with a specific television genre known by what term? The term arose in the 1930s to describe certain radio dramas.

Answer: SOAP OPERA

Q1.: LITERATURE - What noun appears in the titles of a 1927 novel by Willa Cather, a 1912 novella by Thomas Mann, a Pulitzer Prize-winning, unfinished autobiographical novel from 1957 by James Agee, and a 1938 novel by Elizabeth Bowen?

Answer: DEATH

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Romano is the best known and most popular variety of what Italian hard-pressed cheese, made from the milk of a ewe (from which it gets its name)?

Answer: PECORINO

Q3.: TELEVISION - Texans Coby Cotton, Cory Cotton, Cody Jones, Garrett Hilbert, and Tyler Toney are members of an entertainment/sports group whose main YouTube channel has over 34 million subscribers, and the five men now star in a television series on Nickelodeon that features the group. What is the group's name?

Answer: DUDE PERFECT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Name the Greek king of the 4th and 3rd centuries BCE who is remembered today (historically and linguistically) for his campaigns at Heraclea and Asculum, where he emerged victorious despite massive losses.

Answer: PYRRHUS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What is God, according to the title of a recent hit song by Ariana Grande?

Answer: A WOMAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Founded in 1910 in Jeannette, Pennsylvania, a company named Penn has, from its beginning, manufactured what specific sporting equipment, of which it is America's #1 seller? Excepting similar and accessory items, this is the only thing Penn produces.

Answer: TENNIS BALLS

Q1.: AMER HIST - In its history, the United States Mint has issued for general circulation two different one-dollar coins—both since the retirement of the "Eisenhower dollar" in 1978—that depict on the obverse ("heads" side) women who existed in real life. Name both of these historical figures.

Answer: SUSAN B. ANTHONY, SACAGAWEA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Two African national capitals are among the closest in the world, separated by a river and with about five miles between their respective town centers. Name either of these capital cities.

Answer: BRAZZAVILLE, KINSHASA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The term from computer graphics for an image that is stored in memory by using a map to record data (e.g., intensity, color) for every pixel that comprises the image is known as "bitmap," and also by what other term? Unlike vector graphics, it becomes ragged and loses resolution when resized. The word in question has the same origin as the term for the implement used to draw musical staff lines.

Answer: RASTER

Q4.: TELEVISION - According to a line in the show's theme song (the fifth line, to be exact), where precisely was the title character born and raised on the TV series *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*?

Answer: WEST PHILADELPHIA

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - "Mars, the Bringer of War" and "Neptune, the Mystic" are the first and last movements of a work by what English composer?

Answer: GUSTAV HOLST

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the common term for the simple device used in casinos, for games such as blackjack, where the cards are placed after shuffling, and whose purpose is to hold multiple decks of cards and facilitate dealing? In some European casinos it is also known as "sabot."

Answer: SHOE

Q1.: MATH - The limit of $(1 + 1/n)$ as n approaches infinity is a number that is known as Napier's constant, but is more commonly named (and represented symbolically) after what other individual?

Answer: LEONHARD EULER

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Blue Period, Blue Moods, Blue Haze, and Kind of Blue are all albums by what musical artist?

Answer: MILES DAVIS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In the 1920s and 1930s, a revolutionary and guerrilla leader named Augusto César Sandino directed a rebellion against United States military occupation of what country, where he remains a national hero?

Answer: NICARAGUA

Q4.: BUS/ECON - The company founded in 1910 on New York's Fifth Avenue as Red Door salon, which retains a red door as its corporate logo (and name of its signature fragrance), is today named after its founder, a Canadian businesswoman born Florence Nightingale Graham. What is that name, shared by the company and the woman?

Answer: ELIZABETH ARDEN

Q5.: LANGUAGE - In what language is the following sentence written? Tämä kielet kuuluu uralilaisten kielten itämerensuomalaiseen kieliryhmään. Äidinkielenään sitä puhuu 4,9 miljoonaa ja toisena kielenään 0,5 miljoonaa ihmistä.

Answer: FINNISH

Q6.: TELEVISION - "The Blind Banker," "The Reichenbach Fall," "The Empty Hearse," and "The Final Problem" are names of episodes from a crime drama series that debuted on the BBC in July 2010. What is the title of that series?

Answer: SHERLOCK

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A spice used in the Middle East and India (particularly in naan), also known as kalonji, black caraway, black cumin, or onion seed, has a name that is also the first name of a famous cooking show host, cookbook author, and television personality. What is that name?

Answer: NIGELLA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - With over 23 million residents, what self-governing state is the most populous such entity, by far, that is not a member of the United Nations? From 2004 until 2010, it was home to the world's tallest building.

Answer: TAIWAN/REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Q3.: FILM - "Beale fired-Obscenities Provoke Record Calls" is the headline and subhead of a fictional 1975 edition of the New York Daily News that appears in what film?

Answer: NETWORK

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - There are two foundational stitches in knitting. The first is known simply as knit. What is the second, where the working yarn comes from the front side of the needle, and the needle enters the front of the stitch from right to left? Originally, the term referred to gold and silver thread used for embroidery.

Answer: PURL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Discussions between the United States and the Soviet Union, the first round of which concluded in 1972 and the second in 1979, and which were aimed at restricting the production and deployment of nuclear weapons, were known by what four-letter acronym?

Answer: SALT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the darts games 301 and 501, a player's final throw, to achieve a score of exactly zero (the object of the game), must have what characteristic?

Answer: DOUBLE

Q1.: SCIENCE - The luminous and sometimes audible electric discharge projecting from the end of a pointed object (e.g., the wing of an airplane, spire, or mast of a ship) during an electrical storm is a phenomenon most commonly named after what individual, the patron saint of sailors?

Answer: ST. ELMO

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What was the first and is still the only NFL team to appear in four consecutive Super Bowl games? The team did not appear in any Super Bowls before the streak and has not appeared in any since the streak ended.

Answer: BUFFALO BILLS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The three-age system of epochs, as established by Danish antiquarian Christian Jürgensen Thomsen and still common today for the division of prehistory into discrete periods, names these periods based on the materials used for tools and weapons during each time. What are these three materials, in order from earliest to most recent?

Answer: STONE, BRONZE, IRON

Q4.: TELEVISION - During what television series' opening credits does the main character sometimes pratfall over an ottoman and other times step around it with a satisfied grin?

Answer: THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The "Four Asian Tigers" rose to prominence in the 1960s with high growth economies focused on exportation, rapid industrialization, and high rates of savings, and today remain among the world's most advanced economies. Name anyone of these Four Asian Tigers.

Answer: HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN

Q6.: LITERATURE - Identify the prolific American writer, dubbed by Booker T. Washington in 1909 as "the first representative poet of my race" and his race's "poet laureate," who published numerous books of poetry, short story collections, and novels (including *The Sport of the Gods* and *Lyrics of Lowly Life*) before his death from tuberculosis in 1906 at age 33.

Answer: PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

Q1.: LITERATURE - A best-selling 2000 novel by Myla Goldberg tells the story of the esoteric and fracturing Naumann family, with a focus on eleven-year-old Eliza as she navigates through what titular season?

Answer: BEE SEASON

Q2.: FILM - What acclaimed and Academy Award-nominated 1981 Wolfgang Petersen film could credibly hold the record for most critical reviews that include the word "claustrophobic"?

Answer: DAS BOOT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of what African country is contained as a word in the names of two other African countries?

Answer: GUINEA

Q4.: SCIENCE - The structure of the human brain responsible for olfaction (the sense of smell) has roughly what shape, which is normally included in the name of the structure itself?

Answer: BULB

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What document, arguably one of the most influential works in the 20th century, fell into decades-long obscurity not long after its initial publication, following (and due to) the failure of the European revolutions of 1848?

Answer: THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

Q6.: LANGUAGE - While a "crime" is legally defined as conduct that is prohibited and has punishment prescribed by law, what is the corresponding term for a wrongful act (other than breach of contract) that harms another and for which courts impose civil liability?

Answer: TORT

Q1.: SCIENCE - The electrical measuring device that combines a voltmeter, an ammeter, and an ohmmeter (and sometimes other tools) is most commonly known by what name, appropriately so given its various uses?

Answer: MULTIMETER/MULTITESTER

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the formal term for a chapter of the Quran, of which there are a total of 114?

Answer: SURAH

Q3.: FILM - The names of Alfred Hitchcock film characters Sam Loomis (Psycho) and Tom Doyle (Rear Window) were later used, as a tribute, for characters in what 1978 film, which also starred the daughter of Psycho star Janet Leigh?

Answer: HALLOWEEN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - During the 220 years of the unified Achaemenid Empire's existence, the empire had a total of 13 kings. Give the name (regnal number not required) of either the first, who founded the empire, or the last, who was defeated by Alexander the Great in 330 BCE.

Answer: CYRUS, DARIUS

Q5.: MATH - What is the name of the trigonometric function that is defined as the ratio of the length of an angle's hypotenuse to the length of its opposite side (i.e., the reciprocal of its sine)?

Answer: COSECANT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The Tigers, Lions, Giants, Hawks, Buffaloes, Fighters, Dragons, Swallows, and Carp are names of professional clubs in a league playing what sport?

Answer: BASEBALL

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The "Croissan'wich" is a breakfast sandwich innovation introduced in 1983 by what fast food restaurant chain?

Answer: BURGER KING

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A German noble family known as the Princely House of Thurn and Taxis was, in 16th-century Europe, instrumental in the development of what type of service, which is at the center of a popular modern board game named after the family?

Answer: POSTAL/MAIL SERVICE

Q3.: AMER HIST - What term was historically used for an educational institution whose primary function was the training of teachers? The term endures in the name of the Illinois city where that state's main teachers' college was founded in 1857 (and remains today, now called Illinois State University).

Answer: NORMAL SCHOOL

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - A wealthy textile industrialist and philanthropist born at sea in 1836, while his parents were en route to the United States from France, has a name that lives on today in the name of an American performing arts conservatory that is widely considered one of the world's premier institutions of its kind. What is that name?

Answer: JUILLIARD

Q5.: TELEVISION - Sabrina Duncan, Jill Munroe, Kelly Garrett, Kris Munroe, Tiffany Welles, and Julie Rogers were television characters who were known collectively, at various times, by what name?

Answer: CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What color represents the highest level ("Hazardous") on the EPA's Air Quality Index, is included in the name of pop music band whose last five studio albums have reached the top 2 on the Billboard200 album chart, and is the name of a student newspaper at the University of Chicago?

Answer: MAROON

Q1.: ART - The cities of New York, Venice, Berlin, Las Vegas, and Bilbao are current or previous homes to art museums established by what foundation (after which the museums are all named)?

Answer: GUGGENHEIM

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Two Grammy Awards, a Nobel Peace Prize, and over a dozen honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D) degrees are among the laurels bestowed upon what individual?

Answer: BARACK OBAMA, JIMMY CARTER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Isaac, Taylor, and Zac are the names of the three brothers who form what namesake music group whose eleventh studio album, a symphonic double-album titled String Theory, was released on November 9, 2018?

Answer: HANSON

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Give the first and last names of the composer, piano virtuoso, and former child prodigy of the Romantic era, né Wieck, who was one of the first pianists to perform the now-standard practice of playing from memory.

Answer: CLARA SCHUMANN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - With an estimated population of more than 140 million, what island is the world's most populous, though only the fifth-largest in its country in area?

Answer: JAVA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Gregorian calendar, named after Pope Gregory XIII, who promulgated it in October 1582, reformed the pre-existing calendar slightly, and one way of doing so was by altering the rule for leap years (no Feb. 29 in years divisible by 100, unless also divisible by 400). This corrected the previous calendar proposed and enacted by (and named after) whom?

Answer: JULIUS CAESAR

Q1.: SCIENCE - The theory that bodily disorders can be caused by abnormalities or imbalances in the musculoskeletal system, and that these disorders can be remedied by various manipulative techniques, forms the basis for what system of medicine founded by Andrew Taylor Still in the 1870s, which has similarities but distinct differences from chiropractic?

Answer: OSTEOPATHY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - There are three U.S. states with no natural borders, only surveyed borders (i.e., mostly straight lines, with occasional slight kinks). Two are Colorado and Wyoming. What state is the third?

Answer: UTAH

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What was the name of the band formed by Bob Marley, in 1963, with a group of childhood friends from West Kingston, Jamaica, that included Peter Tosh and Bunny Livingston? The band was so named because, as Marley reportedly stated, "we started out crying."

Answer: THE WAILERS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The traditional recipe for the British dishbubble and squeak, as well as a common version of the Irish dishcolcannon, both call for what two primary ingredients?

Answer: POTATOES, CABBAGE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the verb used to describe the action in soccer (association football) where a player covers a specific opponent closely in order to prevent that opponent from receiving the ball? The word is also the first name of the American who became, in 2014, the first to referee a knockout stage match in FIFA World Cup competition.

Answer: MARK

Q6.: LITERATURE -Life Among the Lowlyis the alternate title of what massively popular 1852 novel?

Answer: UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

Q1.: AMER HIST - While governor of the Indiana Territory, future U.S. President William Henry Harrison defeated Shawnee chief Tecumseh's forces in 1811 at what battle, whose name would serve as a nickname for Harrison during his presidential campaign?

Answer: BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the mountain range that runs from the Golfe de Gascogne in the west to the Golf del Lleóin the east.

Answer: PYRENEES

Q3.: ART - A photo of seven-year-old twin girls from Roselle, New Jersey, was among the works featured in 1972's Venice Biennale by what photographer (the first such artist to be featured at the exhibition), who committed suicide the previous year?

Answer: DIANE ARBUS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Jamie Starr, Alexander Nevermind, and Christopher Tracy, who are all credited as songwriters of hit pop music singles, are among the pronounceable pseudonyms of what prolific music legend?

Answer: PRINCE

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1968's Something to Answer For, by English novelist P.H. Newby, and 2018's Milkman, by Northern Irish author Anna Burns, are respectively the first and the most recent winners of what prestigious literary prize, which today comes with an award of £50,000?

Answer: (MAN) BOOKER PRIZE

Q6.: MATH - In geometry, what type of curve can be defined as the set of all points on a plane whose distance from two fixed points (often denoted as F1 and F2) add up to a constant?

Answer: ELLIPSE

Q1.: THEATRE - Booths operated by a non-profit known as the Theatre Development Fund, including its flagship in the heart of Times Square, which offer discount admissions to Broadway shows, are prominently branded by what four letters?
Answer: TKTS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The applied science of hydraulics involves the behavior of liquids, their mechanical properties, and uses in engineering. What is the equivalent term for the applied science that meets this definition replacing liquids with gases?
Answer: PNEUMATICS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A basalt slab was found in 1901 at the site of the ancient city of Susa on which was inscribed a code of laws enacted by (and today named after) what Babylonian king?

Answer: HAMMURABI

Q4.: ART - A 1935 Leni Riefenstahl film is widely considered one of the most effective pieces of propaganda and iconography of its kind. What is the name of this influential and infamous work, which documented the second Nazi Party Congress, held in Nuremberg the previous year?

Answer: TRIUMPH OF THE WILL (TRIUMPH DES WILLENS)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A piste 46 feet long and around six feet wide constitutes the playing area in what sport?

Answer: FENCING

Q6.: LITERATURE - Azar Nafisi's 2003 bestseller subtitled *A Memoir in Books* narrates the author's teaching, forming a book club, and "Reading Lolita" in— and eventually emigrating from—what city?

Answer: TEHRAN

Q1.: FILM - Give the full name missing in this chronological list: Apollo Creed, Apollo Creed, _____, Ivan Drago, Tommy Gunn, Mason Dixon.

Answer: CLUBBER LANG (also acc APOLLO CREED)

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - In the mid-19th century, Frenchman Maurice Grey invented a steam-driven mill for pulverizing and sifting the seeds of what plant? Doing so enabled him to build a successful food company and a brand that still bears his name today.

Answer: MUSTARD

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Cape Breton Island makes up approximately 19% of the total land area of what Canadian province, with most of the remainder on the province's peninsular mainland?

Answer: NOVA SCOTIA

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Name anyone of the three corporations led by CEOs Mary Barra, Jim Hackett, and Michael Manley.

Answer: GENERAL MOTORS, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, FIAT CHRYSLER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - "Now or Never—Are we to live or perish for ever?", a pamphlet written and issued by Muslim nationalist Choudhary Rahmat Ali in early 1933, shortly after the conclusion of conferences organized to discuss constitutional reforms in India, contains the first documented use of what name?

Answer: PAKISTAN (PAKSTAN)

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 1976 NCAA Men's Basketball champion Indiana Hoosiers are the most recent Division I men's basketball team to finish the season undefeated, but at the time it was not such a remarkable feat, as four of the prior twelve champions were undefeated. All four of those were teams representing what school?

Answer: UCLA

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - David Davis, Dominic Raab, and Stephen Barclay are British politicians who have served as Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for what purpose, in a role that was created in July 2016?

Answer: EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION/BREXIT

Q2.: AMER HIST - In 1977, after years of negotiations, President Jimmy Carter received congressional approval to relinquish control of what, which had originally been formulated via the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty in 1903?

Answer: PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What common term from Japanese cuisine combines a term for "gloss" and one for "grilling"?

Answer: TERIYAKI

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In the mid-1980s, Brooklyn-born rappers Cheryl James and Sandra Denton achieved stardom in what R&B group, which, despite its name, was actually a trio (with DJ Spinderella)?

Answer: SALT-N-PEPA

Q5.: TELEVISION - The television characters Latka Gravas, Cooter Davenport, Kaylee Frye, and David Puddy all held, at one time or another, what occupation?

Answer: MECHANIC

Q6.: SCIENCE - What term is used most often in science and engineering to describe the strength of a material regarding its capacity to be stretched/elongated? The term is used in opposition to compressive strength (the capacity of a material to be compressed), and this type of strength determines a material's ductility.

Answer: TENSILE

Q1.: TELEVISION - The short-lived Fox network drama *Gracepoint* was an adaptation of what British drama series, which also starred David Tennant and featured Olivia Colman in the role held by Anna Gunn in the American counterpart?

Answer: BROADCHURCH

Q2.: FILM - Janet Gaynor and Fredric March appear, as an aspiring movie actress and an alcoholic whose movie career is waning, in the original 1937 version of what film?

Answer: A STAR IS BORN

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What company, whose current headquarters sit across the river from the Loop in downtown Chicago, was incorporated in 1916 as Pacific Aero Products Co.?

Answer: BOEING

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Indian Removal Act of 1830 authorized the U.S. government's forced relocation of a set of native tribes that inhabited the southeastern U.S. and were dubbed (ethnocentrically and rather offensively) the Five Civilized Tribes, so named due to their relative adaptation to the European lifestyle. Two of these tribes were the Cherokee and the Creek; name any one of the other three.

Answer: CHICKASAW, CHOCTAW, SEMINOLE

Q5.: SCIENCE - While it (like many alloys) contains a certain amount of copper, and though the word itself comes from a term for zinc, the alloy *pewter* is actually composed mostly (from 85% to 99%) of what other element?

Answer: TIN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Give either the current, romanized name of the major port city on the Pearl River in South China where Cantonese is spoken (and in fact was once known as Canton), or the province in which the city is located?

Answer: GUANGZHOU/GUANGDONG

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In November 2018, American missionary John Allen Chau traveled to an island within the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, in violation of Indian law, where he was killed by members of an indigenous Andamanese hunter-gatherer tribe known by what name?

Answer: SENTINELESE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In the card game Hearts, the strategy by which a player attempts to take all the hearts and the queen of spades in one deal, thereby gaining no points while every other player gains 26 (or else having one's score reduced by 26), is best known by what term?

Answer: SHOOT THE MOON

Q3.: LITERATURE - Gateshead Hall, Lowood Institution, Moor House, and Thornfield Hall, all fictional locations in the north of England, are settings for what 1847 novel?

Answer: JANE EYRE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - During the period of their French mandate between the two world wars, Syria and Lebanon were commonly referred to as what "States"? The term in question has been used to refer in general to the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, from western Greece to Egypt.

Answer: LEVANT (STATES)

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - A shallow strait called simply "The Narrows" divides the two islands of what tiny independent Caribbean state, the western hemisphere's smallest (in both area and population), which was sighted by Christopher Columbus in 1493?

Answer: ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The programmable device designed by computing pioneer Charles Babbage in the 1830s, which was never actually built but introduced many of the concepts of computer science, was known as what "Engine"?

Answer: ANALYTICAL (ENGINE)

Q1.: SCIENCE - The continuous random movement of particles suspended in a fluid as they collide with the molecules of the fluid is a phenomenon explained by Albert Einstein in 1905, but observed in 1827 by a Scottish botanist, after whom it is now named. What is that name given to this phenomenon?

Answer: BROWNIAN MOTION

Q2.: THEATRE - What is the name of the performing arts centre, the largest such complex in Europe and a prominent example of Brutalist architecture, which is located in the City of London, and serves as a home to the London Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, and Royal Shakespeare Company, as well as a namesake library, art gallery, and cinema?

Answer: BARBICAN CENTRE

Q3.: ART - A nearly seven-foot-tall marble sculpture of the goddess Aphrodite, now housed in the Louvre Museum in Paris, was found by a peasant in 1820 on what Greek island?

Answer: MILOS/MILO

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Heteronyms are words that have a different pronunciation and meaning from one another but the same spelling. An adjective that can describe a set of angles that total 360 degrees and a verb that can mean to state in a prescribed order different forms of a given verb (based on its person, number, gender, tense, aspect, mood, and/or voice) are heteronyms that share what spelling?
Answer: CONJUGATE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In typical versions of the game Dungeons & Dragons, one of nine different alignments is assigned to player characters based on the choices made by players on the axes of a 3x3 grid. One axis spans from Good to Evil, with Neutral in between. What are the two ends of the other axis, also with Neutral in the middle? (Note: two answers are required.)

Answer: LAWFUL, CHAOTIC

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What country gained independence in 1948 under Prime Minister U Nu, who was overthrown in a 1962 military coup led by Ne Win?

Answer: BURMA/MYANMAR

Q1.: THEATRE -The Lion, Death and the King's Horseman, A Dance of the Forests, The Swamp Dwellers, and The Trials of Brother Jero are works of what Nigerian playwright and Nobel laureate?

Answer: WOLE SOYINKA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Irma S. Rombauer, a hostess and homemaker from St. Louis, self-published in 1931 the first edition of an eventual bestseller that became one of the most popular reference books of its kind in the United States, and remains today a classic. What is that book's title?

Answer: JOY OF COOKING

Q3.: MATH - The structure that is formed by giving 1/2 twist to a flat strip of paper and joining the ends together, creating a surface with only one side and one edge, was reportedly discovered by and is named after what German mathematician?

Answer: AUGUST MOEBIUS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - During the Russian Civil War that followed the 1917 October Revolution, forces of the new Soviet regime were known as the Red Army, while opposing anti-Bolshevik forces were associated with and known by what other color?

Answer: WHITE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The names of the four musical acts that recorded the songs "Love in the First Degree," "Good Feeling," "Point of Know Return," and "Say What You Want" all have what in common, most distinctively?

Answer: U.S. STATES

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - An organization abbreviated the WSSA (the WCSA until 2005) is the international governing body overseeing events (including 3-3-3, 3-6-3, and Cycle events in the Individual, Doubles, and Relay categories) for what sport, which was first developed by Wayne Godinet in 1981?

Answer: SPORT STACKING/SPEED STACKING/CUP STACKING

Q1.: AMER HIST - The Boston Port Act, the Massachusetts Government Act, the Administration of Justice Act, and the Quartering Act were laws passed in 1774 by the British parliament as punishment for the Boston Tea Party protest the previous year. These laws were referred to in Britain as the Coercive Acts, but the colonists (combining them with the contemporary Quebec Act) referred to them most often by what other adjective?

Answer: INTOLERABLE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Prior to taking the job he occupied on the television series in which he appeared for three seasons, beloved sitcom character Ernie Pantusso held what other occupation?

Answer: (BASEBALL) COACH

Q3.: ART - In 1994, a 100-year-old painting was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo. In this painting, recovered a few months later, the subject is captured in the midst of a what (per the work's title)?

Answer: SCREAM

Q4.: LITERATURE - Chinese literary scholarship has generally designated a particular set of works as the "Four Classic Novels," which are considered the most widely read, studied and acclaimed works of pre-modern Chinese fiction. Give the most common English name for anyone of these four novels, which are attributed to Luo Guanzhong, Shi Nai'an, Wu Cheng'en, and Cao Xueqin, respectively.

Answer: ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS, WATER MARGIN, JOURNEY TO THE WEST/MONKEY, DREAM OF THE RED CHAMBER/STORY OF THE STONE

Q5.: FILM - Small-time criminals Dean Keaton, Michael McManus, Fred Fenster, and Todd Hockney are four of the five title characters in what 1995 film?

Answer: THE USUAL SUSPECTS

Q6.: SCIENCE - A group of native peoples of the U.S. Pacific Northwest gives its name to different winds in the area and on the east side of the Rocky Mountains, as well as to various geography, flora and fauna in the region, and also to a long-serving military transport helicopter. What is that name?

Answer: CHINOOK

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Beat 2-3 eggs per person in a large mixing bowl. Add chopped ham or bacon, green pepper and onion to taste. Pour mixture into hot frying pan. Fold to form omelet. These words are engraved on a plaque in the sidewalk near 1565 California Street in what city?

Answer: DENVER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The FDIC's 1984 intervention with (and rescue of) Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company gave rise to what colloquial phrase, coined by Congressman Stewart McKinney during subsequent hearings over the event? The phrase rose again in 1998 with regard to the hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management, and entered common parlance during the 2008 financial crisis.

Answer: TOO BIG TO FAIL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Juicy J'sKamasutra, Cashflow Harlem'sWant My Love Back, Ozuna'sLa Modelo, Pardison Fontaine'sBackin' It Up, G-Eazy'sNo Limit, and DJ Snake'sTaki Taki are all songs featuring what artist?

Answer: CARDI B

Q4.: SCIENCE - The Mohs scale of hardness for minerals uses samples of matter for each number on the scale, with a maximum of 10 represented by diamond, and a minimum of 1 represented by what other mineral?

Answer: TALC

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The overthrow of Mobutu Sese Seko in 1997 and self-appointment of Laurent Kabilas as president led to the renaming of what African nation? (Either the previous name or a disambiguated current name are acceptable.)

Answer: ZAIRE/ DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Q6.: LITERATURE - The New York Times bestselling 1997 book Brain Droppings, which includes the author's famous riffs on "a place for my stuff" and "baseball and football," is the work of what stand-up comedian?

Answer: GEORGE CARLIN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The Americano, Boulevardier, Negroni, Jasmine, and Old Pal are cocktails that are all made with what liqueur?

Answer: CAMPARI

Q2.: TELEVISION - Sammi Giancola, Michael Sorrentino, Jenni Farley, Ronnie Ortiz-Magro, and Vinny Guadagnino were among the cast members of what television series that debuted in December 2009?

Answer: JERSEY SHORE

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - On October 29, a Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft en route to Pangkal Pinang, Indonesia, crashed thirteen minutes after takeoff from Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, killing all 189 passengers and crew on board in what is to-date the deadliest commercial aviation incident of 2018. The flight was operated by what Indonesian airline?

Answer: LION AIR

Q4.: FILM -Bruce Almighty,Cinema Paradiso,Gremlins,Home Alone,Look Who's Talking, andNational Lampoon's Christmas Vacationare all films that include within them a clip (though not necessarily the same clip) from what other film?

Answer: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What specific word has been extracted from this sentence, whose earliest documented appearance is in a February 1885 edition ofThe Boston Journal: "A quick brown fox[BLANK]over the lazy dog."

Answer: JUMPS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Which of the six states of Australia is the smallest in area, and approximately one-fourth the size of the second-smallest?

Answer: TASMANIA

Q1.: ART - A 43-foot tall topiary sculpted by American artist Jeff Koons in 1992, as well as a series of five large and colorful balloon sculptures by the same artist (one of which sold for \$58.4 million in 2013), are all of what type of animal?

Answer: PUPPY/DOG

Q2.: SCIENCE - In botany, for leaves that are divided into many small leaflets arranged in rows along either side of a common mid-rib (like many ferns), an individual leaflet is known by what term? The term is also used for the external part of an ear in mammals.

Answer: PINNA

Q3.: FILM - Name the trailblazing director and Academy Award nominee who, in 2010, created the independent film distribution and resource collective African-American Film Festival Releasing Movement (known originally as AFFRM and now branded as ARRAY), after her debut full-length feature film I Will Follow was unable to acquire distribution for wide release via traditional means?

Answer: AVA DUVERNAY

Q4.: LITERATURE - What do the novels The Trial, A Confederacy of Dunces, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, The Last Tycoon, The Man with the Golden Gun, A Moveable Feast, and The Pale King have in common, most notably?

Answer: PUBLISHED POSTHUMOUSLY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - What 1994 song has appeared on a Billboard songs chart every year it's been eligible, including 2018, though it is not (yet) one of its artist's 18 number-one singles on the Hot 100 singles chart (the most by any solo artist in history)? Note: Name the song, not the artist.

Answer: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Ships entering the Strait of Gibraltar from the Atlantic Ocean toward the Mediterranean Sea first pass, on their starboard side, what city, famous for its diversity, espionage activities, tourism, and citrus?

Answer: TANGIER

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In beer brewing, what is the term for the sweet, amber liquid—a combination of malt extracted from barley during the mashing process and water—to which hops are added while boiling, and that the yeast will later ferment to produce alcohol?

Answer: WORT

Q2.: THEATRE - Andrea McArdle became, in 1977, the youngest actor ever to be nominated for a Tony Award for her performance as the title character of what musical, in a role she originated on Broadway earlier that year?

Answer: ANNIE

Q3.: AMER HIST - The greatest landslide in a U.S. Presidential election since 1820 (when James Monroe ran virtually unopposed) occurred in the 20th century, when the winning candidate garnered 523 electoral votes (all but eight) and 60.8% of the popular vote. Identify either the Democratic or Republican nominee in this election.

Answer: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, ALF LANDON

Q4.: ART - What ornamental design pattern, though commonly named after the Scottish town where shawls bearing the design were produced, actually originated in Persia, using a motif known asboteh("bush")?

Answer: PAISLEY

Q5.: TELEVISION - The release of Cookie Lyon from prison, after serving seventeen years for drug dealing, is a central event in the January 2015 pilot episode of what television series?

Answer: EMPIRE

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Gunslinger, The Drawing of the Three, The Waste Lands, Wolves of the Calla, and Song of Susannah are among the titles of novels in what series of books, the last volume of which was released in 2004 (and shares its name with the series itself)?

Answer: THE DARK TOWER

Q1.: BUS/ECON - A particular accounting convention, used only in the United States, assumes that a firm uses materials (or sells inventory) in the reverse order they were placed in stock, therefore the inventory that enters its stores most recently is the earliest to leave. What is either the name or the four-letter abbreviation used for this accounting convention?

Answer: LAST-IN FIRST-OUT/LIFO

Q2.: SCIENCE - What unit of mass, now obsolete, is the mass that will have an acceleration of one foot per second squared when a force of one pound in weight is exerted upon it? It is equal to approximately 14.6 kg in SI units, and 32.2 lb in US customary units.

Answer: SLUG

Q3.: AMER HIST - The headline "DEAD UNDER HIS CAB" appeared in a May 1900 edition of the Memphis, Tennessee newspaper The Commercial Appeal, above a story reporting on an accident on the Illinois Central Railroad in Vaughan, Mississippi. What was the name of the legendary train engineer who died in this accident (heroically, per contemporary reports) and was the only fatality?

Answer: CASEY JONES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The body of water known as the Sargasso Sea has no land boundaries, but rather is located entirely within what other body of water?

Answer: ATLANTIC OCEAN

Q5.: ART - Architectural examples of what visual art style, which originated in France in the early 20th century and gets its name from an international exposition held in Paris in 1925, include the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building and 30 Rockefeller Center in New York, The Hoover Building and Florin Court in London, the Eastern Columbia Building and Pantages Theatre in Los Angeles, and the Board of Trade and Palmolive Building in Chicago?

Answer: ART DECO

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What influential pop punk band uses as its name the alias of Rod Runtledge, the young ward of billionaire playboy Claude Kane III on The Simpsons?

Answer: FALL OUT BOY

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Among the many additional characters released by Mattel in their line of dolls that started in 1959 with Barbieare Barbie's first best friend (in 1963), her younger sister (1964), first African American friend (1968), and current "California Dream" best friend (1988). Give the first name of any one of these four characters.

Answer: MIDGE, SKIPPER, CHRISTIE, TERESA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The transformation of Japan into a centralized modern state with a policy of industrial development is largely a result of the overthrow of the Tokugawa Shogunate in 1868 and eventual formal restoration of imperial rule under the emperor known today by what name?

Answer: MEIJI

Q3.: POP MUSIC -Rocka Rolla(1974),British Steel(1980),Screaming for Vengeance(1982),Defenders of the Faith(1984), andPainkiller(1990) are among the classic albums from what heavy metal band, whose latest is 2018'sFirepower?

Answer: JUDAS PRIEST

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What is the rough British equivalent of the American "Main Street," such as is used in London in Camden, Marylebone, Sutton, and Kensington? The term is a specific name of streets in these areas, and also is used in general to refer to a primary business/shopping thoroughfare.

Answer: HIGH STREET

Q5.: TELEVISION - On the television seriesSurvivor, immediately before extinguishing the flame on the torch of the newly eliminated castaway, host Jeff Probst normally utters what four-word catchphrase?

Answer: THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN

Q6.: LITERATURE - What are the names of the three children in the famous Eugene Field poem, published in 1889, who sail off one night in a wooden shoe to fish for herring?

Answer: WYNKEN, BLYNKEN, NOD

Q1.: SCIENCE - Sucrose, known colloquially as common table sugar, is technically a disaccharide sugar, with each of its molecules made up of two simple sugar units. What are the names of these two monosaccharides?

Answer: GLUCOSE, FRUCTOSE

Q2.: FILM - Retired NYC detective Joe Leland travels to Los Angeles to visit his daughter, Stephanie Leland Gennaro, who is attending the holiday party of her employer, the Klaxon Oil Corporation. This is the set up for the Roderick Thorp novel *Nothing Lasts Forever*, which was later adapted into what film?

Answer: DIE HARD

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The title character, having been forced into an arranged marriage, fatally stabs her new husband on their wedding night, then emerges bloodied from her bedroom and wanders among the wedding guests singing il dolce suono in the famous "mad scene" of what Italian opera?

Answer: LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only South American country that lies completely south of the Tropic of Capricorn?

Answer: URUGUAY

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What is the name for the document, legally required and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which outlines a given mutual fund's investing goals and strategy, fees and expenses, and other information relevant to potential investors?

Answer: PROSPECTUS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A once-popular dance originated in New Orleans in the early 1900s and was memorialized in song by Ma Rainey and Spike Jones (and on stage by August Wilson). This dance, and a jazz standard by Jelly Roll Morton, are named after a former Detroit neighborhood (controversially razed in the 1950s in the name of "slum clearance") itself named for its rich, dark marsh soils? What is that name shared by the dance and the neighborhood?

Answer: BLACK BOTTOM

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What dynasty, descended from the French counts of Anjou, ruled England from 1154 to 1485? Lancaster and York were two branches of the family, which was ousted by Henry VII of the House of Tudor.

Answer: PLANTAGENET

Q2.: TELEVISION - Bobby Moynihan, Kate Micucci, Kate McKinnon, and Kenan Thompson have voiced (respectively) the characters Hal the Dog, Daisy the Bunny, Squeeks the Mouse, and Ronald the Cat, all friends of Taran Killam's title character, in what children's TV series currently airing on PBS Kids?

Answer: NATURE CAT

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In November 2018, prior to a series of restrictions disclosed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, what company, which has over 70% of domestic e-cigarette market share, announced suspension of retail sales of its flavored e-cigarette pods and an end to promotions on social media?

Answer: JUUL LABS

Q4.: LITERATURE - What Dutch American villager and legendary master of repose is quite possibly literature's best known fictional American Revolution-era Loyalist?

Answer: RIP VAN WINKLE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Jelawat, Prapiroon, Maria, Jongdari, Shanshan, Soulik, Cimaron, Jebi, Mangkhut, Trami, Kong-rey, Yutu, Usagi, and Man-yi are all names of what?

Answer: (2018 PACIFIC OCEAN) TYPHOONS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What Romanian, the 2018 French Open Champion, is currently ranked number one on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour, in a spot she has held since October of last year?

Answer: SIMONA HALEP

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The "Penny Black," "Treskilling Yellow," "Basel Dove," "St. Louis Bears," and the Statue of Liberty replica located at the New York-New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas are all items relevant in what avocation?
Answer: STAMP COLLECTING/PHILATELY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - At the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, karate competitions (Kumite and Kata) will be included as medal events for the first time, joining what other two Asian martial arts in the official Olympic program?
Answer: JUDO, TAEKWONDO

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Darién National Park is a UNESCO world heritage site that sits on the border of what two countries?
Answer: PANAMA, COLOMBIA

Q4.: FILM - Pop culture writer Jen Chaney's 2015 book *As If!* is an oral history celebrating the twentieth anniversary of what movie, told by the film's director, cast, and crew?

Answer: CLUELESS

Q5.: TELEVISION - What is the full name of the television producer whose production company, QM Productions, had at least one series running on network television from its founding in 1960 until the cancellation of *Barnaby Jones* in 1980?

Answer: QUINN MARTIN

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Which is the only one of the eight traditional parts of speech in English missing from the following sentence: My little dog and I run quickly to the park.

Answer: INTERJECTION

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the French Benedictine monk of the 17th and 18th centuries who remains known today by virtue of the essential improvements he introduced to the méthode champenoise style of wine production?

Answer: DOM PIERRE PÉRIGNON

Q2.: SCIENCE - An invention in the 1740s of a means to store static electricity, which permitted experiments with more powerful charges (and was used shortly thereafter by Benjamin Franklin), was what type of "jar," named for the Dutch city where it was discovered by Pieter van Musschenbroek?

Answer: LEYDEN

Q3.: ART - What is the two-word phrase for the genre of art whose masters through history have included Louise Moillon, Jean-Baptiste-Siméon Chardin, Anne Vallayer-Coster, Juan Sánchez Cotán, Vincent van Gogh, and Paul Cézanne—numerous works from the latter of whom include the phrase in their titles?

Answer: STILL LIFE

Q4.: FILM - Shanghai Express, Destry Rides Again, The Blue Angel, Dishonored, The Scarlet Empress, Blonde Venus, and Witness for the Prosecution are all films which featured what Hollywood star?

Answer: MARLENE DIETRICH

Q5.: LITERATURE - There are four poetic feet in classical meter which are disyllabic (i.e., the feet are each made up of two syllables). They are most commonly known as iamb, trochee, pyrrhus, and what fourth?

Answer: SPONDEE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What was the name used for the enormous traveling caravan combining a circus, menagerie, and collection of freaks presented by P. T. Barnum beginning in 1871? The term was borrowed and altered slightly to describe the NFL's St. Louis Rams teams of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Answer: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Q1.: LITERATURE - Harry Bailly, the host of the Tabard Inn in the English town of Southwark, serves as a sort of master of ceremonies for a contest that frames what work of literature?

Answer: THE CANTERBURY TALES

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the infection, shared with its namesake virus, that was first identified as a disease distinct from other disorders such as scarlet fever in 1814 by George de Maton, a German physician?

Answer: RUBELLA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - In what European country is the name of its capital and largest city also its sixth-most popular name for baby girls (per 2017 data)? The name and its cognates are also very popular elsewhere, including Russia, Germany, Italy, and the United States. Note: Name the country.

Answer: BULGARIA

Q4.: FILM - Dozens if not hundreds of squealing British youths are among the cast (though they were probably not acting) in what lively 1964 musical comedy directed by Richard Lester?

Answer: A HARD DAY'S NIGHT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Of the two chief belligerents in the Peloponnesian War, which was primarily a maritime power?

Answer: ATHENS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Former MLB pitcher Randy Moffitt, who played for the Giants, Astros, and Blue Jays during his 12-year career that began in 1972, is the younger brother of what trailblazing sports legend (full name required)?

Answer: BILLIE JEAN KING

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A small diamond step cut with straight or tapered edges, popular in engagement ring accent stones, shares its name with aboulangeriestaple. What is that name?

Answer: BAGUETTE

Q2.: AMER HIST - American political figures Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, William Henry Harrison, and Zachary Taylor were all members of what political party (the latter two winning the presidency as this party's nominee)?

Answer: WHIG

Q3.: ART - Peter Eisenman, Michael Graves, Charles Gwathmey, Jeanne Gang, and John Hejduk are/were all fellows of an American Institute for individuals in what profession?

Answer: ARCHITECTURE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the game of Go, what term is used to describe stones that are threatened with imminent capture? While the term is ancient, it entered the English vernacular in the 1970s thanks in large part to electrical engineer and electronics entrepreneur Nolan Bushnell.

Answer: ATARI

Q5.: SCIENCE - Highly concentrated melanin is the primary component of what cephalopodic effluence?

Answer: INK

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "Dantley and Wilkins are on the scene, and Ralph Sampson is really mean!" This is a line from a 1984 song by rapper Kurtis Blow. What is the name of that song?

Answer: BASKETBALL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What country, due to its shape, could accurately be described as having its northern coast on the Gulf of Aden and its southeastern coast on the Indian Ocean?

Answer: SOMALIA

Q2.: TELEVISION - The Dimbleby family of England, in particular brothers David and Jonathan, are most closely associated with what company, headquartered in London's Marylebone district?

Answer: BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - From the group's founding in 1955 as The Chimes, through its debut Motown release in 1963, and until his departure in 1972, the legendary R&B band The Miracles was led by what vocalist?

Answer: SMOKEY ROBINSON

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A classic version of what dessert consists of a sponge cake soaked in liqueur with ice cream on top, all of which is covered in meringue and served immediately after cooking in a hot oven to caramelize the meringue?

Answer: BAKED ALASKA

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Miu Miu is a fashion brand started by—and still today a subsidiary of—what luxury house? The brand's name is taken from the nickname of the house's head designer (who is also Miu Miu's founder).

Answer: PRADA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the battleship whose crew mutinied in 1905 during the Russian Revolution, subsequently bombarding Odessa before retreating to Romania, where the surviving crewmembers were granted asylum?

Answer: POTEMKIN

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Brenda Mae Tarpley, Norma Deloris Egstrom, Rose Louise Hovick, and 李振藩 are names of three women and a man who are (or were) known by pseudonyms/transliterations that all have what last name?

Answer: LEE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What independent country is named after the province in the southwestern corner of the Netherlands?

Answer: NEW ZEALAND

Q3.: TELEVISION - What television series received numerous Emmy nominations in 1995—including for Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series, Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series, and Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series (Claire Danes)—but was nonetheless cancelled after its single, critically acclaimed season?

Answer: MY SO-CALLED LIFE

Q4.: LITERATURE - What name is missing the from the following titles of novels by Patricia Highsmith? _____ Under Ground, _____'s Game, The Boy Who Followed _____, _____ Under Water.

Answer: RIPLEY

Q5.: SCIENCE - A vane, rachis, calamus, and barbules are among the components of what biological epidermal appendages?

Answer: FEATHERS

Q6.: THEATRE - What phrase, which originally referred to actual prolonged skin irritation, is believed to have first been used in its current and more common form—as a psychological and interpersonal condition—in a 1952 play by George Axelrod (and subsequent 1955 film)?

Answer: SEVEN YEAR ITCH

Q1.: SCIENCE - Of the eight planets of the solar system, name all of the planets that are typically classified as "ice giants."

Answer: URANUS, NEPTUNE

Q2.: FILM - Billy Wilder had it in the Afternoon, Andrzej Wajda had it in Germany, François Truffaut had it on the Run, and Franco Zeffirelli's was Endless. What is "it"?

Answer: LOVE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The title of a comic strip by Arthur R. "Pop" Momand, which debuted in the New York Globe in 1913, is the source for what idiomatic phrase, roughly defined as maintaining one's social level in relation to proximate lifestyles? Momand's inspiration for the strip was his own rivalry with his neighbors.

Answer: KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Yalu River, also known locally as the Amnok, provides a border between what two sovereign states?

Answer: CHINA, NORTH KOREA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who ascended to the presidency of Egypt following the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981, and served in that position until his resignation during the Egyptian revolution of 2011.

Answer: HOSNI MUBARAK

Q6.: LITERATURE - While most of his famous and enduring characters have occupations relating to seafaring, Herman Melville's Bartleby held what other specific, titular profession?

Answer: SCRIVENER

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The formal name of the club known colloquially as the All England Club, located in the Wimbledon district in London, references two lawn sports, with one being tennis. What is the other—a game for which the club was founded in 1868 (though tournaments are no longer hosted there)?

Answer: CROQUET

Q2.: BUS/ECON - BNSF Railway, created via a 1996 merger, is the largest freight railroad network in North America. What do any of the letters in BNSF stand for?

Answer: BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE

Q3.: MATH - What term in mathematics most commonly represents the set of all values that a given function's independent variable (e.g. "x" in $y=2x$) can have?

Answer: DOMAIN

Q4.: SCIENCE - What adjective, a relative neologism found almost exclusively in scientific contexts, is most commonly used to describe, as a formal term, DNA molecules produced by merging genetic material from two or more different sources via genetic engineering? The word is represented by the first letter in the typical four-letter designation for this type of DNA molecule.

Answer: RECOMBINANT

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Name the country that completes this quote, declared by Juan Guaido on January 23, 2019: "Juro asumir formalmente las competencias del Ejecutivo nacional como el presidente encargado de _____. "

Answer: VENEZUELA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Five lines, usually made of amphibrachs and anapests, with two feet in each of the third and fourth lines and three feet in the others, with a strict rhyming scheme of aabba, is a verse form known by a name that is shared with what city?

Answer: LIMERICK

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the drink that consists of espresso with a very small amount of milk (the coffee is literally "spotted" or "stained" in Italian)? The Starbucks version of the drink is essentially the reverse of this -- a latte where espresso is slowly poured over steamed milk (and very often topped with caramel sauce).

Answer: MACCHIATO

Q2.: SCIENCE - In the ubiquitous TCP/IP computer network protocol abbreviation SMTP, what does the "M" stand for?

Answer: MAIL

Q3.: LITERATURE - The collection of poems from 1912 titled Gitanjali (Song Offerings), based on medieval lyrics of devotion, led directly to its author's Nobel Prize in Literature the following year. Name this Bengali poet, who was the first non-European to win that award.

Answer: RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Q4.: TELEVISION - Howard K. Smith, George Herman, Lesley Stahl, Bob Schieffer, John Dickerson, and Margaret Brennan are among the journalists who have moderated what weekly news and public affairs program that debuted on November 7, 1954?

Answer: FACE THE NATION

Q5.: ART - Rachel Whiteread, Sarah Lucas, Cornelia Parker, Christine Borland, Gillian Wearing, and Michael Landy are among a loosely affiliated group of individuals who have been referred to collectively by what term, based on their relative age, nationality, and shared vocation?

Answer: YOUNG BRITISH ARTISTS

Q6.: FILM - While it had characters named L.A. Joan (Shelley Duvall) and Albuquerque (Barbara Harris), the 1975 Robert Altman film in which they appeared was actually set in (and named after) what other city?

Answer: NASHVILLE

Q1.: TELEVISION - Alan Shore, Bobby Donnell, Denny Crane, and Ally McBeal are all fictional attorneys who practiced in what city?

Answer: BOSTON

Q2.: FILM - "Name the killer in Halloween," "Name the killer in Friday the 13th," and "What door am I at?" These are all statements/questions posed to a character named Casey Becker during the intense, ten-minute prologue of what 1996 film?

Answer: SCREAM

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What is the most common term in finance for the market, also known as "cash market" or "physical market," where goods, securities, or currencies are available for immediate delivery? It is distinguished from "forward" or "futures" markets, where delivery is due at an agreed-upon future date.

Answer: SPOT MARKET

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - An Athens-based organization known by the French acronym FIDE, founded in Paris in 1924, formally governs and oversees championships in what competitive activity?

Answer: CHESS

Q5.: AMER HIST - What former U.S. President served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from July 1921 to February 1930?

Answer: WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - In the 1980s, composers Julia Wolfe, Michael Gordon, and David Lang founded a new music collective in New York in an effort to provide community and opportunity for contemporary classical music creators. Perhaps appropriately (given its post-minimalist aesthetic), the group was named ____ on a ____.

Provide either of the words that fill in the blanks.

Answer: BANG, CAN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - While it has over a dozen titles in its portfolio, the publishing company American Media, Inc., has been newsworthy recently for what weekly, the title with which American Media was originally affiliated when the company was founded?

Answer: NATIONAL ENQUIRER

Q2.: ART - What word is missing from the titleThe _____ of America, a work published from 1827 to 1838 that collected 435 life-size engravings of 1,065 examples of the word in question? It is considered a classic work in its particular field, and in American art in general.

Answer: BIRDS

Q3.: FILM - In a 2016 critics poll commissioned by BBC Culture that ranked the 21st century's 100 greatest films, the 2003 filmOldboycame in at #30, which was the highest placement for any film in what language?

Answer: KOREAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the common name of the tissue that forms the majority of a tooth's mass, between the outer enamel and the pulpy core? It makes up the entirety of elephant ivory from tusks.

Answer: DENTIN

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Name any one of the three women who co-authored the popular and massively influentialMastering the Art of French Cooking, published in two volumes in 1961 and 1970.

Answer: SIMONE BECK, LOUISETTE BERTHOLLE, JULIA CHILD

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Rosanna in Texarkana, Eileen in Abilene, Allison in Galveston, and Dimples in Temple are the reasons why, per his 1987 song, country music artist George Strait lives where?

Answer: TENNESSEE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - While singers Florence Austral and Elsa Stralia also chose those professional names to honor their upbringing Down Under, the most famous soprano to do such a thing was what opera superstar of the late Victorian era? She was appointed Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire in 1927, became the first Australian to appear on the cover of *Time* magazine that same year, and appears on the country's one hundred-dollar note.

Answer: NELLIE MELBA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Provide any one of the three adjectives that fill in the blanks in this rather depressing quote from *Leviathan* by Thomas Hobbes: "...the life of man, solitary, poor, _____, _____, and _____."

Answer: NASTY, BRUTISH, SHORT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The term for the lowest level of hell in Buddhism was the stage name used by what Swedish electronic musician and DJ who died in April 2018 at age 28? (Either stage name or real name is acceptable.)

Answer: AVICII/TIM BERGLING

Q4.: SCIENCE - The domesticated dog is the familiar subspecies of the animal taxonomically classified by what genus and species?

Answer: CANIS LUPUS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - An extraordinarily ill-advised (and ill-fated) purported episode during the Crusades involved approximately 50,000 individuals from France and Germany setting out to recapture Palestine in the year 1212. Per this woeful event's common name (which was borrowed by Kurt Vonnegut in the subtitle to *Slaughterhouse-Five*), most of these 50,000 individuals were what?

Answer: CHILDREN

Q6.: TELEVISION - The long-running reality series *American Pickers*, *Forged in Fire*, *Pawn Stars*, and *Ancient Aliens*, as well as the scripted drama series *Vikings*, are all broadcast on what television network?

Answer: THE HISTORY CHANNEL

Q1.: FILM - What 1989 film's title characters, New Yorkers and University of Chicago alumni, are considered to be inspired in part by the film's director and screenwriter, Rob Reiner and Nora Ephron?

Answer: WHEN HARRY MET SALLY...

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A successful uprising led by barbarian chieftain Odoacer in 476 is traditionally held as the event that marked the end, most notably, of what?

Answer: (WESTERN) ROMAN EMPIRE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The map projection in which the path of a ship steering on a constant bearing is represented by a straight line was introduced in 1569 by what Flemish geographer?

Answer: GERARDUS MERCATOR

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the unit of liquid volume or capacity in the U.S. customary system that is the equivalent of 1/16 of a pint? Note that the answer to this question is two words.

Answer: FLUID OUNCE

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1994, the Boston Symphony named its new concert hall at its summer home in Tanglewood after what man, a 1957 graduate of Tokyo's Toho Gakuen School of Music who had served as the symphony's music director for the previous 20 years (and would continue to do so until 2002)?

Answer: SEIJI OZAWA

Q6.: TELEVISION - Two highly rated television series produced by the BBC—one from 2006, the other from 2016, and both narrated by Sir David Attenborough—consist of episodes featuring various aspects of what (per the series' titles)?

Answer: (PLANET) EARTH

Q1.: LITERATURE -Oku no Hosomichi(The Narrow Road to the Deep North), a combination of prose and haiku written in the late 17th century, is a masterpiece of Japanese literature by what poet?

Answer: MATSUO BASHŌ

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What New England Patriots wide receiver won the MVP Award at the 2019 Super Bowl, becoming the first player in history to do so in the same season he was suspended four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances?

Answer: JULIAN EDELMAN

Q3.: POP MUSIC - For numerous good reasons (including a 1992 acoustic version and the song's inspiration), the classic rock and roll song "Layla" is associated with Eric Clapton, but the song was originally released not by Clapton as a solo artist, but by what band, for which he sang and played guitar?

Answer: DEREK AND THE DOMINOS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - A county in northern California (and city and valley) and a state in northwest Mexico have the same name except for one letter. Nameboth.

Answer: SONOMA, SONORA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the military officer who, in 1933, founded the Nasjonal Samling (National Unity) party, becoming the nominal head of his country's government in 1942.

Answer: VIDKUN QUISLING

Q6.: THEATRE - Often referred to by the shorthand "Moon," what is thefulltitle of Eugene O'Neill's sequel toLong Day's Journey into Night, telling the story of the final wandering, self-destructive days of James Tyrone?

Answer: A MOON FOR THE MISBEGOTTEN

Q1.: FILM - What fictional character's first appearance was in the 1999 play I Can Do Bad All by Myself and first film appearance was in 2005's Diary of a Mad Black Woman, with most of her subsequent plays and films having titles that included her name?

Answer: MADEA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship, Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain, Charles Dickens' David Copperfield, and Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird are all considered examples of works in what literary genre, the name of which is a German term that translates to English as "novel of education")?

Answer: BILDUNGSROMAN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Maria Ann Smith, who died in 1870 at age 70 outside Sydney, Australia, survived by her husband, five children, and numerous further descendants, is remembered today for bringing into the world what now-popular food item?

Answer: GRANNY SMITH APPLE

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the militia led by Ethan Allen that captured Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain in 1775 during the American Revolutionary War? The inspiration for the militia's name was the same as that for the present-day state in whose territory the militia was organized.

Answer: GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS

Q5.: ART - Pieter, Jan, Pieter, Jan, Ambrosius, Abraham, and Jan Pieter are among the members of what dynasty of Flemish painters that began in the mid-16th century?

Answer: BRUEGHEL/BRUEGEL

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The story of which Biblical character, the wife of the Persian king Ahasuerus (Xerxes I), is read during the Jewish festival of Purim, which commemorates the rescue of the Jews from the king's advisor, Haman (BOO!-HISS!-[rattle])?

Answer: ESTHER

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Human rights campaigner Rigoberta Menchú, who won the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, has fought for the rights of indigenous peoples in what country, her homeland, where she ran for president in 2007 and 2011 as a candidate of indigenous political parties?

Answer: GUATEMALA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The St. Lawrence River, Frobisher Bay, Davis Strait, Hudson River, Hudson Bay, and Baffin Bay were all discovered by European explorers seeking a route by sea between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. By what name was this desired "Passage" known most commonly, including by these explorers?

Answer: NORTHWEST (PASSAGE)

Q3.: SCIENCE - The measure of the ability of a material to store electric charge; a pyrimidine component of DNA and RNA; the third note of the A minor scale; the third-heaviest quark flavor: All of these can be represented by what letter/symbol?

Answer: C

Q4.: ART - El 2 de mayo de 1808 en Madrid and El tres de mayo de 1808 en Madrid are paintings, currently in the permanent collection of the Museo del Prado, by what artist?

Answer: FRANCISCO GOYA

Q5.: THEATRE - Olga, Masha, and Irina Prozorova are the main characters in what classic play that premiered in 1901?

Answer: THE THREE SISTERS

Q6.: FILM - Name the anime and film character who is known, among other things, for her mastery of the ancient cyborg martial art Panzer Kunst, and for her superior skills in the sport of motorball.

Answer: ALITA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - While there are hundreds of communities in the U.S. named after presidents, one of the most common place names (shared by around 30 municipalities in total) is the last name of a former president, but none of the communities are actually named after him. What is that common place name?

Answer: CLINTON

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The company Ravensburger AG, founded in the southern German town of Ravensburg, created the first version of its signature product in 1891, has repeatedly produced the world's largest version of this product, and (by its own account) is the world's most popular brand of the product. What is the product in question?

Answer: (JIGSAW) PUZZLES

Q3.: TELEVISION - What is the first name of the cousin of Dora Márquez (a.k.a. Dora the Explorer) who began starring in his own eponymous animated children's television program in 2005?

Answer: DIEGO

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A brief period of intellectual and political debate in 1956-57 in Communist China, initiated in the wake of Nikita Khrushchev's denunciation of Josef Stalin, takes its name from a line in a classical Chinese poem. The name of this campaign (and the line in the poem) references a "hundred" what?

Answer: FLOWERS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What British economist's plan for international monetary institutions, proposed at the 1944 Bretton Woods negotiations on post-war monetary policies, included the creation of an international monetary unit called the "bancor"? His overall plan was largely rejected in favor of the establishment of the IMF and World Bank.

Answer: JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES

Q6.: THEATRE - In classical Greek drama, the ensemble that comments collectively upon the play's action, often offering the view from society's perspective, is referred to by what term?

Answer: CHORUS

Q1.: LITERATURE - What term, which today refers to meaningless speech, has historically referred to a West African god, and originates etymologically from a Mandinka word for a ceremonial masked dancer? It provides the title for author Ishmael Reed's enduring 1972 novel, in which the author himself defines the term—quoting the American Heritage Dictionary—as a "magician who makes the troubled spirits of ancestors go away."

Answer: MUMBO JUMBO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A Bank in New Jersey, a Deer in Alberta, a Lion in Pennsylvania, a Bluff in California, and a Wing in Minnesota: each of the aforementioned shares what characteristic, per the names of cities in the respective states/provinces?

Answer: RED

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The recording industry abbreviation "b/w," which often appeared on (or referred to) specific 45 rpm singles, stands for what phrase?

Answer: BACKED WITH

Q4.: FILM - Max Schreck portrays the title character in what 1922 German film, subtitled "A Symphony of Horror" (eine Symphonie des Grauens) and one of the first cinematic representations of Count Dracula in all but name?

Answer: NOSFERATU

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Japan withdrew its membership in the League of Nations in 1933 after it was deemed the aggressor in its 1931 invasion of a region of China. What is either the name of this Chinese region, or the name of the state Japan established there upon occupation?

Answer: MANCHURIA/MANCHUKUO

Q6.: ART - The use of what term to denote a certain period in European history was not actually in common usage until 1855, when it was first prominently used by French historian Jules Michelet?

Answer: RENAISSANCE

Q1.: LITERATURE - The initial sense of what word, originally derived from Arabic and most commonly used nowadays for a certain type of publication, was "storehouse", and thus its modern literary usage (dating from the 1730s) is as a figurative storehouse of information?

Answer: MAGAZINE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The unit of astronomical length known as a parsec, equal to 3.26 light years, is a term derived from what other two words, which factor into the distance on which the unit is based?

Answer: PARALLAX, SECOND (ARCSECOND)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Sinhalese statesman Don Stephen Senanayake was a chief architect of the independence from the British Empire of what island nation, as well as its first Prime Minister?

Answer: SRI LANKA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In professional basketball in North America, the term "since the merger" typically means since the combination of what two entities?

Answer: NBA, ABA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Give the stage name of anyone of the members of the hip-hop group Migos, all three of whom have released solo hit studio albums in their own right over the past six months.

Answer: QUAVO, OFFSET, TAKEOFF

Q6.: FILM - A 1963 film, directed by Stanley Kramer and featuring a star-studded ensemble cast, is likely the most successful film in Hollywood history whose title includes the same word repeated four times. What is that film's full title?

Answer: IT'S A MAD MAD MAD WORLD

Q1.: SCIENCE - Deneb is a name for the brightest star of what large, northern hemisphere constellation, which is represented as a swan?

Answer: CYGNUS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term, from the Arabic for "beacon," for the tall, slender tower (typically part of or adjacent to a mosque) with a balcony from which Muslims are summoned to prayer five times each day by a religious official known as amuezzin?

Answer: MINARET

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - As of February 2019, the Balkan country formerly known provisionally as the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is now officially named the Republic of what?

Answer: NORTH MACEDONIA

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the usual name for the sauce/condiment that is, in its traditional French (and most common) version, effectively a garlic mayonnaise? Its name is a Provençal portmanteau for its two main ingredients. (Note: diaeresis is not required.)

Answer: AIOLI

Q5.: WORLD HIST - British Anglican priest John Wesley, with his brother Charles, is widely considered responsible in part for the religious revival known as the Great Awakening (a.k.a. Evangelical Revival), and the founder of what Protestant movement (related to his namesake Wesleyan theology)?

Answer: METHODISM

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The title of the 1990 album Songs for Drella, by Lou Reed and John Cale, references an individual who mentored the pair during their time in Velvet Underground. Who is "Drella"?

Answer: ANDY WARHOL

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What word is the English translation of the Spanish mariposa, the French papillon, the Italian farfalla, and the German Schmetterling?

Answer: BUTTERFLY

Q2.: AMER HIST - What war was referred to contemporaneously by New Englanders, disparagingly, as "Mr. Madison's War"?

Answer: WAR OF 1812

Q3.: TELEVISION - Trevor Noah debuted as host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* on September 28, 2015, replacing Jon Stewart, whose tenure as host began in January 1999. Stewart replaced what comedian and former sports anchor, who hosted the show's premiere in July 1996?

Answer: CRAIG KILBORN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The symbol cwt is the abbreviation for what unit of mass used in various systems of measurement? In the imperial system, it is equal to 112 lb.

Answer: HUNDREDWEIGHT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The now-popular casino card game baccarat is the cousin of a once-popular casino card game known colloquially as "Shimmy", which was displaced by baccarat in American casinos by the late 1950s. What is the actual, three-word name for "Shimmy"?

Answer: CHEMIN DE FER

Q6.: LITERATURE - Kosoko Jackson's *A Place for Wolves* and Amélie Wen Zhao's *Blood Heir* are debut novels by their respective authors that were each abruptly withdrawn from scheduled publication in 2019. These works are categorized within what genre, which received its own *New York Times* bestseller list in December 2012?

Answer: YOUNG ADULT (YA)

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In a baseball box score, the abbreviation "pr" (or "PR") next to a player's name stands for what?

Answer: PINCH RUNNER

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A town in southern Zambia, an island in the center of Victoria Falls, a number of rapids in the Congo River between Matadi and Kinshasa, and a mountain range on the northeast border of Lake Malawi in southern Tanzania are all named after what Scottish physician and missionary?

Answer: DAVID LIVINGSTONE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name any of the three bands of which David Crosby, Stephen Stills, or Graham Nash were members of most immediately prior to their eponymous debut release as a trio in 1969.

Answer: THE BYRDS, BUFFALO SPRINGFIELD, THE HOLLIES

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A pivotal 1916 insurrection in Dublin, where well over 1,000 Irish nationalists took up arms against British rule, and which led to the proclamation of an Irish Republic (and eventually, an independent Irish state), began on what holiday—after which the event is commonly named?

Answer: EASTER

Q5.: ART - Parian, Pentelic, and Carrara (Luna) are different types of what specific artistic material? Famous works created in this material (and which include this material in their name) are named after Thomas Bruce, 7th Earl of Elgin.

Answer: MARBLE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Trista Rehn, Ali Fedotowsky, Andi Dorfman, and Becca Kufrin are all women who have appeared on what two reality television series? Note, two answers are required.

Answer: THE BACHELOR, THE BACHELORETTE

Q1.: LITERATURE - Whose 1994 memoir, written as a letter to (and named after) her comatose daughter Paula, tells the story of the mother's extraordinary life—a childhood in Peru, Bolivia, Lebanon, and Chile; exile from her Chilean homeland following a 1973 coup; her career as a journalist and writer; and more?

Answer: ISABEL ALLENDE

Q2.: FILM - The films Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas(1999), 50 First Dates(2004), Source Code(2011), and Edge of Tomorrow(2014) all feature a central conceit that was previously used in what enduring comedy film from 1993?

Answer: GROUNDHOG DAY

Q3.: BUS/ECON - A method of investigating the behavior of economic processes that are too complex for possible analytical solutions, instead using randomized initial positions to obtain numerical results and a resulting range of outcomes and probabilities, is a simulation named after what European tourist spot?

Answer: MONTE CARLO

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the physiological term for the wavelike muscular contractions that pass along tubular organs, such as what propels food through the esophagus into the stomach?

Answer: PERISTALSIS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A British chicken dish, consisting of cooked pieces of chicken in a curried mayonnaise sauce, was created for and named after an event that occurred on June 2, 1953. What is the straightforward name of that dish?

Answer: CORONATION CHICKEN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Florida counties of Escambia, Walton, and Okaloosa; the Oklahoma counties of Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas; and the Texas counties of Potter, Dallam, and Deaf Smith are all within regions of their respective states that are known by what term?

Answer: PANHANDLE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Harlem-born musical artist Teddy Riley, through his work as a songwriter and producer and as a founding member of the groups Guy and Blackstreet, is considered the father of a contemporary strain of R&B that is known by what three-word name?

Answer: NEW JACK SWING

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Among cattle, generally speaking, a non-castrated adult male is a bull, a castrated male raised for beef is a steer, a castrated male trained as a draft or riding animal is a ox, an adult female that has given birth is a cow, and a young unweaned bovine of either sex is a calf. What is the most common term for a young female who has not borne a calf of her own?

Answer: HEIFER

Q3.: MATH - What is the term for the mathematical property, applicable to addition and multiplication (but not subtraction or division), that states that a given operation's result is independent of the order of the numbers/objects in the operation? For example, $3 + 5 = 5 + 3$ and $2 \times 6 = 6 \times 2$.

Answer: COMMUTATIVE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Enosis(Greek for "union") was the name given in the 1950s to a campaign for the union of Greece with what other country?

Answer: CYPRUS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The most important commercial crab of the Pacific Northwest (and Oregon's "state crustacean") is named after a community on the Strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington State. What is that name?

Answer: DUNGENESS

Q6.: FILM - Sisters with the first names of Lana and Lilly are a filmmaking partnership whose first major (and still highest profile) Hollywood success is what film trilogy?

Answer: MATRIX

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In economics, seigniorage is defined as the profits made by a ruler or government from the production of what?

Answer: CURRENCY/MONEY/COINAGE

Q2.: SCIENCE - Most traditional water softeners remove hardness from water by replacing harmful calcium and magnesium ions with ions from what alkali metal element?

Answer: SODIUM

Q3.: TELEVISION - Following the cancellation of the sitcom Roseanne in May 2018, ABC ordered what spinoff series, featuring the same cast of characters (sans Roseanne) who are left to deal with the character Roseanne's death due to a drug overdose?

Answer: THE CONNERS

Q4.: AMER HIST - Events that occurred in the evening of October 20, 1973, involving Elliot Richardson, William Ruckelshaus, Robert Bork, Archibald Cox, and others, quickly thereafter became known by what three-word phrase?

Answer: SATURDAY NIGHT MASSACRE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - German butcher Johann Georg Lahner produced the all-pork sausages named after his hometown of Frankfurt before moving, in 1798, to a new city, where he began to make similar sausages made from a mixture of beef and pork (which quickly became popular in their own right). To what city did he move?

Answer: VIENNA

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - A conflict began in early 2015 and is still ongoing between an armed insurgency movement known as Houthi and the government of what country, led by President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi?

Answer: YEMEN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What dynamic and charismatic entertainer was featured wearing an eyepatch on the cover of his debut album released in 1955, after a car accident the previous year resulted in the loss of his left eye?

Answer: SAMMY DAVIS JR.

Q2.: LITERATURE - What, according to the title of Flannery O'Connor's short story masterpiece first published in 1953, is "A Good Man"?

Answer: HARD TO FIND

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The narrow, five-to-seven-kilometer wide Isthmus of Perekop connects what peninsula to the mainland of Eastern Europe?

Answer: CRIMEA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the common name of the flowering plant *Salvia hispanica*, a species of the mint family native to central and southern Mexico, whose seeds were popular for a time in the 1980s (and still sold today) as "pets"?

Answer: CHIA

Q5.: SCIENCE - An important figure in La Navidad has a name that is a near-homonym for dark lowland plains (note plural) on the Moon. What is either name?

Answer: MARÍA/MARIA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The PGA Tour's championship trophy, first won in 2007 by Tiger Woods, is a "Cup" that has, since its inauguration, been sponsored by (and named after) what corporation?

Answer: FEDEX

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name for the most common type of cheese, similar to chhena, that is used in traditional South Asian cuisines, often coupled in popular dishes with palak(saag), khoya, or mattar?

Answer: PANEER

Q2.: TELEVISION - The title characters in the current Netflix television series Grace and Frankie previously appeared together as two-thirds of a trio of stars in what 1980 comedy film?

Answer: 9 TO 5

Q3.: ART - Among the numerous works in the seventy-year career of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, perhaps the most famous—currently the subject of an exhibition traveling through North America—involve cube-shaped rooms whose walls are all lined with what?

Answer: MIRRORS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Give the name of either the Indonesian statesman and nationalist who was his country's first, post-revolution president, or the general who succeeded him in 1967 and served until his own presidency collapsed in 1998.

Answer: SUKARNO, SUHARTO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The men's professional soccer league Major League Soccer (MLS) expanded to twenty-four teams for the current 2019 season with the addition of the team that plays its home games in what Midwestern city?

Answer: CINCINNATI

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the last name of the hard-boiled Chicago detective, from the works of novelist Sara Paretsky and first appearing in 1982's Indemnity Only, who is known to friends as "Vic" and to only a select few by her given name, Victoria?

Answer: WARSHAWSKI

Q1.: LITERATURE - The Mishnah and the Gemara are the two components of what central text in Rabbinic literature?

Answer: TALMUD

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Plugs, spoons, jigs, spinners, and bugs are all related items used during what outdoor activity?

Answer: FISHING

Q3.: ART - A view to the east from the asylum at Saint-Rémy-de-Provence—a stylized scene prominently featuring a cypress tree with the village center in the background. This actually describes several post-impressionist paintings, but of those, the one that is by far the most famous has what title?

Answer: THE STARRY NIGHT

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What city, created from the consolidation of its two namesake towns in 1913, is the most populous in the United States whose common name contains a hyphen? Its minor league baseball team is the Dash, in (slightly inaccurate) reference to the symbol.

Answer: WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - How much money you got? How many problems you got? How many people done doubted you? What is rapper 21 Savage's answer to these and many other questions, from the lyrics (and title) of his recently released song?

Answer: A LOT

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The culinary vegetable known as the sunchoke, sunroot, or topinambour, is also known as an "artichoke" that is named after what city (though it is neither an artichoke nor related to the city in any way)?

Answer: JERUSALEM

Q1.: SCIENCE - The largest storm system on Jupiter (and in the entire solar system), which rotates once every six days and is large enough to contain three Earths, is best known by what straightforward three-word name?

Answer: GREAT RED SPOT

Q2.: LITERATURE - The authors of the children's books *Possum Magic* and *The Slave Dancer*, the founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), and a popular anthropomorphic Roald Dahl character all share what last name?

Answer: FOX

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Father Mayer and sons Nathan and James led the Frankfurt, London, and Paris branches (respectively) of what banking family, likely the wealthiest and most famous of the 19th century?

Answer: ROTHSCHILD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The territorial extent of the historical region known as al-Andalus varied over time during the roughly 800 years of its existence that effectively ended in 1492, but it was always confined to what peninsula?

Answer: IBERIA

Q5.: MATH - What term is most often used to refer to all numbers that can be represented on the number line? The complete set includes all natural numbers, whole numbers, integers, rational numbers, and irrational numbers.

Answer: REAL NUMBERS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What African country is named after a product that was effectively banned from international commercial trade in 1989?

Answer: CÔTE D'IVOIRE/IVORY COAST

Q1.: FILM - Denzel Washington has been nominated for an Academy Award for acting (Best Actor or Best Supporting Actor) a total of eight times. Name either of the two films for which he has won the award.

Answer: GLORY, TRAINING DAY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The score sheet for what Milton Bradley game contains rows such as "Aces", "Twos", and "Threes" in itsUppersection, and "3 of a Kind", "4 of a Kind", and the game's namesake in itsLowersection?

Answer: YAHTZEE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - I hate to see the evening sun go down / I hate to see the evening sun go down / It makes me think I'm on my last go-round. These are the first three lines of what W.C. Handy song (as sung by Bessie Smith), whose title is also the name of a major professional sports franchise in the U.S.?

Answer: ST. LOUIS BLUES

Q4.: WORLD HIST - After the independence declarations in 1991 and 1992 of Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, a new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed, consisting of what two remaining republics?

Answer: MONTENEGRO, SERBIA

Q5.: LITERATURE - What three-word Latin phrase, which first appeared in French as "je pense, donc je suis" in René Descartes Discours de la Méthode from 1637, appeared later in his 1644 book Principia Philosophiae ("Principles of Philosophy")?

Answer: COGITO, ERGO SUM

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What dish from southern France, often consisting of baby anchovies and sardines eaten raw, has a name which is used for an unrelated-andverydifferent-dish in Québec?

Answer: POUTINE

Q1.: TELEVISION - The May 2013 finale of the American TV sitcom *The Office* featured the wedding of what two characters? (First names acceptable.)
Answer: ANGELA (MARTIN), DWIGHT (SCHRUTE)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Committee of State Security in the Soviet Union, a political security agency and police force formed in 1954 and dissolved in 1992, was known by what initialism?

Answer: KGB

Q3.: FILM - *Sunrise, Sunset, andMidnight*—These are three half-titles of films directed and co-written by Richard Linklater. What word completes the titles of these three films?

Answer: BEFORE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Fill in this blank from Rule 3, Section 2, Article 6 of the 2018 Official Playing Rules of the National Football League: A _____ is the touching of a loose ball by a player in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain possession of it.

Answer: MUFF

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the first letter of the alphabet that isnotthe first (or only) letter of a symbol on the periodic table of elements? It is one of only two such letters (the other is "Q").

Answer: J

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - During a May 20 campaign event for the approaching European elections, the divisive British politician and Brexit party leader Nigel Farage was hit by protester Paul Crowther with what novel weapon? The weapon's name became Twitter's top trend in the U.K. by the end of the day.

Answer: MILKSHAKE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What African-American spiritual, written by Wallace Willis in the mid-1800s and recorded by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, Louis Armstrong, and Eric Clapton, is frequently cited not simply as a celebration of release into heaven, but also of the aspiration (or plan) to be "carried home" to freedom via the Underground Railroad?

Answer: SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

Q2.: LANGUAGE - An Anglo-Saxon god of war, the chief god of Norse mythology, a Norse god of thunder, the foremost goddess of Norse mythology, and a Roman god of agriculture are among a group that give their names to what septet?

Answer: DAYS OF THE WEEK

Q3.: ART - What is the English translation of the French *Les Nymphéas*, which is the title given to a series of around 250 oil paintings by Claude Monet?

Answer: WATER LILIES

Q4.: LITERATURE - The Congo River and a remote trading post deep in the jungles of central Africa run by a corrupted ivory trader provide settings for the flashback story told in what brisk, 80-page 1899 novella?

Answer: HEART OF DARKNESS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Until the announcement in May that Norah O'Donnell had been named anchor and managing editor of the CBS Evening News, the anchor news desks at the "big three" broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, NBC) were occupied by three men with one-syllable last names. Give any one of those three names.

Answer: GLOR, HOLT, MUIR

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Currently, there are two administrative divisions of China known formally as "special administrative regions", formed in 1997 and 1999 pursuant to declarations signed in the previous decade. What are the names of these two SARs?

Answer: HONG KONG, MACAU

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Raisins, candied lemon peel, and orange, all contained within raised dough enriched with egg yolks, make up what Italian cake, a specialty of Milan that is traditionally served during the Christmas season?

Answer: PANETTONE

Q2.: ART - In the mid-1800s, William Holman Hunt, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and John Everett Millais founded an artistic "Brotherhood" named after what other painter, who had died nearly 330 years prior?

Answer: RAPHAEL

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - During his career, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky composed three ballets. Two are The Nutcracker and Swan Lake. What is the third, also based on a fairy tale?

Answer: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Q4.: SCIENCE - What term best fills in the blank in this series: Animalia, Chordata, Mammalia, _____, Hominidae, Homo, H. sapiens?

Answer: PRIMATES

Q5.: TELEVISION - "Sock it to me", "The Joke-Wall", "The Party", and "The Flying Fickle Finger of Fate Award" were among the recurring sketches that appeared on what comedy television series?

Answer: (ROWAN & MARTIN'S) LAUGH-IN

Q6.: FILM - An iconic line from the movie Jaws, #35 on the American Film Institute's list of 100 Years...100 Movie Quotes, was reportedly ad-libbed by Roy Scheider and not in the original screenplay. It begins with "You're"--how does the line end?

Answer: GONNA NEED A BIGGER BOAT

Q1.: SCIENCE - What term from biology and soil science, not to be confused with a certain Levantine condiment, is defined as the dark, thick material produced when organic matter decays?

Answer: HUMUS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 2018-19 NBA season, there were two players from Slovenia, one of whom was Miami Heat guard Goran Dragić. Name the other, a finalist for the 2018-19 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Award.

Answer: LUKA DONČIĆ

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A cube-shaped building, about 43 feet high and covered at times with black cloth embroidered in gold, is the most famous and important landmark of what city?

Answer: MECCA

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What term is generally used for a watercraft with two parallel and equal-sized hulls? The term is derived from a Tamil word for "tied wood".

Answer: CATAMARAN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In December 1986, scientists encountered a lethal, 2-meter-wide mass that they dubbed "the elephant's foot" in what present-day country?

Answer: UKRAINE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the comedian who is missing from this otherwise complete list (randomly ordered): Steve Harvey, Ray Combs, Richard Karn, Richard Dawson, John O'Hurley.

Answer: LOUIE ANDERSON

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In many role-playing games, the gamemaster controls entities commonly referred to as NPCs. What do the letters in NPC stand for, most often?
Answer: NON-PLAYER CHARACTER/NON-PLAYABLE CHARACTER

Q2.: SCIENCE - Sir Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion is commonly known as the Law of what? The term was first used in this context by Johannes Kepler earlier in the 17th century.

Answer: INERTIA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Actor Joe Rosario's hairy hands and arms—but not face—appeared on the cover of a best-selling collection of autobiographical essays from 2011 by what comedian?

Answer: TINA FEY

Q4.: MATH - What word is missing from this true mathematical statement: Twelve is congruent to 60 _____ 8 because both 12 and 60 have 4 as a remainder when divided by 8.

Answer: MODULO

Q5.: AMER HIST - At 26 years of age, South Carolina delegate Edward Rutledge was the youngest person to sign the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776. What 70-year-old was the oldest?

Answer: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Charlie Townsend in Charlie's Angels, Mrs. Wolowitz from The Big Bang Theory, Vera Peterson in Cheers, and Maris Crane in Frasier—all of these characters are distinctive in a particular manner that is also shared by what character in Magnum P.I.?

Answer: ROBIN MASTERS

Q1.: FILM - A François Truffaut film of the French New Wave has an English title that seems nonsensical. In actuality, it's a literal translation of its French title, referencing an idiom that translates more figuratively into English as "run wild" or "raise hell". What is that English title?

Answer: THE 400 BLOWS

Q2.: LITERATURE -The Death and Life of Great American Cities, a seminal work in the field of urban planning, was written in 1961 by what tenacious New Yorker (and foe of Robert Moses)?

Answer: JANE JACOBS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The 1840 Treaty of Waitangi was signed by the British government and chieftains of what indigenous people, recognizing the people's land rights and rights as British subjects in return for recognition of Queen Victoria's sovereignty over the people's homeland?

Answer: MAORI

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Memory wire, dead-soft wire, and tiger-tail are materials most commonly used in the making of what?

Answer: JEWELRY

Q5.: BUS/ECON -Granite, Anthem, Pinnacle, and TerraPro are all names of models produced by what US-based truck manufacturer, founded in 1900 as a maker of buses?

Answer: MACK

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The plaques in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, for inductees Gary Carter, Andre Dawson, and Tim Raines depict the players wearing the hat of what team?

Answer: MONTREAL EXPOS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Give any common name for the first item in an ordered list that is followed by Chhogori, Kanchenjunga, Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, and Dhaulagiri?

Answer: MOUNT EVEREST/SAGARMATHA/CHOMOLUNGMA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Name the rock guitarist who has been called the Space Cowboy, the Gangster of Love, and Maurice (for some odd reason), and has helmed his namesake band since 1966.

Answer: STEVE MILLER

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Symphonies by Ludwig van Beethoven and Ralph Vaughan Williams were given titles that are also the name for a literary genre which includes Edmund Spenser's *The Shepheardes Calender*, John Milton's *Lycidas*, and Percy Bysshe Shelley's *Adonaïs*. What is that title/genre?

Answer: PASTORAL

Q4.: TELEVISION - Offred, Ofglen (Ofstephen/Ofjoseph), and Ofwarren (Ofdaniel) are names of characters from what current television series?

Answer: THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the term for the force (or effect) that causes winds to deviate to the right in the Northern Hemisphere and to the left in the Southern Hemisphere? It is named after the French engineer who described the physical phenomenon in 1835.

Answer: CORIOLIS FORCE

Q6.: LITERATURE - The plot of a certain sexually provocative 1973 novel involves its protagonist Isadora Wing's literal and metaphorical fear of what?

Answer: FLYING

Q1.: FILM - According to the title of a 2011 film, who was the first Avenger?
Answer: CAPTAIN AMERICA (STEVE ROGERS)

Q2.: SCIENCE - NH₃ is the chemical formula of what colorless, pungent-smelling gas?
Answer: AMMONIA

Q3.: LITERATURE - 1973's Across Asia on the Cheap was the first book by travel writers Maureen and Tony Wheeler, who founded what travel guidebook publisher? Once owned by the BBC, it inspired the television series *Globe Trekker*.
Answer: LONELY PLANET

Q4.: THEATRE - Identify either of the individuals whose names fill in the blanks in the title of the 1964 play first published in German under the title *Die Verfolgung und Ermordung _____ dargestellt durch die Schauspielgruppe des Hospizes zu Charenton unter Anleitung des _____.*

Answer: JEAN-PAUL MARAT, MARQUIS DE SADE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Rice, saffron, and olive oil are the three basic ingredients of what traditional Spanish (and specifically Valencian) dish, whose name is derived from that of the cookware in which it is prepared?

Answer: PAELLA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The majority of the area of the African region known as Yorubaland (approximately 75%) lies within what present-day nation, where the Yoruba people today make up about one-fifth of the population?

Answer: NIGERIA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "Going Home", "Silhouette", and "Songbird" are among the songs on the multi-platinum 1989 live album by what artist?

Answer: KENNY G

Q2.: LITERATURE - Ship of Fools, the greatest-selling American novel of 1962, was the only novel by what short story master, whose Collected Stories won her the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1966?

Answer: KATHERINE ANNE PORTER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - While the Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, and others are also common, what breed, which originated in the Netherlands and is identifiable by her black-and-white markings, is the most common dairy cow breed in the United States?

Answer: HOLSTEIN (FRIESIAN)

Q4.: SCIENCE - What scientific term was, until recently, defined as the quantity of an element or compound that has the same number of particles as twelve grams of Carbon-12?

Answer: MOLE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name either of the two teams that finished at the top of the table in the English Premier League for the 2018-19 season, separated by a single point in the standings and 25 points clear of third-place Chelsea.

Answer: MANCHESTER CITY, LIVERPOOL

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Nelson Mandela was the first (post-apartheid) President of South Africa, and Cyril Ramaphosa is the fifth (and current) holder of the position. Name both the man who succeeded Mandela in 1999, and the man who preceded Ramaphosa, leaving office in 2018. (Note, two answers are required.)

Answer: THABO MBEKI, JACOB ZUMA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In 2000, who became the first (and remains today the only) non-citizen of the United States to win the Academy of Country Music Award for Entertainer of the Year?

Answer: SHANIA TWAIN

Q2.: SCIENCE - In computing, a control total of the correct digits in a particular set of data, which can be used in future comparisons to detect errors, is usually referred to by what compound word?

Answer: CHECKSUM

Q3.: FILM - Bob Falfa, Colonel Lucas, John Book, Capt. Alexei Vostrikov, Linus Larabee, and President James Marshall are among the film characters (but certainly not the most famous film characters) portrayed by what Hollywood acting legend?

Answer: HARRISON FORD

Q4.: AMER HIST - What group, initially formed by a committee that included Roger Baldwin, Helen Keller, and Jane Addams to assist U.S. citizens prosecuted for opposing World War I, has argued more cases before the U.S. Supreme Court than any other private organization?

Answer: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Walla Walla, Washington; southern California's Imperial Valley; Lake Mattamuskeet in North Carolina; and the Hawaiian island of Maui: These locations share a link, culinarily and agriculturally, that is also shared most prominently by what Georgia city?

Answer: VIDALIA

Q6.: TELEVISION - The Signature Challenge, Technical Challenge, and Showstopper Challenge are the three individual competitions within each episode of what reality television series? (Note, either the series' original title or the title under which it has aired in the United States is acceptable).

Answer: THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF/THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Arabic, Hebrew, and Maltese are all modern languages within a language classification whose name is also applied to a group of peoples of the Middle East who, according to the Bible, were descended from (and named after) a son of Noah and younger brother of Japheth. What is that classification?

Answer: SEMITIC

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The labor theory of value, a major pillar of traditional Marxian economics, which states (in a nutshell) that the value of a good can be measured by the number of labor hours required to produce it, was organized at length in 1817's On the Principles of Political Economy and Taxation, the most famous work of what English classical economist?

Answer: DAVID RICARDO

Q3.: AMER HIST - What was the symbol of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization, founded in Alabama in 1965 by activist Stokely Carmichael? The symbol was subsequently used (graphically and by name) for another organization, influenced by the LCFO, that was founded in Oakland a year later.

Answer: BLACK PANTHER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The American companies D. Gottlieb & Co. (founded 1927), Williams Manufacturing (1943), and Bally Manufacturing (1932) were initially formed to produce what type of machine, for which they became famous as industry leaders until the 1980s? A "video" version of the machine in question was first released in 1977.

Answer: PINBALL

Q5.: ART - What is the artistic term defined as a monochrome painting (or other work) completed entirely in shades of gray, frequently modeled in a decorative manner to imitate sculpture or stone relief?

Answer: GRISAILLE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Wayne Messam, John Delaney, Marianne Williamson, Andrew Yang, and Eric Swalwell are names of individuals within a relatively large group that includes exactly one person of Indian and Jamaican ancestry. Who is that person?

Answer: KAMALA HARRIS

Q1.: MATH - What is the term in mathematics for the operation or number that leaves others unchanged when combined with them? In multiplication, it is one, while in addition, it is zero.

Answer: IDENTITY (ELEMENT)

Q2.: SCIENCE - The virtual eradication of yellow fever from the Panama Canal Zone was made possible in part by the research of what physician, army surgeon, and former military hospital namesake, who showed that the disease was transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito?

Answer: WALTER REED

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The #1 game by global downloads in the iOS App Store and Google Play for 2018 is described by its maker, Voodoo Games, as an "exciting adventure of the bouncing ball through the...tower labyrinth". What is the name of that game?

Answer: HELIX JUMP

Q4.: LITERATURE - The neurotic Captain Queeg is a literary character who commanded what naval warship, until being relieved of his command by Lt. Steve Maryk?

Answer: USS CAINE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Balaclava, which occurred in October 1854 during the Crimean War, is remembered today for what failed military action, which was famously commemorated in verse six weeks later?

Answer: CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Arrays of houses, usually of the Victorian or Edwardian era, whose exteriors are decorated in various colors to enhance their architectural detail, are commonly referred to by what feminine term? The term was first used to describe the Victorian houses of "Postcard Row" in San Francisco, and has also been applied to Charleston's "Rainbow Row" and a set of houses in Baltimore's Charles Village.

Answer: PAINTED LADIES

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "This Will Be", from the 1975 album *Inseparable*, was the first hit single in the career of what artist, whose most celebrated hit would be a duet released sixteen years later?

Answer: NATALIE COLE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - During a commencement speech given on May 19, 2019, the billionaire investor Robert F. Smith pledged that he and his family would pay off student loans for the current graduating class at what college?

Answer: MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

Q3.: SCIENCE - Galena, a mineral that is the chief ore of lead, consists of molecules containing one lead atom and one atom of what other element, which also occurs naturally in cinnabar, gypsum, and pyrite?

Answer: SULFUR

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What economic term, also known colloquially as "spillover effect" and formalized as a concept by British welfare economist Arthur C. Pigou in the 1930s, refers to a cost ("negative") or benefit ("positive") incurred/received by a third party who has no control over the cost/benefit's creation. A positive example could be the benefit to a beekeeper from a nearby apple orchard, while a negative one could be the cost to society of air pollution.

Answer: EXTERNALITY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Vietnamese statesman who participated in Ngo Dinh Diem's 1963 overthrow and served as president of South Vietnam from 1967 until the end of the war in 1975 has the first name (family name) of Nguyen. What is his given name (last name)?

Answer: THIEU

Q6.: FILM - A certain popular and enduring 1983 comedy film had a screenplay written by John Hughes based on his short story titled "Vacation '58", which first appeared in the September 1979 issue of what magazine? (Note: name themagazine.)

Answer: NATIONAL LAMPOON

Q1.: ART - What type of institution is named for the nine daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne from Greek mythology?

Answer: MUSEUM

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - "Meat Lover's" is a federal trademark registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1989 by what restaurant chain?

Answer: PIZZA HUT

Q3.: SCIENCE - The acronym radar is formed from the word "radio" with what other two words (plus "and")?

Answer: DETECTION/DIRECTION, RANGING

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the northern India city, of great cultural and religious significance and the holiest of the Hindu Saptapuri (seven holy pilgrimage sites), which is also famous internationally for its 88 sets of steps (known as "ghats") leading to the banks of the River Ganges.

Answer: VARANASI (BENARES)

Q5.: POP MUSIC - In December 2004, guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott was shot and killed while performing for the group Damageplan in Columbus, Ohio, and his brother Vinnie Paul (Abbott) died of natural causes in June 2018 at age 54, at the time the drummer for the band Hellyeah. They both achieved their first and greatest level of success while playing together for what other heavy metal group?

Answer: PANTERA

Q6.: AMER HIST - Though many individuals left sooner (and are celebrated today for doing so), a bugle call from the U.S. Fifth Cavalry at noon on April 22, 1889, formally began an event commonly named after the location where the event transpired. What is that location?

Answer: OKLAHOMA

Q1.: FILM - Lee J. Cobb, E. G. Marshall, and Ed Begley are among the dozen credited cast members of what 1957 Sidney Lumet film?

Answer: TWELVE ANGRY MEN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Diekirch, Clervaux, Grevenmacher, and Esch-sur-Alzette are among the twelve cantons of what European Grand Duchy?

Answer: LUXEMBOURG

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The title of what very highly rated "twitch platformer" game released in 2018, while a female first name, is not the name of the main character (which is actually Madeline), but rather the mountain on Vancouver Island that Madeline attempts to climb during the game's story. What is that title?

Answer: CELESTE

Q4.: SCIENCE - "Helper", "cytotoxic", and "regulatory" (or "suppressor") are different types of immune cells (lymphocytes) identified by a single letter. This letter is used as it is the first letter of the organ in the immune system where the cells mature. What is that organ?

Answer: THYMUS

Q5.: AMER HIST - John D. Rockefeller's consolidation of oil refineries and chartering of Standard Oil in 1870 made what city that era's center of American petroleum production? Using the city's transportation advantages (lakeside location and railroad access), the company would remain there until moving 400 miles east to New York in 1885.

Answer: CLEVELAND

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The plant of what (perhaps surprisingly) extremely expensive spice is native to Mexico, but made its way to Madagascar by 1840, where 80% of the world's supply is now produced?

Answer: VANILLA

Q1.: TELEVISION - In March 2018, Nickelodeon announced a reboot of what television series, which will have "Josh" (played by Joshua Dela Cruz) filling the role previously held in the original series by "Steve" and then "Joe"?

Answer: BLUE'S CLUES

Q2.: MATH - In scientific notation, a number is written as the base number times ten raised to a power. This base number is known as the significand, and sometimes also by what other term, which is also used for the fractional part of a common logarithm?

Answer: MANTISSA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Pat McGrath, Charlotte Tilbury, Lisa Eldridge, John Chambers, Bobbi Brown, and Kevyn Aucoin are all people who achieved a level of fame and success as what type of artist?

Answer: MAKEUP ARTIST

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Located in northeast Arizona and extending into New Mexico and Utah, and occupying a land area the size of West Virginia, the largest federally recognized Native American Reservation (in both area and population) is the Nation of what tribe?

Answer: NAVAJO (DINÉ)

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The Billboard#1 hit "Lady" from 1980, recorded by Kenny Rogers, augured well for the about-to-explode solo career of what R&B star who penned it, and ultimately recorded his own version in 1998?

Answer: LIONEL RICHIE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The remains of an 11th-century Viking settlement in Newfoundland, believed to provide evidence of the first presence of Europeans in North America, is an archaeological site named L'Anse aux what?

Answer: MEADOWS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The Paraná River provides Atlantic Ocean access to what landlocked country?

Answer: PARAGUAY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Declan Hannon, Cillian Buckley, Cian Dillon, Kevin Moran, Colin Fennelly, and Eoin Larkin are among the captains of recent championship teams in the world's largest league playing what sport?

Answer: HURLING

Q3.: LITERATURE - Fill in the blanks, in order, in these last lines from a Shakespeare play: For never was a story of more woe / Than this of _____ and her _____.

Answer: JULIET, ROMEO

Q4.: TELEVISION - What TV series, which centered on the Glenoak, California, family of Protestant Reverend Eric Camden and his wife Annie, was the last network broadcast series produced by the Aaron Spelling's Spelling Television Inc. before his death in June 2006?

Answer: 7TH HEAVEN

Q5.: SCIENCE - What distributed document search and retrieval internet protocol, a predecessor to the World Wide Web ultimately overtaken by HTTP, has a name that references the Midwestern university where a team led by Mark McCahill developed the program in 1991?

Answer: GOPHER

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the Spanish translation of the Italian word cane?

Answer: PERRO

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What Niçoise dish, whose name is related to the French verb meaning "to stir up", was once defined formally as a ragoût of aubergine with tomatoes, courgettes, and sweet peppers, though today it is often applied to any similar stew made with vegetables?

Answer: RATATOUILLE

Q2.: ART - Twenty-five acres of aluminized polypropylene material and nearly ten miles of cord (of the same material) were used, for fourteen days beginning in June 1995, to hide what building from public view?

Answer: REICHSTAG

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the term, from Latin for "shield", used in medieval England for the payment made by a knight to the king in exchange for military service? It was cause for a revolt in the early 13th century and was addressed in the Magna Carta.

Answer: SCUTAGE (ESCATAGE)

Q4.: THEATRE - What is the three-word title of the Broadway musical that is based on the story of the Temptations and features the group's music and lyrics (and is named after one of their most iconic hits)?

Answer: AIN'T TOO PROUD

Q5.: TELEVISION - In the gritty drama television series Wentworth, which is award-winning and critically acclaimed in its homeland of Australia and has grown in popularity globally (including in the United States via Netflix and Prime Video), the titular facility "Wentworth" is a what?

Answer: PRISON

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What Eastern Michigan city is named after a Greek nationalist who served as an officer in the Russian army and as a leader in the movement seeking Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire in the 1820s?

Answer: YPSILANTI

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - As designated by the national government, there are two indigenous groups in Australia, one of which is the Aboriginal people. The other is a native people whose homelands are the islands in what waterway, after which the group is today formally named?

Answer: TORRES STRAIT

Q2.: THEATRE -The Garden Party, The Increased Difficulty of Concentration, and The Memorandum are plays written by what Velvet Revolutionary?

Answer: VÁCLAV HAVEL

Q3.: LITERATURE - The title of what 1913 Willa Cather novel comes from a poem by Walt Whitman, where he enthusiastically endorses America's bold and adventurous westward expansion?

Answer: O PIONEERS!

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the reptilian nickname—applied derisively but subsequently embraced—that was given to northerners during the U.S. Civil War suspected of insurgent activities on behalf of the Confederacy?

Answer: COPPERHEADS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - A heartbeat, a helicopter noise, a cash register, and a cacophony of alarm clocks are among the sound effects on what rock album from 1973?

Answer: DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

Q6.: FILM - Shannen Doherty, Lisanne Falk, and Kim Walker all appeared in the same 1989 film playing characters with what first name?

Answer: HEATHER

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What word, initially an Irish term for an outlaw (and specifically a Catholic outlaw), originated as a political term to refer to a supporter of the heir to the throne of England, Ireland, and Scotland—James II of England? The term endures in Britain to denote an individual who is ideologically conservative and politically center-right.

Answer: TORY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the fourteen countries with which China shares an international land border, the longest by a significant margin (measured by either continuous border or total) is the border with what other country?

Answer: MONGOLIA

Q3.: FILM - Name the Academy Award-winning film that was shot over a period of 36 days in the winter of 1953–1954 among the docks, rooftops, bars, and a historic church in Hoboken, New Jersey?

Answer: ON THE WATERFRONT

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The slogan "Quality. _____. Squared." (redacted here) appears on the North American packaging of the German company Ritter Sport. What is Ritter Sport's main product (which fills in that blank in the slogan)?

Answer: CHOCOLATE

Q5.: MATH - What is the word typically used for a plane figure whose regular version has all sides of equal length (like all regular polygons) and all interior angles of 108°?

Answer: PENTAGON

Q6.: ART - The origin for the term for what artistic movement, represented by the works of Robert Rauschenberg, Richard Hamilton, Jasper Johns, Eduardo Paolozzi, and others, is credited separately to British artist John McHale, and critic Lawrence Alloway, both members of what was known as the Independent Group?

Answer: POP ART

Q1.: LITERATURE - A Seinfeld episode highlights the page-to-screen changes of a particular book when George, having joined a book club but too lazy to read and having watched the movie instead, comments on the romantic coupling at the end, only to be reminded (or informed) that the narrator was gay. What 1958 novella was the club discussing?

Answer: BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Between 1816 and 1825, most of Spanish South America achieved independence under the leadership of two primary libertadores, subsequently breaking into nine separate countries. One was Simón Bolívar; who was the other? Argentina's highest recognition for officials from foreign countries is named in his honor.

Answer: JOSÉ DE SAN MARTÍN

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The country of Dream Land on a star-shaped planet called Popstar is the homeland of what flexible and cheerfully voracious video game character?

Answer: KIRBY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The name for what Irishcúige ("province") has been used historically for various political parties that support Northern Ireland's union with Great Britain?

Answer: ULSTER

Q5.: FILM - Cal Trask, Jim Stark, and Jett Rink are the three credited feature film roles of what Hollywood legend?

Answer: JAMES DEAN

Q6.: SCIENCE - Losartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, telmisartan, and valsartan are medicines prescribed predominantly (and indicated primarily) to treat what condition?

Answer: HYPERTENSION/HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Q1.: LITERATURE - Two best-selling children's picture books by Adam Rubin, the original published in 2012 and its sequel in 2017, discuss dragons' unexpected love for what food?

Answer: TACOS

Q2.: AMER HIST - The gist of the Sixteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution can be summed up by a phrase that is the name of one of the 40 spaces on a standard Monopoly board. What is that phrase?

Answer: INCOME TAX

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A geographical region that has been historically referred to asBarbara,Bilad al Barbar("Land of the Berbers"), andJasiiradda Soomaali(in Somali) is sometimes referred to in English by the abbreviation HOA. What do the letters "HOA" stand for?

Answer: HORN OF AFRICA

Q4.: ART - Name the painter who, though included in exhibitions with the Impressionists in the 1870s and 1880s, was not very well-known in her home country until herModern Womanmural was displayed at the Chicago Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Answer: MARY CASSATT

Q5.: FILM - What film, which opened in February of last year, was the top grossing film in the United States in 2018, with its \$700 million in total gross putting it just ahead ofAvengers: Infinity Warand nearly \$100 million ahead of #3Incredibles 2?

Answer: BLACK PANTHER

Q6.: SCIENCE - What three-letter basic unit of area in the metric system is equal to 100 square meters, or approximately 0.02471 acres?

Answer: ARE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the sport that has been an official women-only Olympic sport since the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, though its solo event was discontinued after 1992 and it is now only competed among duets and teams.

Answer: ARTISTIC SWIMMING/SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Q2.: AMER HIST - The 1956 U.S. Supreme Court case *Browder v. Gayle* upheld lower court rulings on the constitutionality of statutes regarding segregation on city buses. The case's named defendant, W.A. Gayle, was mayor of what city?

Answer: MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Give the first name of either of the adopted sons of the fictional millionaire widower and president of Trans Allied, Inc., who resided at 900 Park Avenue in New York.

Answer: WILLIS, ARNOLD

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The title of a series of articles written in 1971 by Don Hoefler, a correspondent for the trade newspaper *Electronic News*, is the source for what geographic name?

Answer: SILICON VALLEY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Pop stars Rita Ora, Dua Lipa, Bebe Rexha, and Ava Max, all of whom are citizens of either Great Britain (the former two) or the United States (the latter two), each have parents who claim what ethnicity?

Answer: ALBANIAN

Q6.: SCIENCE - A version of the law of conservation of energy expressed as $\Delta U=Q-W$, which states that the total energy of an isolated system is constant (a change in internal energy of a system is equal to the heat added minus the work done), is commonly referred to as the first law of what?

Answer: THERMODYNAMICS

Q1.: SCIENCE - HD 114762 b, which is over 125 light-years from Earth in the constellation Coma Berenices and was discovered in 1989, is believed to be one of the first (if not the very first) celestial body of its type to be detected. Since then, over 4,000 more have been discovered, mostly via NASA's Kepler space telescope. What is the common name for this type of celestial body?

Answer: EXOPLANET/EXTRASOLAR PLANET

Q2.: TELEVISION - One (in 1948-58), 57 (1954-58), 5-B (1989), and 60 (2006-07)—per titles of different television series, these are all numbers of what?

Answer: STUDIOS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the term, which translates to "holding truth", that was coined by Mahatma Gandhi for his philosophy of nonviolent resistance?

Answer: SATYAGRAHA

Q4.: LITERATURE - A flirtatious young innocent from Schenectady who dies young in Rome of malaria and a wealthy young woman from Louisville who perpetrates a vehicular hit-and-run are two separate literary characters that go by what name?

Answer: DAISY

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What American businessman co-founded, with Henry Wells and others, the company that would eventually form American Express? He later served as the Civil War-era Mayor of Buffalo (and namesake of a city 920 miles to the west).

Answer: WILLIAM FARGO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the portmanteau term, allegedly coined in 2000 during a game of Carcassonne, for a human-shaped piece used in that game and others such as Agricola, Pillars of the Earth, and Stone Age?

Answer: MEEPLE

Q1.: LITERATURE - What word did Edward Lear coin in an 1870 poem to describe the spoon the Owl and the Pussycat used to dine on mince and slices of quince?

Answer: RUNCIBLE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - All four songs by the band Air Supply to peak in the top three of the Billboard Hot 100 chart have included what word in their titles?

Answer: LOVE

Q3.: SCIENCE - CH₂O₂, which is the simplest organic compound with a carboxyl group (COOH) and is present in the stings of some bees, stinging nettles, and ants, is commonly known by what name?

Answer: FORMIC ACID/METHANOIC ACID

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Ahmed Shah Massoud, who was assassinated two days before the attacks of September 11, 2001, was a military and political commander of the United Islamic Front for the Salvation of Afghanistan, an anti-Taliban association better known by what name?

Answer: NORTHERN ALLIANCE

Q5.: FILM - What 1997 film, featuring the actors who starred in the TV series Kenan & Kel, was based on a recurring skit from the Nickelodeon variety show All That?

Answer: GOOD BURGER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Stipulating that Armenia is in Asia, there are currently two European countries that share a land border and also begin with the same letter (in English). What are those two countries?

Answer: LATVIA, LITHUANIA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The Horizon Festival, which has (thus far) been held in Colorado, Northern Italy/Southern France, Australia, and Scotland/Northern England, is a fictional music and street racing jamboree that appears in what racing video game series?

Answer: FORZA

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Name the woman who assumed the role, on July 1, 2019, of White House Communications Director (the sixth person to serve in the role during the current administration) and also White House Press Secretary (the current administration's third).

Answer: STEPHANIE GRISHAM

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the sobriquet commonly assigned to King Ethelred of England, whose reign began in 978? The epithet is actually a mistranslation of a word meaning ill-advised, though arguably it fits, considering he was placed on the throne as a pre-teen.

Answer: UNREADY

Q4.: ART - The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is located, appropriately, in the capital city of what U.S. state? (Note, name the state.)

Answer: NEW MEXICO

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - The oeuvre of Johann Sebastian Bach includes over 200 works of a type of composition known as what? A multi-movement work predominantly for voices with instrumental accompaniment, it is usually shorter than an oratorio.

Answer: CANTATA

Q6.: THEATRE - What 2002 Broadway musical is based on a film from 1988 and centers around a fictional local teenage dance show in Baltimore from 1962?

Answer: HAIRSPRAY

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A History of Knowledge: Past, Present, and Future, published in 1991, was written by what former Encyclopedia Britannica editor, NBC Today show correspondent, Columbia University English instructor, and U.S. Congress subcommittee confessor?

Answer: CHARLES VAN DOREN

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Swedish-born Ingvar Kamprad, who was raised on a farm named Elmtaryd near Agunnaryd and who passed away in 2018 at age 91, is best remembered today for founding what?

Answer: IKEA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the most common English name for the body of water that is known as Chosön Tonghae ("Korean East Sea") in North Korea and Donghae ("East Sea") in South Korea?

Answer: SEA OF JAPAN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of a popular rock song released in 1995, despite all of his rage, Billy Corgan was still just a what?

Answer: RAT (IN A CAGE)

Q5.: SCIENCE - The siemens, the SI derived unit of electric conductance and admittance (the reciprocal of resistance in ohms), is also known by what three-letter "semordnilap"?

Answer: MHO

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The sweet treat lokum, a gel of starch and sugar flavored with nuts and fruit invented (according to legend) in the 18th century by Ottoman confectioner Haci Bekir, is best known in the West (and in Western fantasy literature) by what other name?

Answer: TURKISH DELIGHT

Q1.: MATH - The graph of a quadratic function has a shape that is most frequently referred to by what mathematical term?

Answer: PARABOLA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Fars Province is the fifth-largest and fourth-most populous of the thirty-one provinces of what country?

Answer: IRAN

Q3.: LITERATURE - O my Luve's like a _____ / That's newly sprung in June; / O my Luve's like the melodie / That's sweetly play'd in tune. What three-word phrase fills in the blank?

Answer: RED RED ROSE

Q4.: SCIENCE - Cattle, sheep, and goats are among the ungulates that have a four-compartment stomach. Give the common name of any one of these four compartments.

Answer: ABOMASUM, OMASUM, RETICULUM, RUMEN

Q5.: FILM - Harris K. Telemacher, Phil Connors, Brick Tamland, and—per the title of a 2005 film—David Spritz are all film characters who held what occupation?

Answer: WEATHERMAN/METEOROLOGIST

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What was the repetitive two-word phrase used by colonial authorities for the anti-colonial and anti-settler uprising among the Kikuyu and other native groups in Kenya in the early 1950s?

Answer: MAU MAU

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The second-largest lake in all of Latin America, after Lake Titicaca, is known locally as Cocibolca and shares a common name with the country in which it is located. What is that country?

Answer: NICARAGUA

Q2.: ART - Identify the 1st-century BCE Roman engineer, author of an influential treatise on architecture, who was celebrated in a famous and enduring drawing from the late 15th century.

Answer: VITRUVIUS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What well-known method for teaching violin to young children is named after its founder, who wowed Japanese audiences in the mid-20th century with his extremely young but proficient string orchestras?

Answer: SUZUKI METHOD

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The ice cream cone, Dr Pepper, puffed wheat cereal, the hamburger, the hot dog, peanut butter, iced tea, the club sandwich, and cotton candy are all (with varying degrees of credibility) believed to have been first popularized at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, a major event held in 1904 in what city?

Answer: ST. LOUIS

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the term used for the coarse-grained intrusive igneous rock composed mainly of quartz (between 10%–60%) and alkaline feldspar (at least 35%)? It's commonly encountered in everyday life and likely the most abundant igneous rock found on the earth's surface.

Answer: GRANITE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - A central plank of the campaign of Andrew Yang, running for the Democratic nomination for U.S. president, is his proposed "Freedom Dividend", to address the country's growing wealth inequality and job instability. The Freedom Dividend is an example of a social program known as UBI. What do the letters in UBI stand for?

Answer: UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

Q1.: FILM - What film became, in August 2019, the highest-grossing film domestically of all time with an MPAA rating of G?

Answer: TOY STORY 4

Q2.: TELEVISION - The rules of a game known alternately as In Between, Acey Ducey, or Between the Sheets provide the fundamental basis—with the addition of Family Feud-style toss-up questions—for what game show?

Answer: CARD SHARKS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - 1996's Reasonable Doubt was the debut studio album by what rap artist, as well as the debut release by the artist's independent Roc-A-Fella Records imprint?

Answer: JAY-Z (SHAWN CARTER)

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The process of forcing milk through tiny holes, breaking the milkfat into tiny globules, in order to prevent the cream from rising to the top, is known as what?

Answer: HOMOGENIZATION

Q5.: LITERATURE - A UK £2 coin having an edge inscribed with the phrase "A Spark of Being" was issued last year in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of what novel?

Answer: FRANKENSTEIN

Q6.: ART - Harriet Powers, a folk artist born into slavery in rural Georgia, is acclaimed today for using traditional appliquéd techniques to record Biblical tales, local legends, and celestial events in her works. What type of work were her pieces? The term in question fills in the blanks in the following, her two works (from 1886 and 1898) that are still extant: Bible _____, Pictorial _____.

Answer: QUILT

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What New York Yankees catcher holds the record for having played in the most World Series (and thus also, perhaps, experiencing the most déjà vu all over again in the World Series), with fourteen?

Answer: YOGI BERRA

Q2.: SCIENCE - A new branch of chemistry known as electrochemistry was facilitated by Alessandro Volta's 1800 invention of the voltaic pile, which is today better known as a what?

Answer: (ELECTRIC) BATTERY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Anzac Cove (Anzak Koyu) is the current name of the site where Allied forces landed, in 1915, in a campaign against the Turks on what peninsula?

Answer: GALLIPOLI

Q4.: LITERATURE - The children's magazine published since 1967 by the National Wildlife Federation has what name, after the raccoon character who works to preserve the environment in the magazine's stories with his friends Boomer Badger and Scarlett Fox?

Answer: RANGER RICK

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - German composer Paul Hindemith's comic opera *Neues vom Tage* caused controversy in 1929 for a scene that featured what everyday household item, which remains relatively rare in opera (but not in singing as a whole, defined broadly)?

Answer: BATHTUB/SHOWER

Q6.: AMER HIST - While the wording of the declaration is attributed mostly to Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, the Doctrine that asserted "the American continents...are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers" is most associated with, and named after, what other man?

Answer: JAMES MONROE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The world's largest national park, and largest officially protected area that is predominantly land, takes up 45% of the island it is on and is larger than all but 30 countries of the world. Established in 1974, the park is one of six under the domain of what country?

Answer: DENMARK

Q2.: SCIENCE - Around the time Robert Noyce of Fairchild Semiconductor was developing a monolithic integrated circuit, electrical engineer Jack Kilby developed a hybrid integrated circuit (and patented miniaturized electronic circuits) in 1959 while employed by what Dallas-based technology firm?

Answer: TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - A stock trade order, typically used for a large quantity, which is to be withdrawn if not executed immediately and completely, is commonly known by what rhyming phrase?

Answer: FILL OR KILL/FILL IT OR KILL IT

Q4.: TELEVISION - Teenaged identical twins Tamera and Tia Mowry played teenaged identical twins Tamera Campbell and Tia Landry on what sitcom that aired from 1994 to 1999 (first on ABC, and later on The WB)?

Answer: SISTER, SISTER

Q5.: POP MUSIC - In 1968 and 1969, two now-legendary country music live albums were released, by the same artist, with titles preceded by the artist's name and starting with the preposition At. Give a location where either of these albums were recorded, per their titles.

Answer: FOLSOM PRISON, SAN QUENTIN

Q6.: FILM - What was the last name of the technician who pioneered the activity of adding everyday sound effects to film during post-production, while working for Universal Studios during the transition from the silent cinema era to sound?

Answer: FOLEY

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Named for a small town in Indonesia, what term is used to designate a small variety or miniature strain of a conventional breed of poultry?
Answer: BANTAM

Q2.: LITERATURE - What avant-garde American writer's Paris home was a salon during the interwar period for prominent artists and writers, who were drawn in by her literary reputation (and also the cooking of Alice B. Toklas)?
Answer: GERTRUDE STEIN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Rurikids were its country's first ruling dynasty, in power until the Time of Troubles in 1598. What was the name of this particular country's second (and final) dynasty, which ruled from 1613?
Answer: ROMANOV

Q4.: AMER HIST - Per its name, what type of activities was the committee formed by the U.S. House of Representatives in May 1938 created to investigate? The committee outlasted similar efforts in the Senate led by Joseph McCarthy, was renamed the Committee on Internal Security in 1969, and finally abolished in 1975.
Answer: UN-AMERICAN

Q5.: SCIENCE - The English biologist and anatomist Richard Owen is widely credited today for coining what term, a compound of two Greek words, in his review on British reptiles published in an 1841 issue of the Report of the British Association for the Advancement of Science?
Answer: DINOSAUR

Q6.: ART - Numerous paintings with the title Ecce Homo depict a scene which itself is known as Ecce Homo (from the Gospel of John), and which always includes Jesus Christ. These scenes often include what other individual, to whom the phrase "ecce homo" is attributed?
Answer: PONTIUS PILATE

Q1.: AMER HIST - Carpenter, Cooper, Glenn, Grissom, Schirra, Shepard, and Slayton are a set of names that are collectively most associated with what deity in the pantheon of Ancient Rome?

Answer: MERCURY

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What landmark of northern South America is known in the indigenous Pemon language as Kerepakupai Merú("falls of the deepest place")?

Answer: ANGEL FALLS (SALTO ANGEL)

Q3.: MATH - Regarding the great scientific controversy of the early 18th century, the verdict is now generally held that differential calculus was discovered independently by what two men?

Answer: GOTTFRIED WILHELM LEIBNIZ, ISAAC NEWTON

Q4.: LITERATURE - First published in 1975, the memoir collection by Primo Levi that consists of 21 stories, each named after (and inspired by) a chemical element, is fittingly titled what?

Answer: THE PERIODIC TABLE (IL SISTEMA PERIODICO)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - 26 of the 30 NBA franchises have names that are plural nouns (e.g., Raptors, Warriors, Bucks). Of the twelve franchises currently in the WNBA, there are five plural nouns. Identify any one of those five names.

Answer: ACES, LYNX, MYSTICS, SPARKS, WINGS

Q6.: TELEVISION - A classic of TV's first "Golden Age" was an ambitious and influential comedy/variety show, led by Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, that was broadcast live for 90 minutes on Saturday nights from 1950 to 1954. What words fill in the blanks in its title here: Your ____ of ____?

Answer: SHOW, SHOWS

Q1.: LITERATURE - The modern definition of the termlesbianis etymologically rooted in the work of what poet, who lived on the island of Lesbos in the 6th century BCE?
Answer: SAPPHO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The US Air Force's Kelly Field, Lackland Air Force Base, and Randolph Air Force Base are all located in or near what city, which has a long and eventful history concerning military compounds?
Answer: SAN ANTONIO

Q3.: TELEVISION - Gene Gene the Dancing Machine, the Unknown Comic, Jamie Farr, and Jaye P. Morgan all frequently appeared on what reality competition (of sorts) TV series?

Answer: THE GONG SHOW

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the scientific term for the shedding of leaves by deciduous plants during autumn, from the Latin for "cut away"? It's also used for the intentional shedding of a body part in animals and the separation of mitospores from a fungus.

Answer: ABSCISSION

Q5.: ART - Frederick C. Robie, a successful businessman who owned automobile and bicycle companies in the early 1900s and lived for a time in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, is remembered today almost exclusively for his association with what Prairie modernist?

Answer: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Brook, Sunapee, Dolly Varden, Lake, Cutthroat, Rainbow, and Golden are among the different types of what game fish?

Answer: TROUT

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The sun goddess Amaterasu, ruler of Takamagahara, is the most important deity in what religion?

Answer: SHINTO

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Queen agrees to prime minister's request to _____ parliament for critical five-week period. This subhead, taken from the front page of the August 29, 2019, edition of the British daily newspaper *The Guardian*, is missing what eight-letter word, a relatively obscure term that had a massive spike in interest and usage that week?

Answer: PROROGUE

Q3.: FILM - "Klaatu barada nikto," perhaps the most famous phrase ever uttered in an extra-terrestrial language in cinematic history, was the command that stopped the robot Gort from destroying the planet in what 1951 film (as well as in the loosely adapted 2008 remake)?

Answer: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What word is used for a symbol placed on a music staff that indicates what pitch is represented by each line and space on the staff?

Answer: CLEF

Q5.: SCIENCE - In 1963, an Institute for Biological Studies opened in San Diego, California, largely through the efforts of what American virologist, after whom the institute is named?

Answer: JONAS SALK

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Swan Song Records was a label begun in 1974 by what rock band, whose own "swan song" on Swan Song was 1982's *Coda*?

Answer: LED ZEPPELIN

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The fruit of *Actinidia deliciosa*, of which Chinese gooseberry is a variety, has a common name that it shares with what flightless bird?

Answer: KIWI

Q2.: LITERATURE - The Story of My Life and Work(1900) and Up from Slavery(1901) are autobiographies by what "Sage of Tuskegee"?

Answer: BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Q3.: TELEVISION - Bodyguard Race Bannon, a young Indian boy named Hadji, and a mini-bulldog named Bandit were traveling companions of the title character and his father on what cartoon adventure series?

Answer: JONNY QUEST

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In most major league baseball games, there are four officials, all of whom are umpires. In NHL games, there are also four (on-ice) officials--two referees and two others known as what?

Answer: LINESMEN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - A radio station in southern Alabama ("Rock 100.5--The Rock of Dothan") has call letters that are (coincidentally) the first letters of the last names of the four presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore, viewed from left to right. What are that station's call letters?

Answer: WJRL

Q6.: THEATRE - What comedy musical, which premiered on Broadway in 1962 with Zero Mostel in the leading role and was revived in 1996 with Nathan Lane, is based on the farcical plays of Titus Maccius Plautus (254 BCE-184 BCE)?

Answer: A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the English translation of the Greek word σπηλαῖον, which provides the origin of the English word "speleology"?

Answer: CAVE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Guisewite is the last name of an award-winning cartoonist whose most famous comic strip's run ended in October 2010, after 34 years. What is this cartoonist's first name, which is also the name of the strip and the strip's main character?

Answer: CATHY

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Via numerous Instagram posts, usually on Tuesdays, LeBron James has demonstrated an enthusiastic love for what food—going so far as to file a trademark request in August 2019 for a common phrase associated with the food?

Answer: TACOS

Q4.: FILM - Name the fifth (and most recent) person that completes this list: Lina Wertmüller, Jane Campion, Sofia Coppola, Kathryn Bigelow.

Answer: GRETA GERWIG

Q5.: SCIENCE - Severe and sudden attacks of intense pain, redness, swelling, and extreme tenderness of the joint at the base of the big toe are common indicators of a complex but common type of arthritis caused by the formation of uric acid crystals in a joint. This specific condition is known as podagra, but is best known generally by what four-letter term?

Answer: GOUT

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Prime Minister of India who served from 1989 to 1990 and the PM who served from 2004 to 2014 share what last name (along with 35 million other fellow residents of India)?

Answer: SINGH

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What band that formed in 1972 and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2014 took its name from a thoroughfare in the Jersey Shore community of Belmar, the home of keyboardist David Sancious's mother?

Answer: THE E STREET BAND

Q2.: SCIENCE - Portable electronic machines known as AEDs are used to analyze and treat life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. They are an automated and external type of a device known as what?

Answer: DEFIBRILLATOR

Q3.: ART - While various binders could be used, traditionally the painting medium known as tempera consisted primarily of pigments ground in water and mixed with what emulsifier?

Answer: EGG (YOLK)

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The act in soccer of kicking, rolling, or otherwise propelling the ball between a defender's legs shares its name with what spice?

Answer: NUTMEG

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The city of Porvoo, birthplace of Liverpool F.C. defender Sami Hyypiä and League of Legends pro jungler Lauri "Cyanide" Happonen, is perhaps best known for the 1809 Diet of Porvoo, which is regarded as marking the emergence of what country as a modern state?

Answer: FINLAND

Q6.: FILM - Sergeant is the third and final word in the title of a 1958 British film that launched a series that ended with its 31st movie in 1992. What was the name of this franchise, and the first two words in that 1958 film (and every installment thereafter)?

Answer: CARRY ON

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Collingwood, Essendon, Hawthorn, St. Kilda, and Carlton are all professional teams with very long histories in a sport best known internationally by a three-word name. What is that name?

Answer: AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the scientific term used for any of two or more compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in structure or other properties? Examples include methoxyethane and propanol, and glucose and fructose.

Answer: ISOMERS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A 1529 siege, a 1683 siege, an 1809 treaty, an 1814-15 congress, and a 1938 Award are among the significant events that occurred in what city?

Answer: VIENNA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What one-word neologism was the name given to the backing section of the band The Parliaments, formed by George Clinton, which would become an R&B hitmaker in its own right through the 1970s?

Answer: FUNKADELIC

Q5.: TELEVISION - When characters Holling Vincoeur and Shelly Tambo's daughter Miranda was born in early 1994, she became the 844th citizen of the town that provided the setting for what fictional television series?

Answer: NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Q6.: ART - The craggy cliffs of Cap de Creus in coastal Catalonia are near the childhood home of what artist, and appear in the background of one of his most famous paintings, from 1931? (Note, name the artist.)

Answer: SALVADOR DALÍ

Q1.: LITERATURE - A work of fiction must have at least two named women in it who talk to each other about something other than a man in order to pass a test named after what American cartoonist, who first introduced it in 1985?

Answer: ALISON BECHDEL

Q2.: FILM - While six individuals have been nominated for Academy Awards twice for the same role in different films (e.g., Al Pacino as Michael Corleone in The Godfather and The Godfather Part II), the widest spread between nominations—39 years—occurred in 2015. Identify either the actor or the character in this circumstance.

Answer: SYLVESTER STALLONE/ROCKY BALBOA

Q3.: WORLD HIST - There are three men regarded historically as the three unifiers of Japan during the Sengoku period. Name any one of the three (either given name or family name is acceptable).

Answer: ODA NOBUNAGA, TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI, TOKUGAWA IEYASU

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Similar to Nachos Supreme—with the same ingredients but a larger portion—what is the name for the largest serving of nachos found on the regular menu at Taco Bell?

Answer: (NACHOS) BELLGRANDE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The Johor Causeway, spanning the Straits of Johor, connects the Malaysian city of Johor Bahru with what nation?

Answer: SINGAPORE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What Italian term, preceded in a two-word phrase by basso, is used in music to designate a bass part that is repeated throughout a section or composition while the upper parts change? The terms ground bass and division are often used synonymously.

Answer: OSTINATO

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - When she was elected in March 2017, Carrie Lam became the first woman to hold her position in its 20-year history. The position is as Chief Executive of what?

Answer: HONG KONG

Q2.: SCIENCE - A meteor that reaches the earth's surface and is not burned up by friction is a meteorite. What is the accompanying term for any meteor that could possibly, but has not yet, collided with the earth's atmosphere?

Answer: METEOROID (also acc. ASTEROID)

Q3.: THEATRE - "Cum On Feel the Noize", "Nothin' But a Good Time", and "The Final Countdown" are songs from what jukebox musical, a tribute to hair metal of the 1980s that is itself named after a 1983 song by Def Leppard?

Answer: ROCK OF AGES

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Castellano rioplatense is a local name for a dialect spoken primarily in two countries. Name either of those two countries.

Answer: ARGENTINA, URUGUAY

Q5.: TELEVISION - Name anyone of the three men who filled the television role that has been filled, since 2001, by Marilyn Milian.

Answer: JOSEPH WAPNER, ED KOCH, JERRY SHEINDLIN

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the salad dressing and condiment, similar to Russian dressing, that is named after a geographical area that straddles a part of the international border between Ontario and New York.

Answer: THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

Q1.: FILM - Among the popular alliteratively named features to emerge from the Mack Sennett comedies of the 1910s were the Keystone Kops and what "Beauties", among whose ranks were Phyllis Haver, Carole Lombard, and Marie Prevost?
Answer: BATHING (BEAUTIES)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Possibly the most notable military conflict in history named after an automaker was what War fought in 1987, during which Chadian forces used outfitted HiLuxes and Land Cruisers to mobilize troops and expel Libyan occupiers?
Answer: TOYOTA WAR

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Cheetah, Puma, Leopard, Mountain Lion, Mavericks, High Sierra, and Catalina have, starting in 2001, been among names associated with what company?
Answer: APPLE COMPUTER

Q4.: SCIENCE - Give either the name or the three-letter abbreviation for the genetic disorder in which one's body lacks an enzyme needed to metabolize the amino acid phenylalanine.

Answer: PHENYLKETONURIA/PKU

Q5.: POP MUSIC -Legalize It, Equal Rights, and Bush Doctor were the first three albums in the solo career of what reggae legend and original Wailer (with Bunny Wailer and Bob Marley), who was tragically murdered during a home burglary in 1987?

Answer: PETER TOSH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, is a Duke whose title of nobility is named after what city (and likewise Elizabeth was Duchess of this until her accession to the throne in 1952)?

Answer: EDINBURGH

Q1.: TELEVISION - Ricky and David were the names of the child actors, and also the child characters, who appeared with their parents on what TV series that ran from 1952 to 1966 (after nearly ten successful years on the radio)?

Answer: THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - According to the Russian Constitution, the Russian Federation consists of six types offederal subjects(constituent entities very roughly equivalent to states or provinces). Three types arerepublics,cities of federal importance, andautonomous okrugs. Name anyoneof the other three types.

Answer: KRAI, OBLAST, AUTONOMOUS OBLAST

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A basic recipe for pesto consists at a minimum of basil, garlic, olive oil, parmesan cheese, and, most traditionally, what nuts? The originalpesto alla genoveseincludes these nuts and the aforementioned ingredients plus pecorino and salt.

Answer: PINE NUTS

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The musical instrument known as ashawmisa predecessor of what other instrument, which shares the shawm's basic form and mostly replaced the shawm by the end of the 17th century?

Answer: OBOE

Q5.: SCIENCE - A Secchi Disk, eight to twelve inches wide and plain white or divided into black and white quadrants, is an instrument used chiefly for measuring the clarity of what?

Answer: (SEA)WATER

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What card game, probably the most popular named after two alcoholic drinks, is being played at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami Beach at the beginning of the filmGoldfinger?

Answer: GIN RUMMY

Q1.: FILM -My Friend Irma(1949), That's My Boy(1951), and Hollywood or Bust(1956) are among the films made during the hugely successful 10-year singing/clowning partnership of what two actors and entertainers?

Answer: DEAN MARTIN, JERRY LEWIS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The city of Batavia, founded by the Dutch in 1619, was used as the capital of the Dutch East Indies and was known internationally by that name for over three centuries. Batavia corresponds mostly to what present-day capital city?

Answer: JAKARTA

Q3.: LITERATURE - A line from Langston Hughes's 1951 poem Harlem, regarding what happens to a dream deferred, provides the title for what acclaimed 1959 play—the first drama written by an African American woman or directed by any African American to be produced on Broadway?

Answer: A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Apart from the game's main playing pieces, a standard set for what game also typically includes sixteen "wind disks", marked North, South, East, or West(four of each)?

Answer: MAH-JONGG

Q5.: TELEVISION - San Francisco bike messenger David "Puck" Rainey was the most notorious cast member of the third season—and perhaps any season—of what MTV series?

Answer: THE REAL WORLD

Q6.: ART - Marie Genevieve Van Goethem, a young girl who was studying at the Opéra in Paris, was the model for the only sculpture exhibited by what French artist during his lifetime, in 1881?

Answer: EDGAR DEGAS

Q1.: TELEVISION - Chinese rhinoceros horn cups from around 1700, an archive of Boston baseball memorabilia from the 1870s, an 18th-century Qianlong jade collection from Qing Dynasty, and a mid-19th century Navajo Ute First Phase blanket are among the most valuable items ever to appear on what television series?

Answer: ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the four major tournaments in professional tennis (a.k.a. "Grand Slam" tournaments), name all of those which are currently played on hard court surfaces.

Answer: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, US OPEN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The potency of the longbow as a dominant weapon on the battlefields of Western Europe was established in August 1346 during what battle, a thorough and devastating victory for the English army led by King Edward III over King Philip VI's French forces?

Answer: BATTLE OF CRÉCY

Q4.: FILM - After a three-year film absence, Tatum O'Neal received \$350,000 and a percentage of the net profit—becoming the highest-paid child in film history—to play a reluctant tomboy in what 1976 comedy film?

Answer: THE BAD NEWS BEARS

Q5.: THEATRE - A Tony Award-winning play by Terrence McNally from the mid-1990s begins with the exclamation Love! Give either of the other two words in this play's title.

Answer: VALOUR, COMPASSION

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Name either the Spanish conquistador who, in 1508, began colonization of Puerto Rico, or the city on the island's southern coast that is named after this explorer's namesake great-grandson.

Answer: JUAN PONCE DE LEÓN, PONCE

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the common term for the air currents that generally blow from east to west toward a low pressure zone at the equator, within a region between 30° north latitude and 30° south?

Answer: TRADE WINDS

Q2.: LANGUAGE - While the official term was "Governor-General", what term was used in common parlance for the representative of the British Crown (serving "in place of the king") during the British Raj in India?

Answer: VICEROY

Q3.: LITERATURE - The title of the classic 8th-century Japanese poetry anthology *Man'yōshū* is often translated into English as the collection of 10,000 what? The word in question is used in another, unrelated poetry collection from the 19th century, which translates to Japanese as *Kusa no ha*(草の葉).

Answer: LEAVES

Q4.: TELEVISION - Fire, Med, and P.D. complete the titles of currently running television series that all begin with what word?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - "Bumble Bee", "Guitar", "Magic", "Memphis", and "Sunnyland" are all first words of nicknames for various blues artists. What word finishes each nickname? The same word is the nickname of country artists with the last names of Whitman, Dusty, and Wilson.

Answer: SLIM

Q6.: AMER HIST - Until the US Constitution took effect in 1789, the body known as the Continental Congress was the political voice of the new nation via the authority bestowed in what document, in force as of March 1781 after ratification by all thirteen states?

Answer: ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The Gulf of Aden and the Gulf of Oman are branches of what marginal sea of the Indian Ocean?

Answer: ARABIAN SEA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Airstrip One (formerly known as Great Britain) is located within the state of Oceania, which is itself one of the three major powers (along with Eurasia and Eastasia) in what novel?

Answer: NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR (1984)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A cover version of Steve Winwood's 1986 hit single "Higher Love" was recorded but unreleased (except as a bonus track in Japan) until it was remixed by the Norwegian DJ Kygo in 2019 and posthumously released as a single in June. Who recorded this cover back in 1990?

Answer: WHITNEY HOUSTON

Q4.: WORLD HIST - German engineer Tobias Schmidt, working with French physician Antoine Louis, invented and built the prototype for a device first known as alouisette. This device was later (and is still today, perhaps unfairly) known by what other name, after another French physician and politician who proposed its broader use in 1789?

Answer: GUILLOTINE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Identify the city missing from this complete list: 1/A: Boston; 2/B: New York; 3/C: Philadelphia; 4/D: Cleveland; 5/E: Richmond; 6/F: Atlanta; 7/G: Chicago; 8/H: St. Louis; 9/I: Minneapolis; 10/J: Kansas City; 11/K: Dallas; 12/L:

Answer: SAN FRANCISCO

Q6.: SCIENCE - A model known as CIECAM02, designed in 2002 by the Vienna-based International Commission on Illumination to accurately model human color perception, defines six dimensions of color appearance, five of which are brightness, lightness, colorfulness, chroma, and saturation. The sixth dimension, which CIECAM02 defines as "the degree to which a stimulus can be described as similar to or different from stimuli that are described as red, green, blue, and yellow", is what three-letter word?

Answer: HUE

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Give the last name of anyone of the three men who had, as of November 1, 2019, launched formal challenges against President Donald Trump for the Republican Party's nomination in the 2020 presidential election.

Answer: WELD, WALSH, SANFORD

Q2.: MATH - All of the faces of a polyhedron known as a regular dodecahedron are what shape?

Answer: (REGULAR) PENTAGON

Q3.: AMER HIST - Lithuanian-born Abraham Cahan was a founder in 1897 of what Yiddish-language newspaper, which was a vital resource for many Jewish immigrants as it reached a circulation of over 275,000 by the early 1930s?

Answer: THE FORWARD (THE JEWISH DAILY FORWARD)

Q4.: TELEVISION - Name the television program that aired on CBS nearly every weekday morning at 8:00 a.m. from October 3, 1955, until the fall of 1981, making its final broadcast in December 1984.

Answer: CAPTAIN KANGAROO

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A Narragansett language term for "boiled whole kernel corn" begat the English word for what dish, which has multiple variations but is commonly a stew of lima beans and corn?

Answer: SUCCOTASH

Q6.: LITERATURE - A rusty, decaying mansion, ponderously framed of oaken timber and located in an unidentified New England town, has been the home of the Pyncheon family for 160 years in what 1851 novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne?

Answer: THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES

Q1.: ART - Henk van Os, Ronald de Leeuw, Wim Pijbes, and Taco Dibbits are the four most recent directors of a national art institution best known both locally and internationally by what name?

Answer: RIJKSMUSEUM

Q2.: SCIENCE - The liquid part of blood (i.e., blood minus the blood cells) is plasma. What is the term for blood plasma from which fibrinogens and clotting factors have been removed?

Answer: SERUM

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Julius Nyerere served from 1962 to 1964 as president of what African nation, during which time he successfully negotiated a union with Zanzibar (and subsequently served in the same role in the new state of Tanzania until 1985)?

Answer: TANGANYIKA

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What was the name of the offshore drilling rig operated by BP that exploded off the coast of Louisiana in April 2010, ultimately resulting in what some reports estimated at 4.9 million barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico?

Answer: DEEPWATER HORIZON

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The two oldest teams in the National Football League that have not relocated to another state have met at least once (and usually twice) every year but two since 1921. They are scheduled to meet for the 200th time on December 15, with that game's home team holding a 98-95-6 lead in the series and a 16-4 lead since 2010. Name either of these two teams, whose founders and long-time coaches were charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

Answer: CHICAGO BEARS, GREEN BAY PACKERS

Q6.: FILM - The block of Stuyvesant Avenue in Brooklyn's Bed-Stuy neighborhood between Quincy Street and Lexington Avenue has an alternate honorific name celebrating what 1989 film, which was shot in its entirety on that block during the previous summer?

Answer: DO THE RIGHT THING

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Who is the only basketball head coach to win both an NCAA tournament championship and an NBA championship (in 1988 and 2004, respectively)?
Answer: LARRY BROWN

Q2.: TELEVISION - With its 14th season that premiered in September 2019, what television series tied The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet as the longest-running live-action sitcom in American TV history (and extended its lead among such series that include the name of a city in their titles)?

Answer: IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The term in biology for material inside a cell's nucleus, within the nuclear membrane, is the nucleoplasm. Likewise, what is the term for everything else in the cell— that is, all the stuff within the cell membrane surrounding the cell's nucleus?

Answer: CYTOPLASM

Q4.: ART - What is the common name for the oil from the seeds of flax (also known simply as flax oil or flaxseed oil), which is historically the most common medium in oil painting?

Answer: LINSEED OIL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What is the name (in English) for the confederation of sovereign nations established following a momentous 1991 summit in the Belorussian oblast of Brest?

Answer: COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - In a victory (both legal and spiritual) for the indigenous Anangu people, rules are in place as of October 26, 2019, banning the climbing of what, with violators facing fines of up to A\$630?

Answer: ULURU (AYERS ROCK)

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The termbrazier, which is a container for holding burning coals while cooking, has been used over the years in the branding of select restaurants within what chain (particularly those locations that serve a regular fast-food menu featuring burgers, chicken, and french fries)?

Answer: DAIRY QUEEN

Q2.: THEATRE - The plays Brighton Beach Memoirs and Biloxi Blues played on Broadway, in 1983 and 1985 respectively, in a theatre named after whom (appropriately)?

Answer: NEIL SIMON

Q3.: LITERATURE - Among the "Children's and Household Tales" (Kinder- und Hausmärchen) collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are "The Frog Prince", "Hansel and Gretel", "Rapunzel", "Rumpelstiltskin", and a tale with a title sometimes translated to "The Story of a Boy Who Went Forth to Learn" what? By the end of the story, despite numerous ordeals, he still hadn't learned it.

Answer: FEAR

Q4.: FILM - One U.S. state has a city whose name is that of an Academy Award-winning film (for Best Original Song), and another city whose name is that of a Tony-winning musical (for Best Musical). What is that state?

Answer: VARIOUS: AL, GA, IL, IA, KS, TN, TX, ND

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What English phrase translates to Arabic assaba al-khayr, to Mandarin Chinese aszao shang hao, to Hebrew asboker tov, and to Russian asdobraye utra?

Answer: GOOD MORNING

Q6.: SCIENCE - Water in which the hydrogen atoms, ${}^1\text{H}$, are replaced by the heavier isotope deuterium, ${}^2\text{H}$, is most commonly referred to as water described by what adjective?

Answer: HEAVY

Q1.: FILM - What word appears in the titles of a 1972 Charles Grodin film and a 2007 Ben Stiller remake (they're each the titularKid) and in the title of a 1986 Clint Eastwood film (he fought on theRidge)?

Answer: HEARTBREAK

Q2.: AMER HIST -On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,/And where is that band who so vauntingly swore/Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand. These are the first lines of the second, third, and fourth (and final) verses, respectively, of the song that has what name?

Answer: THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Emmanuel Macron and Archbishop Joan Enric Vives i Sicília are the currentex officioco-heads of what European diarchic principality?

Answer: ANDORRA

Q4.: TELEVISION - The first in a series of highly anticipated 90-minute programs that aired over four consecutive weeks in May 1977 became the highest-rated news interview program in television history at the time. Name either the interviewer or the interviewee in this historic series.

Answer: DAVID FROST, RICHARD NIXON

Q5.: MATH - It is as yet an unproven conjecture that there exist infinitely many pairs of primes that differ by two. These special prime numbers (e.g., 17 and 19, or 1019 and 1021) are sometimes known as "prime pairs" but are best known as what?

Answer: TWIN PRIMES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What was music legend Patsy Cline's first #1 song onBillboardmagazine's country music singles chart, the title of which describes what she does "each time I see you again"?

Answer: I FALL TO PIECES

Q1.: FILM - Joan Crawford won her only Academy Award for Best Actress for portraying a character who was later played by Kate Winslet in a 2011 HBO miniseries. What was the name of this titular anti-heroine, who originated in the 1941 novel of the same name by James M. Cain?

Answer: MILDRED PIERCE

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the instrument, common in many everyday machines, that measures angular speed, and in particular the number of revolutions (per unit of time) made by a rotating shaft? The name was coined by Bryan Donkin, a British engineer credited as the instrument's inventor.

Answer: TACHOMETER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The Special Reserve of the Royal Irish Constabulary, a force established by the British government to help the royal police break the IRA during the Irish War of Independence, was known colloquially by what name, after the makeshift uniforms they wore? Due to their notorious tactics and brutal legacy, one should probably never order a drink by this name in the Republic of Ireland, despite the fact that it is traditionally made with a beloved Irish beverage.

Answer: BLACK AND TANS

Q4.: LITERATURE - What, according to Virgil, was commissioned by Ulysses (who was inspired in a dream by Athena), constructed by the Greek craftsman Epeius, conveyed by Sinon, and questioned by Laocoön?

Answer: TROJAN HORSE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Since January 26, 2009, all four of the permanent (as opposed to "acting") US Ambassadors to the UN have been women. Name either one of those ambassadors who were appointed the position by President Barack Obama.

Answer: SUSAN RICE, SAMANTHA POWER

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Pine Valley, NJ; Oakmont, PA; Mullen, NE; Kohler, WI; Medinah, IL; and Ponte Vedra Beach, FL are all linked in their association with what sport?

Answer: GOLF

Q1.: SCIENCE - Ocean waves, electromagnetic waves, and stadium crowd waves are all most often referred to as what type of wave, so-named because the waves' periodic disturbances are at right angles to the direction of propagation?

Answer: TRANSVERSE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - A small bowl, classically circular and white with a fluted exterior, which is often used to serve condiments and garnishes alongside an entrée, soufflés, or single-serve portions of larger dishes, takes its name from a similarly spelled French dish baked and served in such a container. What is that name?

Answer: RAMEKIN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The country of Ecuador is named after its location straddling the equator. Through what other two South American countries does the equator pass?

Answer: COLOMBIA, BRAZIL

Q4.: AMER HIST - What U.S. President, born in West Branch, Iowa, to parents Jesse and Hulda in August 1874, was the first president born west of the Mississippi River?

Answer: HERBERT HOOVER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Winnipeg Jets' Rick Dudley, the Toronto Maple Leafs' Wilf Paiement, and Montreal Canadiens' Joe Lamb, Desse Roche, and Leo Bourgeault are among the very few players in the history of the National Hockey League to wear jersey number 99. Name one other.

Answer: WAYNE GRETZKY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What Sirius XM Satellite Radio station, focused on 90s Alternative and Grunge, is named after a song by Nirvana (and not an element of the periodic table)?

Answer: LITHIUM

Q1.: AMER HIST - Name the British peer who served as the Crown's Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1798 to 1801 and as its Governor-General of the Presidency of Fort William (a.k.a viceroy of India) from 1786 to 1793, though he is best remembered stateside for his actions in Virginia in 1781.

Answer: CHARLES CORNWALLIS

Q2.: MATH - What mathematical term is used to designate a trapezoid (in the UK, a trapezium) having its two non-parallel sides of equal length? Such a shape is also sometimes referred to as a regular trapezoid.

Answer: ISOSCELES

Q3.: FILM - 1942'sWoman of the Yearwas the first, Keeper of the Flame was the second later that same year, and 1957'sDesk Setwas the eighth of the nine total films that starred what two Hollywood legends?

Answer: KATHARINE HEPBURN, SPENCER TRACY

Q4.: TELEVISION - "In the criminal justice system, sexually based offenses are considered especially heinous. In New York City, the dedicated detectives who investigate these vicious felonies are members of an elite squad known as the" what?

Answer: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU)

Q5.: SCIENCE - Corundum, a mineral form of aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3) naturally transparent in its pure state, is perhaps best-known (and most desired) in its impure varieties. Give the name of either of the two primary varieties of corundum.

Answer: RUBY, SAPPHIRE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What national capital is the most populous predominantly English-speaking city in the Caribbean?

Answer: KINGSTON

Q1.: POP MUSIC - At the Grammy Awards ceremony held in February 1976, Album of the Year winner Paul Simon proclaimed, "I'd like to thank XXXXX, who didn't make an album this year." What artist, whose name is redacted in this quote, would go on to win the award again the next year?

Answer: STEVIE WONDER

Q2.: SCIENCE - The standard interpretation of quantum mechanics associated with the ideas of Niels Bohr is named after what city, where Bohr established the Institute for Theoretical Physics in 1921?

Answer: COPENHAGEN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Of Canada's ten provinces and three territories, which is by far the largest as measured by total land area?

Answer: NUNAVUT

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What is the legal term for the procedure through which a document is determined to be a valid will? The term is also used for the court that makes this determination.

Answer: PROBATE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Identify either one of the professional sports teams (including city) currently in any of the four major professional North American sports leagues –MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL–whose name (e.g. "Yankees", "Cowboys") is also a book of the Old Testament. Note, both city and team name are required.

Answer: LOS ANGELES KINGS, SACRAMENTO KINGS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In 962, Pope John XII declared what palindromically named Teutonic king as emperor, an act marked by many historians as the foundation of the Holy Roman Empire?

Answer: OTTO

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1938, innkeeper Ruth Graves Wakefield invented a cookie recipe using small pieces of semisweet chocolate in a brown-sugar dough. What name did she give to these cookies, after the Massachusetts inn she and her husband owned (and in whose restaurant the cookies were first made)?

Answer: TOLL HOUSE COOKIES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A 1791 slave revolt in the French colony of Saint-Domingue led eventually to the foundation of what republic in 1804?

Answer: HAITI

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The "Bridal Chorus" (aka "Here Comes the Bride"), the march often played at weddings during the bride's formal entrance, is from an 1850 opera by whom?

Answer: RICHARD WAGNER

Q4.: LITERATURE - Novelist Gillian Flynn, a former feature writer and television critic for Entertainment Weekly, has penned three full-length novels, all of which have two-word titles, and all of which have been adapted into full-length films or television miniseries. Give any one of these three titles.

Answer: SHARP OBJECTS, DARK PLACES, GONE GIRL

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Greek, Latin, and Cyrillic alphabets are all based on the 22-letter, consonant-only alphabet of what ancient civilization originally situated in modern-day Lebanon, Syria, and Israel, whose people spoke a Semitic language similar to Hebrew?

Answer: PHOENICIAN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - A pioneering art-rock band whose earliest lineup included a Bryan and a Brian, the biggest pop duo to emerge from Sweden in the late 1980s, and the 1978 major-label debut single by a multimillion-record-selling rock trio all have names that begin with what three letters?

Answer: ROX

Q1.: TELEVISION - 1971 was a landmark year for syndicated music programs for targeted audiences, with Hee Haw, The Lawrence Welk Show, and what long-running show aimed at African American viewers all entering first-run national syndication that year?

Answer: SOUL TRAIN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A fictional species of immortal cyborg hero-warriors known as the Toa, who protect the Matoran from danger and safeguard the Great Spirit Mata Nui, form the basis for what line of toys produced and marketed by Lego beginning in the early 2000s?

Answer: BIONICLE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Steam cleaning raw sugar in a centrifuge, which results in a light-brown sugar with a coarse grain and subtle molasses flavor, is a process that gives what sugar its name?

Answer: TURBINADO

Q4.: SCIENCE - The highly poisonous and colorless acid hydrogen cyanide was once more commonly known as an acid described by what seven-letter adjective? The name references a former European state and is derived from the name of the blue pigment from which hydrogen cyanide was first isolated.

Answer: PRUSSIC

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Although it has been referred to formally as "Day of the Sun" since 1997, April 15 has been a public holiday in North Korea since 1968, celebrating the birthday of what man? (Note, full name is required.)

Answer: KIM IL-SUNG

Q6.: LITERATURE - Probably published without permission (and certainly without attribution), I taste a liquor never brewed and A narrow Fellow in the Grass are titles given to two of the fewer than a dozen of what poet's works published during her lifetime?

Answer: EMILY DICKINSON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The longest river in the United States flows into the second-longest river in the United States just a few miles north of what major city?
Answer: ST. LOUIS

Q2.: LITERATURE -The Path Made Clear: Discovering Your Life's Direction and Purpose;Food, Health, and Happiness: 115 On-Point Recipes for Great Meals and a Better Life; andWhat I Know for Sureare books by what author, who is probably better known for her success in other media?

Answer: OPRAH WINFREY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - From its early days in the 18th century, through the formation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and into the present day, the House of Saud has maintained an allegiance to a Sunni Islam sect best known by what name, after the theologian and native of Central Arabia who founded it in the 1740s?

Answer: WAHHABISM/WAHHABI

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What was the title of Kanye West's 2004 debut studio album, which he named (in part) in reference to his withdrawal from Chicago State University six years earlier?

Answer: THE COLLEGE DROPOUT

Q5.: SCIENCE - In chemistry, this term refers to a continuous solid phase in which particles are embedded; in geology, it's a fine-grained rock in which coarser-grained material is embedded; in mathematics, it's a set of quantities in a rectangular array. What is the word in question?

Answer: MATRIX

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - According to the work's popular title, what was the name of the person for whom Ludwig van Beethoven composed his Bagatelle No. 25 in A Minor for Piano in 1810?

Answer: ELISE

Q1.: BUS/ECON - What two-word phrase is most commonly used for the special type of loan, limited to homeowners at least 62 years of age, that permits the homeowner to remove a portion of the home's equity and convert it to cash?

Answer: REVERSE MORTGAGE

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name for the slightly sour and spongy flatbread, made from a mixture of teff flour and water, that is used both as a platter and an eating utensil in Ethiopian cuisine?

Answer: INJERA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - According to a popular folk song, there was a farmer had a dog who shared a name with what game? (Note, complete and correct spelling is required.)

Answer: BINGO

Q4.: LITERATURE - An archaic word that the Oxford English Dictionary defines as "to move with force or impetus" is rarely used today, except, in adjective form, in the title of a classic 1840s novel. What is that word?

Answer: WUTHER/WUTHERING

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Serbia is a country in Southeastern Europe, whereas the mostly ethnic Serb Republika Srpskais one of two political federations within what other country?

Answer: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Q6.: SCIENCE - Thebecquerel, which is the SI derived unit of radioactivity, replaced two non-SI units of radioactivity and radioactive decay in common usage for much of the 20th century. Identify either of these non-SI units, both of which were named after Nobel Prize winners.

Answer: CURIE, RUTHERFORD

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A type of roll invented in Vienna (and thus also known as a Vienna roll) is believed to have been given a name in honor of Emperor Franz Josef I of Austria in the 19th century. What is that name?

Answer: KAISER ROLL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What geographic term, derived from Greek and used since classical times, was the title of a 1961 work by the French geographer Jean Gottmann in specific reference to the extended metro area in the Northeast United States between Boston and Washington (later referred to as BosWash)?

Answer: MEGALOPOLIS

Q3.: ART - An international association of artists from the mid-20th century living in Europe (specifically, in Copenhagen, Brussels, and Amsterdam), who aimed to promote organic experimentation and free expression of the unconscious, had a name it shared (coincidentally) with what specific type of venomous reptile?

Answer: COBRA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Yellow is the musical noteC-sharp, blue isE, red isA, and green is alsoE(but one octave below blue) in what game launched in 1978?

Answer: SIMON

Q5.: SCIENCE - Phobos and Deimos were twin sons of what god of ancient Greece? (Note, you may also answer with the name of the god's Roman counterpart, with whom the sons may be more closely associated today.)

Answer: ARES/MARS

Q6.: TELEVISION - What is the name of the titularMobile Suit(a manned robot) in a popular anime series that debuted in Japan in 1979 and spawned an iconic international multimedia franchise of the same name that continues to produce in abundance among various formats to this day?

Answer: GUNDAM

Q1.: FILM - A list of seven locations began in 1940 with Singapore, continued in 1941 with Zanzibar, and ended in 1962 (after a ten-year hiatus) with Hong Kong. Give any one of the other four locations that complete this list.

Answer: MOROCCO, UTOPIA, RIO, BALI

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The Vltava River (also known as the Moldau) runs through what European national capital city?

Answer: PRAGUE

Q3.: SCIENCE - According to its official American Society, there are formally thirteen descriptive divisions of what spring flower, which is also known botanically as *narcissus* and is within the amaryllis family? Among these classifications are Trumpet, Large-Cupped, Triandrus, and Jonquilla.

Answer: DAFFODIL

Q4.: THEATRE - In June 2015, a one-night-only concert of what musical, based on the life of Marilyn Monroe (and unrelated to Fox News) and taken from the show-within-a-show on the canceled TV series *Smash*, was performed in the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway?

Answer: BOMBSHELL

Q5.: AMER HIST - A fraud perpetrated by a group associated with President Warren Harding known as the "Ohio Gang" involved the siphoning of oil, intended for the U.S. Navy, to the Mammoth Oil Company. What was the name of the oil field in Wyoming in which this oil was located?

Answer: TEAPOT DOME

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What "velvet-voiced" R&B singer, who started the first Patti LaBelle fan club in the early 60s and began his career as a backing vocalist for Bette Midler, David Bowie, Barbra Streisand, and others, achieved multiplatinum solo success with the albums *Never Too Much*, *Give Me the Reason*, *Power of Love*, and *Dance with My Father*?

Answer: LUTHER VANDROSS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - A tax on calls over free internet-based messaging services such as WhatsApp, announced in October 2019, added to growing popular resentment over various economic and public sector corruption issues and triggered mass protests across what country, ultimately leading to the resignation of its prime minister on October 29?

Answer: LEBANON

Q2.: TELEVISION - Two armchairs and a coffee table in front of a black backdrop provided the simple setting for what weekly author interview series, which was hosted by C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb and ran on the network from 1989 to 2004, becoming the longest-running author interview program of its kind in U.S. TV history?

Answer: BOOKNOTES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The radical Chinese leaders Jiang Qing (Mao Zedong's third wife), Wang Hongwen, Yao Wenyuan, and Zhang Chungqiao, all of whom rose to prominence during the Cultural Revolution, are, as a collective group, most widely known in English today by what term?

Answer: GANG OF FOUR

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What was the name of the video game console released by Nintendo in 2001, its sixth generation, which succeeded the Nintendo 64 and was succeeded by the seventh-generation Wii in 2006?

Answer: GAMECUBE

Q5.: FILM - Charles Bogle, Mahatma Kane Jeeves, and Otis Criblecoblis were writing pseudonyms of what legendary performer, whose portrayals included Mr. Micawber, Larsen E. Whipsnade, Egbert Sousé, and Prof. Eustace P. McGargle?

Answer: W.C. FIELDS

Q6.: ART - The celebrated museum of applied arts founded in London's Marlborough House in 1852 to house items displayed at the Great Exhibition of 1851 is named after what two individuals?

Answer: VICTORIA, ALBERT

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The first American spacecraft capable of carrying astronauts since the retirement of the space shuttle program in 2011 launched in a nonpiloted test flight from Cape Canaveral in March 2019. This vessel, known as Crew Dragon, was designed and manufactured by what private company?

Answer: SPACEX (SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORP.)

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What American-born rock star, who primarily sang and played bass guitar on her solo hits from the early 1970s (including "Can the Can" and "Devil Gate Drive"), also played Leather Tuscadero on the television series Happy Days? Her surname derives from an Italian name meaning "four eyes" that was shortened when her paternal grandfather immigrated to the United States.

Answer: SUZI QUATRO

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the type of tea, traditionally a black tea flavored with bergamot, whose recipe was (according to probably fictional lore) given as a gift from a grateful Chinese official to a future British prime minister in the early 1800s?

Answer: EARL GREY

Q4.: LITERATURE - What Haruki Murakami novel's title, first published in Japan in 1987 with an English translation released outside Japan in 2000, was taken from the title of a song—a favorite of a character named Naoko—by The Beatles, off the Rubber Soul LP?

Answer: NORWEGIAN WOOD

Q5.: ART - Untitled Film Stills, Rear Screen Projections, Disasters, and Fairy Tales are among the series of photographic tableaux staged by, directed by, shot by, and starring (often heavily disguised) what American artist?

Answer: CINDY SHERMAN

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Dutch Revolts, which occurred off and on beginning in 1567, were a struggle by the Netherlands to achieve independence from what other nation, with independence finally recognized formally at the Peace of Westphalia in 1648?

Answer: SPAIN

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the member of the U.S. House of Representatives who made news in March 2019 for filing a lawsuit seeking \$250 million in damages from Twitter for, in part, its failure to police accounts that included one claiming to be run by an unhappy cow living on the congressman's farm?

Answer: DEVIN NUNES

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What operatic superstar was known simply as "La Divina" (or perhaps, in her parents' native language, "To Θείο")?

Answer: MARIA CALLAS

Q3.: SCIENCE - A drug prescribed to treat anemia is probably better known for its illegal use by athletes in endurance events (especially cyclists, including Lance Armstrong). By what three-letter abbreviation is this drug known?

Answer: EPO

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The 1978 peace agreement reached between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel is best known by what name, after the facility where the settlement was negotiated?

Answer: CAMP DAVID ACCORDS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the poker variation, played with seven cards dealt to each player from a 52-card deck plus one joker, that is based on and named after a Chinese domino game?

Answer: PAI GOW POKER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The names of what two 80s hair metal bands, when combined, phonetically describe most accurately the substance with which Violet (Lily Tomlin) accidentally spiked Mr. Hart's (Dabney Coleman's) coffee in the movie 9 to 5?

Answer: RATT, POISON

Q1.: LANGUAGE - In Latin, plural nouns in the first declension (which are mainly feminine) and in the nominative case (usually the subject of a verb) typically end with what two letters?

Answer: AE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Hormonal Mike, studious Carol, and adorable little Ben were the kids of psychiatrist Jason and Long Island Daily Herald reporter Maggie on what television sitcom that debuted on ABC in September 1985?

Answer: GROWING PAINS

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - John Melendez, Jackie Martling, Gary Dell'Abate, and Fred Norris - these individuals are closely associated with what other man (and his namesake programs on all media)?

Answer: HOWARD STERN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the soccer team that has finished at the top of the German Bundesliga table every season since 2012-2013, and that has finished no lower than fourth (and that placement only once) since 1995.

Answer: BAYERN MUNICH (BAYERN)

Q5.: FILM - Among the possible causes of what medical condition are Meniere's disease, vestibular neuritis, medication side effects, acrophobia, and, nominally, from finding out that Kim Novak was both "Madeleine" and "Judy"?

Answer: VERTIGO

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Dar es-Salam, an Arabic phrase which translates as "abode of peace", is the name of the most populous city and former capital of Tanzania (as Dar es Salaam) and is also included (as Darussalam) in the official name of what small nation in Southeast Asia?

Answer: BRUNEI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What kind of "ham" is a sandwich spread made with ground cooked ham, salt, sugar, and spices, and sold in small round cans featuring the oldest food trademark still in use in the United States?

Answer: DEVILED HAM

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the largely indigenous rebel group that revolted against the NAFTA treaty beginning in 1994, capturing several towns in the southern Mexico state of Chiapas that it controls to this day?

Answer: ZAPATISTAS (EZLN)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What American rock band released the album *In Time* in 2003, a compilation that includes tracks spanning the group's move to Warner Bros. in 1988 (*and the Green LP*) through 2001 (*Reveal*)—the period of the band's greatest commercial success?

Answer: R.E.M.

Q4.: MATH - In statistics, a series of random events in which the probability of a given event is determined only by its predecessor is known as a "chain" named after what Russian mathematician?

Answer: ANDREI MARKOV

Q5.: ART - One of the most famous works by French painter Jacques-Louis David features the limp, bloodied body of what fellow revolutionary?

Answer: JEAN-PAUL MARAT

Q6.: FILM - *Salvation*, *Genisys*, and *Dark Fate* are partial titles of the three most recent installments of what film franchise?

Answer: TERMINATOR

Q1.: TELEVISION - Guy Caballero and Edith Prickley were the fictional station president and station manager of what television "network", which moved to NBC in 1981, and featured such programs as "Mel's Rock Pile", "The Happy Wanderers", and "Great White North"?

Answer: SCTV

Q2.: AMER HIST - During the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson became a national hero for commanding U.S. forces that repelled a British attempt to seize what city in 1815, two weeks after the signing of a peace treaty at Ghent?

Answer: NEW ORLEANS

Q3.: SCIENCE - What word, used colloquially to refer to a person's nose, is the scientific term for the trunk of an elephant as well as for the elongated feeding and sucking organ of some invertebrates?

Answer: PROBOSCIS

Q4.: ART - In architecture, the Greek term for structural supports taking the place of columns or pillars that are sculpted in the form of a man is atlantes. What is the equivalent Greek term for these supports sculpted in the shape of a woman?

Answer: CARYATIDS

Q5.: FILM - The Israeli actor Topol, who portrayed Tevye in the 1971 film version of Fiddler on the Roof, also played Dr. Zarkov in what other film, whose main hero at one point only had fourteen hours to save the earth?

Answer: FLASH GORDON

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The interbank market is the money market in which banks borrow or lend among themselves. One interest rate at which funds are offered to first-class banks is called LIBOR. What does the "L" in this abbreviation stand for?

Answer: LONDON

Q1.: ART - In 1917, a porcelain urinal was infamously submitted to an exhibition held by the Society of Independent Artists in New York. The work was titled Fountain and inscribed with the year and a name (which was not the name of the artist who created the piece). What was that name inscribed on the piece?

Answer: R. MUTT

Q2.: LITERATURE - A young Truman Capote provided the inspiration for the character Dill in what novel, whose author was a long-time friend of Capote's (and was, in turn, an inspiration for Idabel in Capote's Other Voices, Other Rooms)? Note, name the novel.

Answer: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Q3.: TELEVISION - Marilyn, a blonde and conventionally attractive art student at Westbury College, was considered the unfortunate physical outcast by her family in what TV sitcom?

Answer: THE MUNSTERS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What term, which means "way of the warrior" and is comparable to the European notion of chivalry, is used for the courage, loyalty, piety, self-control, etc., that defines the code of conduct of the samurai class?

Answer: BUSHIDO

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the largest and most populous (by far) among all the islands that make up the French overseas collectivity known as French Polynesia?

Answer: TAHITI

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Dr. Dre's classic 1992 rap album The Chronic is well remembered for its immense success and enduring hit singles, but also for extensively featuring what other artist, who would launch a successful solo career with his own quadruple-platinum debut album a year later?

Answer: SNOOP DOGG

Q1.: THEATRE - Hungarian playwright Ferenc Molnár's 1909 play *Liliom*, whose title character is a barker who participates in a robbery gone wrong, forms the basis for what 1945 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?

Answer: CAROUSEL

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What baseball player finished his MLB career with 3,089 hits, ranking him 24th all-time despite making his major league debut in 2001 at the age of 27 (by which age future teammate Alex Rodriguez had already boasted nearly 1,300 hits)?

Answer: ICHIRO SUZUKI

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Beginning in 1508, Martin Luther taught theology at the namesake university of what German city, whose name today is also that of a Lutheran-affiliated college in Ohio?

Answer: WITTENBERG

Q4.: TELEVISION - Ralph Macchio, William Zabka, and Martin Kove reprise the roles they originated on the big screen in 1984 in an episodic series currently available on YouTube Premium. What is the name of this present-day series?

Answer: COBRA KAI

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Castries is the capital and largest city of what Caribbean nation, which sits in the Windward Islands between Martinique and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and is the only sovereign nation in the world named after a historical woman?

Answer: SAINT LUCIA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 101 in D Major, composed in 1794, has what nickname, after the rhythmic two-note sequence that repeats throughout the second movement?

Answer: CLOCK SYMPHONY

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The pronunciations of the state of Nevada, the Idaho city of Boise, and the NYC thoroughfare Houston Street are considered a kind of linguistic password that distinguishes locals from nonlocals. They are geographic examples of a term derived from Hebrew, which originated in the Book of Judges as a way for Gileadites to identify Ephraimites attempting to return to their conquered territory. What is this word?

Answer: SHIBBOLETH

Q2.: FILM - The lost and hidden (and fictional) Incan city of Parapata is central to the plot of a 2019 film that features the first live-action film appearance of what title character?

Answer: DORA (THE EXPLORER)

Q3.: SCIENCE - What Japanese word completes this series: sweet, salt, bitter, sour,

Answer: UMAMI

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Princely States were more than 500 principalities and kingdoms, with rulers of various faiths, that existed from the 1850s until 1947, the majority of which located in what present-day country?

Answer: INDIA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Peloponnesian War is the setting for the eleventh and most recent main installment in what video game series, which began in 2007 with a game set in the Holy Land during the Third Crusade?

Answer: ASSASSIN'S CREED

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Musician Dick Dale, who passed away in March at the age of 81, and whose biggest hit song was 1963's "Misirlou", was known as "The King of" what type of guitar? This sobriquet was referenced in the title and opening track from his second studio album, also from 1963.

Answer: SURF GUITAR

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The Chesebrough Manufacturing Company, which became Chesebrough-Ponds and was ultimately acquired by Unilever in 1987, was best known for a product discovered by its co-founder and company namesake in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and first sold in 1870. From the beginning, this product was (and is still today) sold under what brand name?

Answer: VASELINE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - An extra-judicial body of royal councilors and judges, existing from the late 15th century to the body's abolition in 1641, had what name, after the pattern painted on the ceiling of the room in the Palace of Westminster where the court met?

Answer: STAR CHAMBER

Q3.: TELEVISION - Kelly Monaco, Drew Lachey, Hines Ward, Rumer Willis, and Adam Rippon are among a group that is most closely associated with what TV show?

Answer: DANCING WITH THE STARS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Chalk is an organic variety and oolite a precipitate variety of what type of sedimentary rock, composed mainly of calcium carbonate?

Answer: LIMESTONE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What 6th-century bishop of Paris is remembered today in large part via his namesake suburb of western Paris, and more specifically for that community's soccer club, which merged in 1970 with Paris FC to become what is today the most successful club in the French Ligue 1?

Answer: SAINT GERMAIN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the current name of the transportation hub located on the site of a former German-American farming community originally named Orchard Place?

Answer: O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORD)

Q1.: FILM - Identify the object that is a pivotal item in one of the stories from Arabian Nights, central to the occupation of Jack in Mary Poppins Returns, and was a love interest of Brick in Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.

Answer: LAMP

Q2.: LITERATURE - What 1937 novella begins and ends at a clearing by the Salinas River in California (peaceful at the beginning, tragic at the end)?

Answer: OF MICE AND MEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - H. Ross Perot, during his candidacy for U.S. President in 1996, and Jesse Ventura, during his campaign for and election as governor of Minnesota, were members of what political party?

Answer: REFORM

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The special chili associated with the city of Cincinnati, when served "three-way", typically involves the chili served on spaghetti and topped with grated cheese. "Five-way" includes the addition of kidney beans and what other topping?

Answer: DICED ONIONS

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What is the common name for members of the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, a movement that is all but extinct today but whose prominent legacy in furniture and handcraft design endures?

Answer: SHAKERS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What weasel species, also known as a short-tailed weasel in North America and stoat in Europe, has white winter fur that is highly prized for garments (including, with pearls, by a certain lady/tramp)?

Answer: ERMINES

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What Chinese word for "path" or "way" is closely associated with a book ascribed to the philosopher Laozi?

Answer: TAO (DAO)

Q2.: SCIENCE - Fluorescence is luminescence (emission of light by a substance not due to temperature increase) that ceases once the source of light is removed.

Luminescence that persists after the source is removed is known generally by what accompanying term, which—like fluorescence—is rooted etymologically in the name of a chemical element?

Answer: PHOSPHORESCENCE

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In 1965, a conservative alliance was built in Israel around the Liberal party and the right-wing nationalist Herut. The alliance initially took the name Gahal, but in 1973 evolved into a new alliance under what name, by which it is still known today?

Answer: LIKUD

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, and Texas Rangers are all major league baseball franchises that play home games in stadiums named after (and by) corporations in what industry?

Answer: INSURANCE

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Name the coloratura soprano who, after her retirement from singing, moved on to roles as general director of the New York City Opera, chairwoman of Lincoln Center, and chairwoman of the Metropolitan Opera.

Answer: BEVERLY SILLS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The interregnum period in Russia between the death of Feodor I in 1598 and the start of the Romanov dynasty with Michael I in 1613, and a period that began in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s and ended (nominally) in April 1998 are both timeframes commonly referred to by terms that include what word?

Answer: TROUBLES

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What man, who began a food empire with an ice-cream shop in the Boston area in 1925, is widely credited as inventing the concept of the modern restaurant franchise, with his namesake eateries dominating the interstate highway landscape beginning in the 1950s and becoming the U.S. largest restaurant chain in the 1960s (though today is mostly defunct)?

Answer: HOWARD JOHNSON

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In January 1970, Carol Channing became the first celebrity to perform at what annual event?

Answer: SUPER BOWL (HALFTIME SHOW)

Q3.: ART - Name the Basque village that was bombed on April 26, 1937, by Nazi German and fascist Italian forces at the request of Nationalist leader Francisco Franco, in a campaign codenamed Operation Rügen. The horrific event has been artistically depicted on numerous occasions, most famously in the summer of that same year.

Answer: GUERNICA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The Charlotte-based rapper who recorded the song "Suge", the Atlanta-based rapper who recorded the song "Yes Indeed", and the rapper who recorded "Gucci Flip Flops" and first achieved fame via Dr. Phil, all have stage names that contain what word (in various spellings)?

Answer: BABY/BHABIE

Q5.: SCIENCE - The "small" version of what common unit of measure is equal to 4.1868 of the SI unit of energy (joules), while the "large" version is equal to 4,184 joules?

Answer: CALORIE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Satavahana, Vakataka, Chalukya, and Rashtrakuta dynasties are among those that ruled in a geographic region named after what plateau, which sits between the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats mountain ranges on the Indian subcontinent?

Answer: DECCAN (PLATEAU)

Q1.: LITERATURE - A novel that is reportedly the most translated non-religious book in the world (probably now surpassed by *The Little Prince*, but almost certainly the most translated Italian book) is a story written in the 1880s by Carlo Collodi about what title character?

Answer: PINOCCHIO

Q2.: SCIENCE - The process of boiling a liquid and condensing and collecting the vapor is best known by what term?

Answer: DISTILLATION

Q3.: AMER HIST - Gen. George Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas, 1776, preceded a pivotal Continental Army victory in a battle the following morning that took place in (and is named after) what city?

Answer: TRENTON

Q4.: FILM - Charles Pathé, with his Pathé Freres company, is remembered today mostly as an early 20th-century leader in the world production and distribution of equipment in what industry?

Answer: FILM

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Latin word for "trumpet" is, in English, a different but related musical instrument. What is that instrument?

Answer: TUBA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What geological term is used for a mountain mass demarcated by faults and fissures, such as the highest point in Antarctica (named after long-time U.S. Representative Carl Vinson)? Another example is what was until recently believed to be the largest volcano on earth, located in the northern Pacific Ocean and named after Texas A&M University (Tamu).

Answer: MASSIF

Q1.: SCIENCE - The disease caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and transmitted by the tick *Ixodes scapularis* was first identified in 1975 in and around what New England town?

Answer: LYME (CONNECTICUT)

Q2.: THEATRE - The 15th-century French poet and satirist Olivier Basselin was famous for his bawdy drinking songs, which were known by a name—derived from his birthplace—that was later adapted into a term for a theatrical genre that became popular in North America. What is that genre?

Answer: VAUDEVILLE

Q3.: TELEVISION - An Australian soap opera set in the fictional town of Summer Bay, a 1990s sitcom set in suburban Detroit, and the first program to air on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim all have titles that contain what word?

Answer: HOME

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Umoja(unity), nia(purpose), and imani(faith) are among the principles promoted by activist and academic Maulana Karenga's 1966 creation that has what name?

Answer: KWANZAA

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - According to legend (and almost certainly false), a man named Robert Johnson sat on the courthouse steps in Salem, New Jersey, in September 1820, and ate what food? It shocked the crowd who had gathered to watch him die a painful death, as Americans at the time (allegedly) considered the now-ubiquitous produce item—beloved in Jersey and its state vegetable—to be poisonous?

Answer: TOMATO

Q6.: MATH - Whose Elements ($\Sigma \tauοιχεῖα$) postulated, among other things, that it's possible to draw a straight line from any point to any other point, that it's possible to describe a circle with any center and radius, and that all right angles are equal to one another?

Answer: EUCLID

Q1.: SCIENCE - An oscillator executing "simple harmonic motion" (SHM) generates a wave whose graph of y(vertical diameter) against x(time) is most commonly known by what term?

Answer: SINE/SINUSOIDAL WAVE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Among the various types of rugs is one whose name comes from the French for "caterpillar" (which the fabric is meant to resemble). What is that name?

Answer: CHENILLE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Eureka and Lisbon are the two most common varieties in the United States of what fruit crop, grown predominantly in California along with specialty varieties and hybrids such as Variegated Pink and Meyer?

Answer: LEMON

Q4.: THEATRE - What musical, which debuted at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre in October 2008 with music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown, is the only Broadway musical with a cast composed entirely of teenagers—a cast that included Ariana Grande, who at the time was actually age fifteen?

Answer: 13

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of a community in northern Spain is (or is included in) the names of the seat of Webb County, Texas, and the third-most populous city in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, two cities that face each other across the Rio Grande. What is that name?

Answer: LAREDO

Q6.: LITERATURE - What fictional Wessex town provides the setting for the majority of the 1886 Thomas Hardy novel that begins with main character Michael Henchard's sale of his wife and daughter, details his business success and ascent in municipal politics, and ends with his ruin and death?

Answer: CASTERBRIDGE

Q1.: LITERATURE - In Toni Morrison's 1970 debut novel, a tragic young character named Pecola Breedlove believes that she would be loved if only she had what characteristic, which is referenced in the novel's title?

Answer: BLUE EYES (THE BLUEST EYE)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the name (specifically, the cognomen) shared by the Roman patricians and generals who defeated Hannibal in 202 BCE ("Africanus Major") and who captured and destroyed Carthage in 146 BCE ("Africanus Minor")?

Answer: SCIPIO

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What is the title of Bobby Darin's cover of the song from Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's *The Threepenny Opera*, which became the crooner's trademark, reaching #1 in the US and earning Record of the Year at the second annual Grammy Awards?

Answer: MACK THE KNIFE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the interest of player safety, the National Football League in 2019 banned a certain high-energy, full-contact practice drill whose development is credited to legendary college coach Bud Wilkinson, and thus is best known by what geographic name?

Answer: OKLAHOMA DRILL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the fifty U.S. state capital cities, which city has by far the largest percentage population designated by the 2010 U.S. Census in the category "Black or African American, alone" (82%)? Montgomery and Baton Rouge are the next two highest (61% and 55% respectively), while comparative data for Harlem and Hollywood are not available (as they are not independent cities).

Answer: JACKSON, MS

Q6.: SCIENCE - What German physicist has numerous extreme measurement units named after him, including alength(equal to 1.616×10^{-35} m), amass(2.18×10^{-8} kg), and atime(5.39×10^{-44} seconds), all of which are used principally in quantum theory?

Answer: MAX PLANCK

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What Mandinka word, which translates to "sultan" or "king", was used during the Mali Empire of the 13th to 17th centuries as a title for leaders of the Keita Dynasty such as Musa I, who ruled for a quarter-century in the 1300s?

Answer: MANSA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Mizell, Simmons, and McDaniels were the last names of the members of what hip hop trio, whose self-titled debut was the first rap album to be certified gold by the RIAA?

Answer: RUN D.M.C.

Q3.: LITERATURE - Who is, surely, classic literature's best-known short, pot-bellied, rustic, witty, commonsensical, spirituality-free, donkey-riding squire?

Answer: SANCHO PANZA

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - An audio-visual cable and accessories manufacturing company received a bit of bad news on February 11, 2020, due to an official announcement made that day by World Health Organization chief Tedros Ghebreyesus regarding disease terminology. What is the name of that company?

Answer: COVID

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In a game during the 2006 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament between schools from the Missouri Valley Conference and Big East Conference respectively, the abbreviations of the teams on the on-screen score bug spelled out the name of what actor? (First and last name required.)

Answer: BRAD PITT

Q6.: ART - The building where Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam* is located is named after what pope? Note, the number is not required (it was IV), but correct English spelling of the pope's name is required.

Answer: SIXTUS

Q1.: FILM - The title of what 1986 Walter Hill-directed film is taken from the location where, according to legend, Mississippi Delta Bluesman Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil in exchange for mastery of the blues guitar?

Answer: CROSSROADS

Q2.: AMER HIST - The 1979 autobiography *A Time to Heal* was written by what politician, who was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1948 and served on the Warren Commission after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963?

Answer: GERALD R. FORD

Q3.: LANGUAGE - American author O. Henry coined what term in the story "The Admiral", from his 1904 book *Cabbages and Kings*, describing the country of Honduras (which he fictionalized as "Anchuria"), where he lived for six months in the late 1890s?

Answer: BANANA REPUBLIC

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Grand National, held at Aintree Racecourse near Liverpool annually beginning in 1839, is a National Hunt race that is what specific type of horse race, a term derived in part from the feature that was once used to mark the finish line in such races?

Answer: STEEPLECHASE

Q5.: ART - A masterpiece of classical antiquity originally sculpted in bronze by Myron around 450 BCE portrays its subject in the midst of what athletic activity?

Answer: DISCUS THROWING

Q6.: TELEVISION - Identify the television series where, in a 2007 fourth-season episode titled "You Don't Want to Know", a stage magician has a cardiac event while submerged during a Chinese Water Torture Cell act, with his diagnosis ultimately determined to be lupus!

Answer: HOUSE (M.D.)

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Natalie Merchant was the long-time vocalist and lyricist for what successful alternative rock band, which was perhaps misnamed as the group has never included more than twelve members?

Answer: 10,000 MANIACS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Fill in the blank in this long-running advertising tagline: "The _____'s not Korbel." The tagline's wording is always correct in a certain technical sense, as Korbel has been produced in California since its founding in 1882.

Answer: CHAMPAGNE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Biographies of Napoleon Bonaparte, Abraham Lincoln, and Owen D. Young are among the works of what investigative journalist and muckraker, who is probably best remembered for her exposés in McClure's magazine and 1904's *The History of the Standard Oil Company*?

Answer: IDA TARBELL

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the school established by Plato near Athens around 387 BCE? Named after a legendary hero, its name is now a generic term for a learning institution.

Answer: ACADEMY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The World Economic Forum, a not-for-profit foundation that bills itself as "the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation", holds an annual meeting every January in what European municipality?

Answer: DAVOS (SWITZERLAND)

Q6.: SCIENCE - What term, which was used as a television brand from 1967 until 2005, is a celestial object defined as a high-luminosity core of an active galaxy?

Answer: QUASAR

Q1.: LITERATURE - In a popular children's book from 1958, the Brown family finds an abandoned bear who has just arrived from "Darkest Peru" with a note that says, "Please look after this bear. Thank you." Where did the family find this bear, naming him after this location?

Answer: PADDINGTON STATION

Q2.: FILM - What 1952 film depicts, in real time, the events of a late morning in a small New Mexico Territory town, beginning at 10:40 AM, with the pending retirement of Marshall Will Kane?

Answer: HIGH NOON

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the popular video game, a sequel to a 2008 game officially abbreviated as SARP Battle-Cars, that according to its developer Psyonix is "a high-powered hybrid of arcade-style soccer and vehicular mayhem with easy-to-understand controls and fluid, physics-driven competition."

Answer: ROCKET LEAGUE

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the term in music and acoustics for a series of frequencies that are integer multiples of a single frequency (termed the fundamental)? They can also be known as overtones, and those above the fundamental are sometimes called overtones.

Answer: HARMONICS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The hourglass-shaped bar tool that is used on one end to measure 1.5 oz. (a "shot") and on the other end to measure 1 oz. (a "pony shot") is most commonly known in the service industry by what term? (Sometimes, the term is preceded by "double" when used for the tool described here.)

Answer: JIGGER

Q6.: AMER HIST - The Great Triumvirate was a term applied to American legislators who, at various times, all served in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate, and as Secretary of State between the end of the War of 1812 and the early 1850s. Give the last names of these three men, in the correct order, who represented in the U.S. Senate the states of South Carolina, Kentucky, and Massachusetts, respectively.

Answer: CALHOUN, CLAY, WEBSTER

Q1.: POP MUSIC - 1926's "Blue Skies", 1938's "God Bless America", and 1942's "White Christmas" are all works of what Russian-born American composer, who has a total of over 800 songwriting credits to his name?

Answer: IRVING BERLIN

Q2.: ART - Likely the most-reproduced work in an artistic genre known as Ukiyo-e is a woodblock from circa 1830 by Katsushika Hokusai that depicts what, per the print's popular title?

Answer: (GREAT) WAVE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Among a group of six 20th-century English aristocratic socialite sisters were authors Jessica, who wrote *Hons and Rebels* (1960) and *The American Way of Death* (1963), and Nancy, who wrote *Love in a Cold Climate* (1949) and edited *Noblesse Oblige: An Enquiry Into the Identifiable Characteristics of the English Aristocracy* (1956). What was the sisters' last name?

Answer: MITFORD

Q4.: TELEVISION - The real name of the main character in what comic/tragic television series is never actually revealed during its critically acclaimed two-season run that concluded in 2019, with the character only known by the audience as the show's title through the end?

Answer: FLEABAG

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - A Joseph Haydn equivalent to Mozart's Köchel, Bach's BWV, and Schubert's Deutsch shares its name with what "mile square" city in northern New Jersey?

Answer: HOBOKEN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - What game, which was created by William Schaper in 1948 and is today produced and marketed by Hasbro, is without a doubt the most popular game in the genre of plastic bug assembly?

Answer: COOTIE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Who are the title characters in the George Gershwin opera set in Depression-era Charleston, South Carolina, and first produced in 1935?

Answer: PORGY AND BESS

Q2.: AMER HIST - What man, along with his family, was an occupant of a Washington, DC residence known as Blair House from 1948 until 1952?

Answer: HARRY S TRUMAN

Q3.: FILM -The Motion Picture, The Wrath of X, The Search for Y, The Voyage Home—what two words have been replaced by 'X' and 'Y' in this sequence?

Answer: KHAN, SPOCK

Q4.: ART - What was the pseudonym of Italian painter Guido di Pietro, a Dominican friar who, through the patronage of Cosimo de' Medici, produced a well-known series of frescoes for the monastery of San Marco in Florence?

Answer: FRA ANGELICO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Sporting News Reliever of the Year Award, which was presented annually to the best relief pitcher in each league in Major League Baseball (as determined by the magazine) until the award's retirement in 2010, was established in 1960 with a name that referenced what occupation, once popularly associated with a team's top reliever?

Answer: FIREMAN

Q6.: TELEVISION - The ensemble cast of what currently running television series includes a New Kid on the Block and a former member of the National Rifle Association board of directors?

Answer: BLUE BLOODS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Per the full title of the strip that cartoonist Dale Messick created in 1940 and drew until 1980, what was the occupation of the impossibly glamorous Brenda Starr?

Answer: REPORTER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Zulu, Xhosa, and Shona are among the languages in a family known by what name? The name became associated in South Africa with apartheid policies, including—by name—segregationist acts that established "homelands" reserved for self-government and eventual "independence" for Black Africans.

Answer: BANTU

Q3.: FILM - A forlorn dishwasher from small-town Texas and a petty thief and con man in New York are the main characters in what film, which was rated R for its reissue in 1971?

Answer: MIDNIGHT COWBOY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Forty-five years after its independence, the majority of visitors and foreign aid to the South American country of Suriname still come from what nation?

Answer: NETHERLANDS

Q5.: SCIENCE - Among the world's very few cold-blooded mammal species is an animal that lives in the deserts of East Africa and is commonly known by a name that is triply inaccurate (as it does have some hair and is not a member of the Talpidae family, though it is a rodent). What is that name?

Answer: NAKED MOLE-RAT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, what became the full name (city and team name) of the NFL franchise which, among the four teams currently in the AFC West, has gone the longest without winning a division title (having last done so in the 2002 season)?

Answer: LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The difference between how words such as "programme," "centre," "offence," and "colour" are spelled in the US versus many other parts of the Anglophone world results largely from the English language spelling reform efforts of what American, and hisCompendious1806 work?

Answer: NOAH WEBSTER

Q2.: AMER HIST - The 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, raised for service in the Spanish-American War of 1898 by Col. Leonard Wood and Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, was known colloquially by what name?

Answer: ROUGH RIDERS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Business executive and current international fugitive Carlos Ghosn was, at the time of his initial arrest in November 2018, chairman of an alliance among three automakers (as well as chairman of each individual company). Mitsubishi was one of the three. Namebothof the other two.

Answer: RENAULT, NISSAN

Q4.: TELEVISION - Name the influential monthly series that premiered on MTV in May 1989 and was hosted initially (and most famously) by Cindy Crawford and subsequently by other supermodels such as Rebecca Romijn, Shalom Harlow, Amber Valletta, and Molly Sims, until the cancellation of its regular run in 2000.

Answer: HOUSE OF STYLE

Q5.: MATH - The hexadecimal equivalent to the decimal number 2989 spells the name of what hit album released in 1987?

Answer: BAD

Q6.: FILM - What was the last name of the baby kidnapped in a 1987 crime farce that is also the location where the kidnapping (by characters Hi and Ed) occurred?

Answer: ARIZONA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1831, Louis Philippe I of France reorganized various light infantry regiments in Algeria as arégiment étranger, which became what is today best known (in English) by what name?

Answer: (FRENCH) FOREIGN LEGION

Q2.: THEATRE - An unmarried, newly thirty-five-year-old named Bobby (or Bobbie), portrayed on Broadway over the years by Larry Kert, Boyd Gaines, and Raúl Esparza, is the central character in what Broadway musical, famous songs from which include "Getting Married Today", "The Ladies Who Lunch", and "Being Alive"?

Answer: COMPANY

Q3.: LITERATURE - What was the name of the 19th-century spiritual, literary, and philosophical movement, centered in New England (especially Massachusetts), which was a reaction to American materialism and rationalist conformity and was influenced by Unitarianism and the philosophy of Immanuel Kant (among many other things)? The movement valued self-reliance, personal conscience, and an individual's connection to nature.

Answer: TRANSCENDENTALISM

Q4.: SCIENCE - The chemical law (or principle) which states that equal volumes of all (ideal) gases at the same temperature and pressure contain the same number of molecules was first proposed by (and is typically named after) what Italian chemist?

Answer: AMEDEO AVOGADRO

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Tuna served in sushi restaurants is typically one of two different species: maguro(bluefin) andahi(yellowfin). The leaner meat from the sides of the tuna (normally served as a default) is known asakami; what is the Japanese term common on sushi menus for the fatty part of the fish, found in the belly area?

Answer: TORO

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What title is shared by a 2012 Taylor Swift album, a comic book-inspired action comedy film from 2010 starring Bruce Willis, and an installment in the Pokémon video game series?

Answer: RED

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In an article from 1994, the New York Times declared a "Big Three" in the area of online information services. America Online (AOL) and CompuServe were two—what was the third?

Answer: PRODIGY

Q2.: LITERATURE - Middle schooler Greg Heffley is the main character in what massively successful book series written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney? Subtitles of installments in the series include *Rodrick Rules*, *The Last Straw*, and *Wrecking Ball*.

Answer: DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - English race car driver Lewis Hamilton won the 2019 Formula One World Drivers' Championship, his third in a row, sixth overall, and fifth with what carmaker's constructor team?

Answer: MERCEDES (MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS MOTORSPORT)

Q4.: FILM - What slang word for power and respect is a pivotal (and titular) element in a 1992 film directed by Ernest Dickerson that starred Omar Epps and Tupac Shakur in his debut in a major acting role?

Answer: JUICE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - For most of its history—as a medieval territory, confederation with the Holy Roman Empire, short-lived kingdom, dominion of the Swedish Empire, Governorate of Russia, etc.—the historical area known as Livonia covered area now predominantly within two present-day countries. Name either country.

Answer: ESTONIA, LATVIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Of the dozens of singles released by the Rolling Stones in the United States, exactly one has a title which is, in its one-word entirety, a common female first name. What is that title?

Answer: ANGIE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The first iteration of Billboard magazine's Alternative Songs Chart, originally called Modern Rock Tracks, appeared in September 1988 with a song titled "Peek-a-Boo" in the #1 slot. What band, which had no actual connection to a Native American tribe and was led by an audacious English musician born Susan Ballion, recorded this song?

Answer: SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES

Q2.: AMER HIST - The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, agreements from 1972 and 1979 between the US and USSR to limit nuclear weapon proliferation, are known by the acronym SALT. What acronym was used for subsequent nuclear arms reduction talks that began in 1982 and resulted in a July 1991 accord?

Answer: START

Q3.: FILM - 1955's Pather Panchali was the debut of legendary Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray and the first in his trilogy that tells the coming-of-age story of what young Bengali character, after whom the trilogy is named?

Answer: APU

Q4.: MATH - The Greek polymath Eratosthenes is remembered for various achievements, including his position as chief librarian at the Library of Alexandria, his calculation of the earth's circumference, and his mathematical "sieve" that is used to identify what?

Answer: PRIME NUMBERS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - While the largest island in the Persian Gulf is Iran's Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz, what is the only independent island nation located in the gulf's waters?

Answer: BAHRAIN

Q6.: ART - Name the woman, the first to mount an exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, who was chief photographer for Rolling Stone magazine from 1973 to 1983, and took the iconic photo of John Lennon and Yoko Ono that appeared on the January 22, 1981 issue of the magazine—a photo that was taken just a few hours before Lennon's death the previous month.

Answer: ANNIE LEIBOVITZ

Q1.: SCIENCE - An intensity scale known as the Mercalli Scale, and later the Modified Mercalli Scale, has been made obsolete by modern technology and primarily replaced by what other, logarithmic scale, developed in 1935?

Answer: RICHTER SCALE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What novel is known in its native language as Война и мир (Vojna i mir)?

Answer: WAR AND PEACE

Q3.: TELEVISION - Cliff Hangers, a game whose yodeling character has no official name but has been called Hans, Fritz, and Sven among other names, is most closely associated with what television show?

Answer: THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Q4.: BUS/ECON - A term in common law for movable or transferable property shares an etymology with a word commonly used today for certain livestock. What is this legal term?

Answer: CHATTEL

Q5.: AMER HIST - President Lyndon B. Johnson was given congressional authorization to take conventional military action in Southeast Asia in August 1964 after an alleged North Vietnamese attack on US warships in what body of water (after which the legislative measure was popularly named)?

Answer: GULF OF TONKIN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The Detroit Pistons NBA franchise was founded in 1941 in what other city, where it played until relocating roughly three hours to the northeast in 1957?

Answer: FORT WAYNE (INDIANA)

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The title of what 1964 hit song, by California surf rock duo Jan and Dean, references a particularly dangerous stretch of road (allegedly, a portion of Sunset Boulevard in Beverly Hills just west of Whittier Drive)?

Answer: DEAD MAN'S CURVE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the small country on the western coast of Central Africa that consists of a mainland region, called Rio Muni, and five islands, the largest of which is the site of the country's capital (Malabo)?

Answer: EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Q3.: LITERATURE - A 1990 novel by Walter Mosley introduces his factory worker-turned-investigator, Easy Rawlins, searching for the elusive and mysteriously devilish Frenchwoman Daphne Monet, who wears what colorful titular garment?

Answer: BLUE DRESS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Widely considered one of the greatest video games of all time is a first-person shooter released for the Nintendo 64 in August 1997 that has been lauded for its realistic shooting experience, innovative single-player missions, and revolutionary split-screen head-to-head deathmatch capability. This game was based on what film, released two years prior?

Answer: GOLDEN EYE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A formal international collaboration in the Southern Cone of South America included coordinated secret intelligence activities, torture, kidnapping, disappearance, and assassination, and was founded by the regime of Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in 1975 (and covertly backed by the US government). It was an "Operation" codenamed after what large bird, which is native to the area?

Answer: CONDOR

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom currently has eight great-grandchildren. The youngest, born in May 2019, has a name with the same number of letters as his mother's. What is that child's name?

Answer: ARCHIE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name for the common tomato-based sauce in Italian cuisine, believed to have been invented in Naples in the mid-twentieth century, that is typically prepared with black olives, capers, anchovies, and red pepper?
Answer: PUTTANESCA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Give the fourth item missing in the list of the Varna system:
Shudras, Vaishyas, Kshatriyas, _____.
Answer: BRAHMIN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Ademonym is a word that denotes natives or residents of a particular place—e.g., Canadian, Chinese, Nigerian, Nigerien, Pakistani, Venezuelan. Correctly spell the demonym that identifies a native or resident of the nation of Cyprus.
Answer: CYPRIOT

Q4.: SCIENCE - What name is missing in this partial, alphabetized WMO nomenclature list, accurate in 1993 and 1999?...Floyd, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, ____, Lenny, Maria, Nate...
Answer: KATRINA

Q5.: FILM - Memories of Murder(2003), The Host(2006), and Snowpiercer(2013) are English titles of films directed and cowritten by what Oscar-winner?
Answer: BONG JOON-HO

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The musician and DJ Norman Cook, who was previously in the bands The Housemartins, Beats International, and Freak Power, and had a solo hit in 1999 with "Praise You", is known by what oxymoronic stage name?
Answer: FATBOY SLIM

Q1.: LITERATURE -The Children of Gebalaawi, The Thief and the Dogs, the Cairo Trilogy, and Miramar are all works of what African novelist, who survived an assassination attempt in October 1994?

Answer: NAGUIB MAHFOUZ

Q2.: MATH - The point on a number line or graph that represents the ordered pair $(0, 0)$, where the x and y axes meet, is most commonly known by what word?

Answer: ORIGIN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Around the year 1180, a thirteen-year-old Mongol boy named Temujin was made chief of his tribe. What word for "chief" was used as his title, a word that is still common today (in reference to Temujin and others)?

Answer: KHAN

Q4.: TELEVISION - Prior to its rebranding as Pop in 2015, that cable channel was previously named after what publication, whose function as a channel service had mostly become obsolete?

Answer: TV GUIDE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The highest mountain range in New Zealand has the name Kā Tiritiri o te Moana, but was given what other common name by Captain James Cook in 1770, in a derivative display of obvious and unsurprising European bias?

Answer: SOUTHERN ALPS

Q6.: THEATRE - Sissy Spacek appeared in two films in 1986 that were both adaptations of Pulitzer Prize-winning plays (from 1981 and 1983), in which she portrays (respectively) a killer of an abusive husband and a suicidal daughter. Name either of these plays.

Answer: CRIMES OF THE HEART, 'NIGHT MOTHER

Q1.: SCIENCE - The most widely used active ingredients in antiperspirants are compounds—usually achlorohydrate or azirconium tetrachlorohydrex gly—of what metallic element?

Answer: ALUMINUM

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Of the debt instruments issued within the United States by the U.S. Treasury, the securities issued for maturity in the intermediate time frame—offered in 2-, 3-, 5-, 7-, and 10-year maturities—are most typically known by what name? The closely watched 10-year version is used as a benchmark for calculating mortgage rates.

Answer: TREASURY NOTE (T-NOTE)

Q3.: LITERATURE - [Redacted] Way down in Egypt land Tell old Pharaoh To let my people go. What three words complete the redacted first line in this African American spiritual?

Answer: GO DOWN, MOSES

Q4.: ART - The _____ of Louise Nevelson: Constructing a Legend was the title of a 2007 exhibition at The Jewish Museum in New York City, as well as a subsequently published book celebrating the artist's work. In what branch of visual arts, which fills in the blank in the title, did Nevelson achieve the majority of her success?

Answer: SCULPTURE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Though it is attributed to him, there is actually no historical evidence that what long-serving monarch actually made the declaration which translates to English as "I am the state"?

Answer: LOUIS XIV

Q6.: FILM - What "roared" in the title of a British comedy film from 1959 that starred Peter Sellers as a clumsy field marshal, an opulent grand duchess, and the prime minister of the European Duchy of Grand Fenwick?

Answer: THE MOUSE (THAT ROARED)

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - High ball, middle (or two), quick (or one), shoot, and red are allsets(or "plays") commonly used in what sport?

Answer: VOLLEYBALL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Treaty of Nanjing, in which the Qing government ceded Hong Kong to Queen Victoria, concluded the first of two wars that are most commonly known by what name?

Answer: OPIUM WARS

Q3.: FILM - The president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America in the 1920s and 30s gave his name to the code of practice adopted in 1930 to control movie content, particularly as it related to sexual morality. What was the name of this code?

Answer: HAYS CODE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The bird-of-paradise, of the family Paradisaeidae, is found natively on what major island, which has a shape that is said to resemble the bird's (and thus has bird-related names for its northwestern and southeastern extremities)?

Answer: NEW GUINEA

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Certain long, thin, sponge cake cookies, which are made with eggs, sugar, and flour and baked until golden, and which are used for trifles, charlottes, and tiramisu, and sometimes served with ice cream, are often given what anatomical name?

Answer: LADYFINGERS/CAT'S TONGUES

Q6.: SCIENCE - What sort of imaginary creature did James Clerk Maxwell use in an 1867 thought experiment to represent a hypothetical violation of the second law of thermodynamics? The creature's function was to operate a partition between two chambers of gas.

Answer: (MAXWELL'S) DEMON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament, and Paddington Station are all located within what London borough?

Answer: (CITY OF) WESTMINSTER

Q2.: POP MUSIC - While he wrote numerous hit songs during the 1960s, including Patsy Cline's "Crazy", what icon—an outlaw country musician both in work and in life, given his issues with the IRS and affection for marijuana pre-legalization—did not find significant commercial success as a solo artist until the release of his 1975 LP Red Headed Stranger?

Answer: WILLIE NELSON

Q3.: SCIENCE - The term for what scientific object comes from the Greek for "indivisible", although physicist Ernest Rutherford is among those who have proven that to be a misnomer?

Answer: ATOM

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In 2009, members of the U.S. Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices met to develop a set of college and career readiness educational standards in language arts and mathematics. By what two-word phrase are these standards best known?

Answer: COMMON CORE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe are currently the only two players in National Hockey League history with over 800 career goals (894 and 801, respectively). Give the last name of anyone of the other six players who have scored over 700 goals in their careers (none of whom are Messier, Yzerman, or Lemieux, who all retired just short of that mark).

Answer: JAGR, HULL, DIONNE, ESPOSITO, GARTNER, OVECHKIN

Q6.: LITERATURE - British author Anna Leonowens, who was born in India in 1834, and who published two books in the 1870s, is likely best remembered for her service in the employ of the monarch of what country?

Answer: SIAM (THAILAND)

Q1.: LITERATURE - Likely the most famous literary character to have suffered from kyphosis was named after a Latin term by which the first Sunday after Easter is sometimes known. What is his name?

Answer: QUASIMODO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Effigy Mounds National Monument, Amana Colonies, and American Gothic House are all tourist attractions in what U.S. state?

Answer: IOWA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What ballet, based on a fairy tale by Charles Perrault, premiered at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg in January 1890, with Carlotta Brianza in the role of Aurora?

Answer: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Q4.: FILM - The actor born Roy Scherer, Jr., who was nominated for an Oscar for his performance in Giant and later appeared in three films with Doris Day, achieved his success under what earthier stage name?

Answer: ROCK HUDSON

Q5.: WORLD HIST - While the first four days of August 1914 saw declarations of war among Germany and Russia, France, Belgium, and Great Britain, the first declaration of war in World War I, on July 28, involved two other countries. Identify those two combatants.

Answer: AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, SERBIA

Q6.: SCIENCE - The most abundant greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are water vapor, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxides, low-level ozone, CFCs, and what other chemical compound, for which the belching and flatulence of livestock are blamed as a significant cause?

Answer: METHANE (CH₄)

Q1.: THEATRE - The title of Jean Anouilh's 1953 play L'Alouette ("The Lark") refers to what historical person, who is also the subject of a 1924 George Bernard Shaw play inspired by the subject's recent (and long overdue) canonization?

Answer: JOAN OF ARC

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What is the top-selling passenger car in the United States whose model name is also a term for a specific type of musical composition?

Answer: (HYUNDAI) SONATA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Wade Trophy, which was first awarded in 1978 (to Carol Blazejowski), is given annually to a woman deemed the best collegiate player in what sport?

Answer: BASKETBALL

Q4.: SCIENCE - The symbols commonly used to indicate male and female—a circle with an arrow pointing to the upper right (representing a sword and shield) and a circle with a cross beneath it (representing a hand mirror) are the astronomical and astrological symbols for what, respectively?

Answer: MARS, VENUS

Q5.: LITERATURE - The body of literary works written during the reign of England's Elizabeth I (1558-1603) is known as Elizabethan literature, while works written during Victoria's reign constitute Victorian literature. What term, rather than "Jamesian", is used for English literature coinciding with the reign of James I, beginning in 1603?

Answer: JACOBEAN

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The Hindu festival Diwali is commonly known as the "Festival of Lights". Likewise, Holi is sometimes referred to as the "Festival of Love" or "Festival of Spring", but most commonly (and fittingly) the "Festival of" what?

Answer: COLORS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - What two words for Vespa mandarinia fill in the blank in this excerpt from a report in the May 2, 2020 edition of the New York Times: "Jun-ichi Takahashi, a researcher at Kyoto Sangyo University in Japan, said the species had earned the 'BLANK' nickname there because its aggressive group attacks can expose victims to doses of toxic venom equivalent to that of a venomous snake..."

Answer: MURDER HORNET

Q2.: POP MUSIC - A 17-minute short film titled "St. Louis Blues" is the only known existing footage of what singer, who is widely regarded as the greatest and most influential American woman blues singer of all time and was heralded as the "Empress of the Blues"?

Answer: BESSIE SMITH

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The MLB star known as "Teddy Ballgame" retired after the 1960 season, a star nicknamed "Donnie Baseball" played his last season in 1995, and a quarterback dubbed "Johnny Football" debuted in the NFL in 2014. What are the last names of these three players?

Answer: WILLIAMS, MATTINGLY, MANZIEL

Q4.: AMER HIST - In 1969, what woman resumed control of the Austin, Texas-based television and radio stations KTBC, which she had placed into a trust six years earlier and had originally acquired in 1943?

Answer: LADY BIRD JOHNSON

Q5.: MATH - What integer fills in the blank in this mathematical sequence? 2, 3, 18, 83, 258, ___, 1298.

Answer: 627 ($n^4 + 2$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$)

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A 2019 marketing campaign for a "fast-casual" restaurant chain playfully suggested possibilities for what the five letters in its name stand for, though in reality, the name was invented by an ad agency in 1999. What is that name?

Answer: QDOBA

Q1.: LITERATURE - The titles of the Chinua Achebe novel *Things Fall Apart*, the Robert B. Parker novel *The Widening Gyre*, Elyn Saks's autobiography *The Center Cannot Hold*, Woody Allen's anthology *Mere Anarchy*, and Joan Didion's essay collection *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* are all taken from lines in a 1919 poem by whom?

Answer: WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

Q2.: TELEVISION - A TV series from the mid-1970s starring Danny Thomas as an elderly New York physician and a dramatic series that debuted in the late 1990s with Dylan McDermott as a brooding Boston lawyer share what title?

Answer: THE PRACTICE

Q3.: SCIENCE - Different types of substances known as colloids include aerosols (dispersions of liquid or solid particles in a gas), foams (dispersions of gases in liquids or solids), sols (solid particles in a liquid), and a colloidal system in which the dispersed and continuous phases are both liquids. This latter type is most commonly known as what?

Answer: EMULSIONS

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The war fought in late 1956 between Egypt and a coalition of the United Kingdom, France, and Israel, which is known in the Arab world as the tripartite aggression and in Israel as the Sinai War, was instigated in part by Egypt president Abdel Nasser's nationalization earlier that summer of what?

Answer: SUEZ CANAL

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The standardized system of product barcoding developed by IBM in 1971 was the basis for the UPC, adopted by a consortium of grocery companies in 1973 and still in use today. What does the "U" in UPC stand for?

Answer: UNIVERSAL

Q6.: MATH - It can be shown from first principles that $d(\sin x)/dx = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}x$ (fill in the blank). Put another way, the derivative of $\sin x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}x$.

Answer: COS (COSINE)

Q1.: FILM - What is the English translation of the Italian *il brutto*, such as is used in a titular trio from a 1966 film (whose English title, it may be worth noting, is misordered)?

Answer: THE UGLY

Q2.: ART - The last name of a German impressionist and *Der Blaue Reiter* co-founder, who depicted animals in their natural environments in many of his popular works, was the same as the first name of the Russian-born French artist described by critic Robert Hughes in *Time* magazine as "seen by an immense constituency of collectors and museumgoers as the quintessential Jewish artist of the 20th century". What is that name?

Answer: MARC

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Despite what was lyrically alleged in a 1982 song, Mt. Kilimanjaro does not rise above—nor is it even visible from—what geographical region, whose namesake national park in Tanzania is nearly 200 miles away?

Answer: SERENGETI

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - While free throws are most associated in the world of sports with basketball, they are also a component in handball and in what other Olympic sport, whose rules include various other throws as well (e.g., goal throw, corner throw, neutral throw, penalty throw)?

Answer: WATER POLO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Eric Barrier, a former mobile DJ for New York radio station WBLS, achieved success as a hip-hop artist after pairing in the mid-1980s with an MC from Long Island named William Griffin, Jr. What was Griffin's stage name?

Answer: RAKIM

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What is the name commonly given to the first complex society in Mesoamerica, who established farming communities along the gulf coast of modern-day Mexico around 1500 BCE, had established chiefdoms by 1250 BCE, and greatly influenced the cultures that followed (including the Maya, Zapotecs, Toltecs, Aztecs, and others)?

Answer: OLMECS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The lower case Greek letter α is represented in English as "alpha", β is "beta", and π is "pi". What name in English represents the Greek letter θ ?
Answer: THETA

Q2.: ART - Rembrandt and Caravaggio famously used what technique that involves the use of light and shading for dramatic effect, whose name comes from the Italian for "light-dark"?

Answer: CHIAROSCURO

Q3.: TELEVISION - The Cowsills, a singing group from Rhode Island composed of six siblings (and, eventually, their mother), along with their road manager Richard Korn, inspired what early-1970s television series?

Answer: THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - An Italian-American named Pat Olivieri, who operated a hot dog stand in the 1930s in his hometown at the intersection of Wharton St., South 9th St., and Passyunk Ave., is credited, with his brother Harry, with creating what sandwich?

Answer: (PHILLY) CHEESESTEAK

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Japan's Tokugawa period, an era that began in 1603 and during which the country was under the rule of the Tokugawa Shogunate, is also known as the Edo Period. What, thanks to the Meiji government in 1868, is the name today of what was formerly "Edo"?

Answer: TOKYO

Q6.: FILM - What blockbuster film presents lengthy scenes featuring a bookish ichthyologist, a survivor of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, and a New York police chief?

Answer: JAWS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A dancer, reality TV star, and TikTok/YouTube personality with the last name of Siwa and the recording artist who reached #1 on the Billboard Pop Songs chart in 2004, at age 13, with "Leave (Get Out)" share what nickname?

Answer: JOJO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Frédéric Chopin wrote about fifty pieces based on what traditional dance, a folk dance in 3/4 time similar to the waltz that originated in the region around Chopin's Warsaw childhood home?

Answer: MAZURKA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What two-word phrase, familiar in different contexts, is the most common term used in nuclear physics to denote the minimum quantity of material required to produce a sustained fission chain reaction?

Answer: CRITICAL MASS

Q4.: AMER HIST - An act of the U.S. Congress passed on December 22, 1970, specified that "none of the funds authorized or appropriated pursuant to this or any other Act may be used to finance the introduction of United States ground combat troops into" what country?

Answer: CAMBODIA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The German city Frankfurt an der Oder, which sits in the country's far east on the Polish border, is so named to distinguish it from the larger Frankfurt, the country's financial capital, which is situated on what other river?

Answer: MAIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - In recognition of its status as a tourist destination, a bar located across from Boston Public Garden in the city's Beacon Hill neighborhood called the Bull & Finch Pub changed its name to what in 2002 (that being the name out-of-towners were already using when asking about it)?

Answer: CHEERS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - For the 1982 season, the NFL's MVP award was given to Washington's Mark Moseley, who remains today (and probably forever) the only player to win the award for playing what position?

Answer: KICKER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In the year 747 CE, Persian general Abu Muslim led a religious and political rebellion in Khorasan that culminated in the defeat of the caliph Marwan II at the Battle of Zab in 750. This marked the end of one caliphate and the start of another. Give the common name for either.

Answer: UMAYYAD, ABBASID

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Ticos and ticas are terms that natives of what country affectionately use to refer to themselves?

Answer: COSTA RICA

Q4.: ART - In 1946, New Yorker art critic Robert Coates used a term in reference to the works of Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, and others, which came to be used broadly for a movement in American painting that developed in New York during that decade. What is that term?

Answer: ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Identify the song, written by Hoagy Carmichael and Stuart Gorrell in 1930 and famously recorded by Ray Charles in 1960, that was used as the theme to the late 80s/early 90s Atlanta-based TV sitcom Designing Women.

Answer: GEORGIA ON MY MIND

Q6.: SCIENCE - While entropy (symbols) is a measure in thermodynamics of the unavailability of a system's energy to do work, what similar term (symbol H) is a thermodynamic property defined as a system's internal energy plus the product of its pressure and volume, equivalent to the total heat content of the system? (Correct spelling is required.)

Answer: ENTHALPY

Q1.: SCIENCE - In pharmacology, what is the term used for the amount of toxic substance that causes death in one-half of a tested population? (Either a phrase or four-character abbreviation is acceptable.)

Answer: MEDIAN LETHAL DOSE/LETHAL DOSE 50/LD50

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The jerseys for the soccer teams AC Milan, Real Madrid, Arsenal, and Paris Saint-Germain, among others, bear (or have recently borne) slogans inviting fans to fly what airline?

Answer: EMIRATES

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 1980 album British Steel, which included the classics "Living After Midnight" and "Breaking the Law", was the U.S. breakthrough for what influential heavy metal band?

Answer: JUDAS PRIEST

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Celts, as they existed before their brutal conquest at the hands of the Roman Empire prior to the first century BCE, were primarily a tribal people, with tribes led by a chief who was supported by a warrior elite and priestly class. What is the most common name used today for this latter class, who served as religious and ceremonial leaders, judges, and teachers?

Answer: DRUIDS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Until its sale in 2018, the New England Confectionery Company (NECCO) was widely considered the oldest continuously operating candy company in the U.S., with roots dating to the mid-19th century. It produced its namesake wafers since the beginning, acquired the Clark Bar in 1999, and was also famous for another of its earliest products, which have what distinctive shape (befitting the holiday with which they're associated)?

Answer: HEARTS

Q6.: THEATRE - Of the ten longest-running musicals in Broadway history, two have titles that reference a city. One is the revival of Chicago that opened in 1996. What is the other city, in the name of a revival that ran from 1976 to 1989?

Answer: CALCUTTA

Q1.: FILM - Though he portrayed various other complicated characters throughout his career, Richard Roundtree is most remembered for his breakout role as what not-widely-understood character, which he introduced in 1971 and reprised in four sequels and a short-lived television series?

Answer: JOHN SHAFT

Q2.: SCIENCE - A term for an organic compound formed by a reaction between alcohols and acids is a homophone for a specific book of the Bible. What is that scientific term?

Answer: ESTER

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - In 2006, Nay Pyi Taw became the new administrative capital of a country whose military government, in 1989, officially changed the name (in English) of the country itself. What was that new country name adopted in 1989?

Answer: (UNION OF) MYANMAR

Q4.: TELEVISION - A special Christmas Day episode of what British series, written by James Corden and Ruth Jones, was the top-rated television broadcast in Great Britain in 2019, as well as the country's highest viewed non-sports program in over a decade and highest viewed comedy in seventeen years?

Answer: GAVIN & STACEY

Q5.: AMER HIST - The "Ohio gang" was a term used to refer to the associates, cronies, and friends who were placed into high office during the administration of what U.S. president?

Answer: WARREN G. HARDING

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Legislation in California, supported by various animal rights organizations and signed into law in 2004 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, sought to prohibit the practice of "gavage", which is the traditional method (in France, the only legal method) for producing what product?

Answer: FOIE GRAS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What two nations became independent at midnight on August 15, 1947, an event that was accompanied by the tragic deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians and the migration of millions of religious refugees between the two new countries?

Answer: INDIA, PAKISTAN

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What term for a music school referred initially to orphanages in 16th-18th century Italy where music was taught (and in fact comes from the Italian word for "orphanage")?

Answer: CONSERVATORY

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - An Americanized spelling of the German word for "farmer" is used for the names of the two highest cards in what trick-taking card game?

Answer: EUCHRE/500

Q4.: TELEVISION - What television network could figuratively be expressed as C6H2(NO2)3CH3?

Answer: TNT

Q5.: ART - Manet's *Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe*, Morisot's *The Cradle*, and Millet's *The Gleaners* are among the many famous works in the permanent collection of what museum, which opened in 1986 in a former train station on the Left Bank of the Seine constructed at the end of the 19th century?

Answer: MUSÉE D'ORSAY

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Identify the cabinet secretary who currently holds the position held in previous presidential administrations by Julián Castro, Mel Martínez, Andrew Cuomo, Jack Kemp, and George Romney (among others).

Answer: BEN CARSON

Q1.: THEATRE - Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot and Eugene Ionesco's The Bald Soprano are widely considered works within a classification known as "Theatre of the" what? The designation, and the term itself, were inspired by an assessment of the human condition presented by Albert Camus in 1942's The Myth of Sisyphus.

Answer: ABSURD

Q2.: SCIENCE - When the sun and moon are aligned at times of full or new moon, their combined gravitational pull produces a tide range known as spring tides. What is the associated term for tides when the sun and moon exert perpendicular forces, during a waxing or waning half moon?

Answer: NEAP TIDES

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - What Durham native did British Prime Minister Boris Johnson name to the newly formed position of Chief Adviser to Prime Minister on July 24, 2019?

Answer: DOMINIC CUMMINGS

Q4.: AMER HIST - A section along the parallel $39^{\circ} 42' 23.6''$ in the eastern United States is known by what name?

Answer: MASON-DIXON LINE

Q5.: FILM - What is the English title of the 1957 Ingmar Bergman film, his first popular success in the U.S., which in his native Swedish is an untranslatable idiom roughly meaning a personal, private, treasured place (Smultronstället), but in English sounds like something one might find on a hike or foraging expedition?

Answer: WILD STRAWBERRIES

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In a ranking of ten basic types of (non-wildcard) poker hands, with a Royal Flush being #1 and High Card being #10, what hand is in position #4?

Answer: FULL HOUSE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - With the exception of a handful of countries (notably Russia), most United Nations member states consider the de facto independent regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia legally to be a part of what nation?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 1873, while digging at a site named Hisarlik near the Dardanelles, German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann uncovered what are widely believed to be the remains of what?

Answer: TROY

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Belgian graphic designer Alain Billiet is sometimes credited (though not officially credited) with the design of a symbol that was unveiled on December 12, 1996. What is the name of that symbol?

Answer: EURO SIGN

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Though it's now more often made with cow's milk, what cheese was initially made entirely from the milk of water buffaloes, and is still today the most popular cheese made from that source?

Answer: MOZZARELLA

Q5.: LITERATURE - Name the author of the book—a hardcover nonfiction best-seller from 2017—titledWhat Happened.

Answer: HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Q6.: SCIENCE - In 1932, a gastroenterologist at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital presented, with two other physicians, fourteen cases of inflammatory bowel disease under a new clinical entity they namedregional ileitis. What was this physician's last name, which is also the name by which regional ileitis is most widely known?

Answer: CROHN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The "2 Tone" movement in British music of the late 1970s, represented by acts such as The Selecter, Madness, The Specials, and The (English) Beat, marked a revival of what musical genre—a precursor to reggae and rocksteady that originated in Jamaica two decades earlier?

Answer: SKA

Q2.: AMER HIST - On March 25, 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and 25,000 supporters completed a five-day, 54-mile freedom walk that began and ended in what two cities?

Answer: SELMA, MONTGOMERY

Q3.: MATH - If A and B are two points on a straight line, the part of the line between and including A and B is normally referred to by what mathematical term?

Answer: SEGMENT

Q4.: LITERATURE - The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, Tehanu, and The Other Wind are novels by Ursula K. LeGuin set in what fictional land, a chain of islands surrounded by uncharted ocean?

Answer: EARTHSEA

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Among the 460 medications on the WHO's List of Essential Medicines is a medication produced by the pharmaceutical company Sanofi under the trade name Plaquenil. What is the generic name for this newsworthy antimalarial (or the related drug with which it is most often associated, produced by Sanofi as Aralen)?

Answer: HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE/CHLOROQUINE

Q6.: FILM - During Hollywood's studio system era (1920s-1940s), a group of vertically integrated studios—combining production, distribution, and exhibition—were known as the "Big 5" and included MGM, Paramount, RKO, 20th Century Fox, and Warner Brothers. A separate "Little 3" were major studios that were not fully integrated (not owning their own theaters), and consisted of United Artists, Universal, and what third?

Answer: COLUMBIA

Q1.: ART - Kate Greenaway, who was born in London in 1846, achieved significant popularity and wealth during her lifetime in what profession? A medal established in her name in 1955 honors contemporary practitioners of this profession.

Answer: ILLUSTRATOR/ARTIST

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What Southeastern Conference team, behind co-MVPs Peerless Price (WR) and Dwayne Goodrich (CB), won the inaugural BCS National Championship Game for the 1998 season, defeating Florida State 23-16? The school has not appeared in any subsequent college football championship games, nor has it ever come close to appearing in the succeeding four-team College Football Playoff.

Answer: TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the titan of romantic love duets who won a Grammy in 1993 for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal, for "Beauty and the Beast" (with Celine Dion), and the very same award the following year for "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)" (with Regina Belle).

Answer: PEABO BRYSON

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The name for what edible mushroom, also known as egg mushroom, is derived from the Latin meaning "little cup", in reference to its shape?

Answer: CHANTERELLE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In May 2015, what traditionally Catholic country became the first country to legalize same-sex marriage by popular vote? The country voted to repeal a constitutional ban on abortion three years later.

Answer: IRELAND

Q6.: SCIENCE - A word for a certain type of building is used as a unit of area for the cross-sections in interactions among nuclei and subatomic particles, equal to 10^{-28}m^2 . What is that word?

Answer: BARN

Q1.: LITERATURE - The title character in the 1833 novel Léliawas a gifted and complex iconoclast who derided traditional oppressive society, not unlike the book's author, who wrote it under what pseudonym (which she first used for 1832's Indiana)?

Answer: GEORGE SAND

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In the game of craps, if the dice in the first roll (the "come-out") do not total 2, 3, 7, 11, or 12, a target number is established, which the shooter hopes to match in subsequent rolls before landing a 7. What is the common name in casinos for this target number?

Answer: POINT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Works written by David Foster and Linda Thompson, Ashford & Simpson, Nick Lowe, Alan Silvestri, and Dolly Parton are among the songs that appear on the soundtrack for what hit movie from the 1990s?

Answer: THE BODYGUARD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - In May 1990, two Western Asian member states of the United Nations merged to form a republic that continued as a single UN member under what name (that had been a part of both predecessors' names)?

Answer: YEMEN

Q5.: SCIENCE - An oil-burning miner's safety lamp, used for gas detection, was invented in 1815 by (and is named after) what British chemist?

Answer: SIR HUMPHRY DAVY

Q6.: TELEVISION - Eleven different animated one-minute segments that frequently aired on the series Sesame Street, with a funky jazz soundtrack whose vocals were provided by The Pointer Sisters, were produced to teach children how to count to twelve (there was no segment for the number one). These segments did so via showing the workings of what type of machine?

Answer: PINBALL

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Hit songs from 2020 by DaBaby featuring Roddy Ricch, from 2017 by Post Malone featuring 21 Savage, and from 2007 by Nickelback all share what title, which is also the name of a popular energy drink?

Answer: ROCKSTAR

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the hit multiplayer tactical shooter game launched into beta by Riot Games on April 7, 2020, and released widely on June 2.

Answer: VALORANT

Q3.: ART - The American photographer William Wegman is well-known for his warmly whimsical and witty works which primarily feature dogs of what breed?

Answer: WEIMARANER

Q4.: LITERATURE - A book-length essay by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, adapted from a presentation she gave in 2012 that broadly addresses issues around human rights and gender equality, suggests that "We Should All Be" what?

Answer: FEMINISTS

Q5.: AMER HIST - Name the flamboyant and eccentric evangelist, the inspiration for "Big Sister" in Nathanael West's *The Day of the Locust*, who established the International Church of the Four-Square Gospel in Los Angeles, incorporated in 1927?

Answer: AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The capital of what mountainous Asian country is named after a temple and public shelter located near the city's center, which itself takes its name from the Sanskrit for "wood" and "pavilion", and which collapsed during a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in 2015? (Note, name the country.)

Answer: NEPAL

Q1.: FILM - What controversial psychological thriller released in 2019 surpassed Deadpool 2 to become the highest-grossing R-rated film of all time (measured by worldwide box office)?

Answer: JOKER

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The top two magazines in the United States ranked by circulation size are, by a huge margin, magazines published and distributed by an organization that goes by what four initials?

Answer: AARP

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the first and largest stadium in ancient Rome, modeled on the Greek hippodrome, which was located a few blocks from the Colosseum between the Aventine and Palatine hills?

Answer: CIRCUS MAXIMUS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The imaging technique abbreviated PET operates via the emission of what antiparticle, after which the procedure is named?

Answer: POSITRON

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Future Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara was among the ten "Whiz Kids"—Army Air Force veterans and management scientists that worked as a successful unit during WWII—who were hired as a group after the war to form the planning department of what major American corporation?

Answer: FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Republic of Maryland was a short-lived country that existed beginning in 1834 until it was merged into what present-day African nation in 1857?

Answer: LIBERIA

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC -War Requiem, which was commissioned to mark the consecration of the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral (after the original was destroyed in the Blitz) and was completed in 1962, is the work of what English composer?

Answer: BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - An 1808 revolt in Australia involved the overthrow of Governor William Bligh by colonists and officers of the New South Wales Corps. This "Rebellion" is known by what alliterative name, which it was given years later by English writer, Bligh sympathizer, and teetotaler William Howitt?

Answer: RUM REBELLION

Q3.: LITERATURE - According to an honor-winning children's book released 2003 by Mo Willems, whom must we not let drive the bus (despite the fact that their cousin Herb drives a bus almost every day, true story)?

Answer: THE PIGEON

Q4.: THEATRE - In theater, what four-letter word—an abbreviated form of a longer word—is used for the period, prior to dress rehearsals and the opening, when a show is rehearsed for the first time in the venue with lighting, scenery, sound, etc.?

Answer: TECH

Q5.: MATH - The statement that, for all integers $n > 2$, the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no positive integer solutions was proven in 1994 by Andrew Wiles, but is most often associated with (and named after) what other mathematician?

Answer: PIERRE DE FERMAT

Q6.: TELEVISION - In February 2020, the final episode of the third season of a variety show and "Potluck Party Challenge" aired on VH1 hosted by what odd couple—one a star of the culinary and lifestyle worlds, the other a hip hop icon?

Answer: MARTHA STEWART, SNOOP DOGG

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The two words in the name of what cocktail, a combination of peach schnapps and orange juice served over ice, refer (obliquely) to its two ingredients?

Answer: FUZZY NAVEL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - While the population of Fiji includes small minorities of Chinese, Europeans, and other Pacific islanders, the majority are from one of two groups: native Fijians, and Fiji citizens descended from immigrants from what other country?

Answer: INDIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The geological term *sial* refers to the rocks that lie in the uppermost layer of the earth's crust, beneath landmasses, whose most abundant minerals contain what two elements that are adjacent on the periodic table?

Answer: SILICON, ALUMINUM

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is Golding's equivalent to Scott's *Isles*, Flatley's *Dance*, and Tolkien's *Rings*?

Answer: FLIES

Q5.: AMER HIST - As named in Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, what is the legal writ that orders law officers to release a detainee from custody absent a justification for arrest?

Answer: HABEAS CORPUS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the skateboarding trick, reportedly named after the skateboarder who pioneered it in the late 1970s, where both the rider and the board jump into the air without the rider using their hands.

Answer: OLLIE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the archipelago that is separated from the South American mainland by the Strait of Magellan?

Answer: TIERRA DEL FUEGO

Q2.: LITERATURE - Identify the mythological figure, characterized as "memory personified", who was the mother of Calliope, Clio, and others.

Answer: MNEMOSYNE

Q3.: SCIENCE - By far, the most popular tourist attraction located in (and named after) the Chicago suburb of Brookfield is what type of facility?

Answer: ZOO

Q4.: FILM - The two most successful films in the U.S. (by total gross) released in 1984, both comedies, each had at least one main castmember who had previously starred on what long-running television series?

Answer: SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Tlapalizquixochtzin and Teotlaco were among the wives, and Chimalpopoca and Tlaltecatzin were among the children, of whattlatoani, who died in 1520?

Answer: MONTEZUMA/MOCTEZUMA

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - What republic, ruled at various times by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Spanish, and Turks, is the only country to peacefully transition to democracy following the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011?

Answer: TUNISIA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - A mixture that traditionally includes thyme, rosemary, savory, marjoram, and oregano is often marketed as herbs from where?

Answer: PROVENCE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - One example of a contronym—a word that has contradictory meanings based on context—is a word that means both "confidently optimistic" and "bloodthirsty". What is that word?

Answer: SANGUINE

Q3.: AMER HIST - What last name is shared by an American Civil War general and novelist, a vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a candidate for U.S. President in the 1960s?

Answer: WALLACE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The fourth- and fifth-largest lakes in North America are "Great" lakes that are not one of the five Great Lakes. Name either of the two.

Answer: GREAT SLAVE LAKE, GREAT BEAR LAKE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "Jumpman" was an early name for the video game character now known as Mario, and is also unrelatedly the name of a logo owned by what company?

Answer: NIKE

Q6.: SCIENCE - The name for the supercontinent Pangaea comes from the Ancient Greek for "all" (pan) and "Mother Earth" (Gaia). Likewise, what is the name of the superocean that surrounded Pangaea, from the Ancient Greek for "all" and "sea"?

Answer: PANTHALASSA

Q1.: FILM - What neologism that entered widespread use in the late 1970s can be used to describe the films *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*(1966), *Red Dragon*(2002), *Monsters University*(2013), *Minions*(2015), *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*(2016), and *Annabelle*(2014)?

Answer: PREQUEL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the name given to the rebellion in southern China that lasted from 1850 to 1864 and aimed to overthrow the Qing dynasty and usher in a "Heavenly Kingdom of Great Peace"?

Answer: TAIPING REBELLION

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - An annual event in the English town of Epsom, starting in 1780, was the model for what is today the oldest continuously observed event of its type in the U.S., first occurring in May 1875. What is the name of this American event?

Answer: KENTUCKY DERBY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What indigenous people have a name that translates from their native language to English as "beside the water", which makes it seem an ill-fitting name for the driest desert in North America?

Answer: MOJAVE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - A situation where two duopolists must set a price without knowing the price the other is setting is an example of a game theory concept that shows the disadvantages of not being able to reach binding agreements. This particular concept is most commonly known by what term, as dubbed by mathematician Albert W. Tucker (referencing the hypothetical individuals in his interpretation)?

Answer: PRISONERS' DILEMMA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Anton Bruckner's No. 9, Edward Elgar's Third, Franz Schubert's No. 8, Gustav Mahler's No. 10, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony in E-flat Major are all symphonies that have what in common, most distinctively?

Answer: UNFINISHED/INCOMPLETE/POSTHUMOUS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Until Android 10 in September 2019, versions of the mobile operating system were named in alphabetical order using a sugary treat-themed naming scheme. What was the name for Android version 6, which was released in 2015 between "Lollipop" and "Nougat"?

Answer: MARSHMALLOW

Q2.: FILM - An acting duo that appeared together in 2015's Joy, 2014's Serena, and 2013's American Hustle first appeared together in what 2012 film?

Answer: SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Lions Gate Bridge, the Granville Street Bridge, and the Alex Fraser Bridge are all bridges located within the metro area of what city?

Answer: VANCOUVER

Q4.: LITERATURE - As per their name, a tribe in Greek mythology lured Odysseus's scouts to eat what, after which the men had to be dragged back to their ship and chained to benches?

Answer: LOTUS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In the early 16th century, the government of the Republic of Venice forced the city's Jewish residents to live in an area known by what name—the first use of a term that endures to this day?

Answer: GHETTO

Q6.: POP MUSIC - German-born model Rob Pilatus and French gymnast Fabrice Morvan did not sing on any successful pop albums from the 1980s, but most notably they didn't sing on the hit debut by what group?

Answer: MILLI VANILLI

Q1.: AMER HIST - Hyman G. Rickover, considered the father of the US nuclear navy, supervised the design and construction of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, which had what name (shared with a well-known vessel from literature)?
Answer: USS NAUTILUS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The arena built under the former Millennium Dome in London, as well as the greater entertainment district on the Greenwich Peninsula within which the arena is located, is named after what mobile telecommunications provider?
Answer: O2

Q3.: SCIENCE - In humans, the two most important and most common systems for blood grouping are the ABO system and a system involving a factor known by what six-letter name-so-named for the primate species in which the factor was first recognized?

Answer: RHESUS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short stories from 1999 takes its title from the book's third story, which involves an Indian tour guide who also works a day job as a translator in a doctor's office. What is that title?

Answer: INTERPRETER OF MALADIES

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - When referred to in its relation to a guitar, the object used in musical performance that is known formally as a plectrum is better known by what other term?

Answer: PICK

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the CBS police drama reboot that signed off in April 2020 after 10 seasons and 240 episodes, falling shy of the original's twelve seasons and 279 episodes from 1968 to 1980.

Answer: HAWAII FIVE-0

Q1.: LITERATURE - "Because I could not stop for death""I sometimes answer questions wrong""A cap of lead across the sky""The points I score are not enough""A little dog that wags his tail"The preceding lines, some of which are first lines from poems by Emily Dickinson, all have four measures (tetrameter) and use what metrical foot?

Answer: IAMB

Q2.: ART - A 1999 novel, and also a 2003 film and a 2008 play both inspired by the novel, all share a name with (and have fictionalized plot points based on) a painting in the collection of the Mauritshuis art museum in The Hague. What is that name?

Answer: GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING

Q3.: TELEVISION - The memoir 100 Years, 100 Stories, released in the weeks between the author's hundredth birthday in January 1996 and his death in March of that year, is a collection of anecdotes chronicling the life of what comedian?

Answer: GEORGE BURNS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The northern New Jersey city of Carteret, which sits across the Arthur Kill from Staten Island, is named after Sir George Carteret, one of the two original proprietors of the colony of New Jersey. What more populous nearby city is named after his wife?

Answer: ELIZABETH

Q5.: FILM - A golden, gem-encrusted statue made by the Knights of Rhodes as a gift for Holy Roman Emperor Charles V is a fictional film noir MacGuffin known by what name?

Answer: THE MALTESE FALCON

Q6.: SCIENCE - A hemihydrate of calcium sulfate ($2\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$), prepared by heating gypsum, has a common name that references a city where gypsum was once widely mined. What is that city?

Answer: PARIS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Ruby and tawny are two styles of what after-dinner dessert wine, made exclusively in the western region of the Douro river valley on the Iberian peninsula?

Answer: PORT

Q2.: SCIENCE - "Jumping genes" (a.k.a. transposons), which move along a chromosome and can alter a cell's genetic identity, were the discovery of what botanist and geneticist, who won the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1983? She became the first woman to win that prize unshared and the first American woman to win any Nobel science Prize unshared.

Answer: BARBARA MCCLINTOCK

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The head of the Coptic Church, known commonly as the Coptic Pope, presides from an Orthodox cathedral in what country, in which a plurality of the world's Coptic Christians resides?

Answer: EGYPT

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The television program Football Night in America, which has aired on NBC before the network's Sunday-night NFL broadcasts since 2006, gets its titular inspiration from another, similar program that began on radio in the 1930s. What is that other program, which is still going strong today?

Answer: HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA

Q5.: LITERATURE - Floating Cloud, Dancing Girl, Snow Country, Naomi, and A Personal Matter are all English titles of novels that were originally written in what language?

Answer: JAPANESE

Q6.: THEATRE - A 2011 film starring Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz, Jodie Foster, and John C. Reilly—the adaptation of an English-language version of a play by Yasmina Reza that debuted on Broadway in 2009—has what one-word title? Not only is that word the final word of the play's English title, it's also the final word (following Le Dieu de) of the play's French title.

Answer: CARNAGE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - A squidger, a mat, and a pot are among the equipment used in what game, which traditionally begins with a "squidge-off" and in which "squopping" is common?

Answer: TIDDLYWINKS

Q2.: FILM - The 2017 Netflix romantic drama *Our Souls at Night* is advertised as the fourth screen collaboration of a duo that previously appeared together in *The Chase*, *Barefoot in the Park*, and *The Electric Horseman*. Name both actors that appeared in these films.

Answer: JANE FONDA, ROBERT REDFORD

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In the military of the Roman Empire, soldiers ("legionaries") were divided into legions commanded by generals and tribunes, then into cohorts of 400 to 500, and then in turn into groups of 80 to 100. These latter groups were commanded by officers known as what (presumably due to the size of their forces)?

Answer: CENTURIONS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Photographer Carrie Mae Weems' *Sea Island Series* from the early 1990s focuses on an African American people and culture known by what name (which is also the name of their English-based creole language)?

Answer: GULLAH/GEECHEE

Q5.: SCIENCE - What term—from the French, and first applied in the following context by Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac—is used in science (and scientific experiments) for a process of volumetric analysis involving the addition of a quantity of one reagent into a known quantity of another reagent, often done slowly via a burette into an Erlenmeyer flask?

Answer: TITRATION

Q6.: LITERATURE - Arms, legs, ears, eyes, and (finally) teeth are points of conversation in what story first recorded by Charles Perrault in 1697?

Answer: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - When the third and fourth of its eleven letters are removed, the name of a US city becomes the name of an ancient board game, considered a precursor to checkers (draughts), that originated in the Middle East and was introduced into Europe by the Moors. Give the name of the city or the name of the game.

Answer: ALBUQUERQUE/ALQUERQUE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What band's eponymous 1985 hit album was in fact their eighth studio release but their first to be dominated by power ballads, including "What About Love", "Never", and "These Dreams"?

Answer: HEART

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Virginia Elliott and Robert Howard Jones's 1934 cookbook Soups and Sauces has one of the first known published recipes for a soup that replaces the milk in clam chowder with tomatoes and has what geographical name?

Answer: MANHATTAN (CLAM CHOWDER)

Q4.: SCIENCE - Ceres, Vesta, Pallas, Hygiea, Euphrosyne, and Interamnia are items in a very long list that could be described by a word that is the name of an arcade game released in 1979. What is that name?

Answer: ASTEROIDS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What man, who cofounded the Zimbabwe African National Union in 1963 and became its leader in 1975, was declared the country's prime minister in 1980 after ZANU won a landslide victory in the country's first post-independence elections?

Answer: ROBERT MUGABE

Q6.: FILM - In the 1983 Tom Cruise film All the Right Moves, Craig T. Nelson plays a character with what occupation (with which he would become even more closely associated a few years later)?

Answer: COACH

Q1.: ART - What term, now common in the field of art (and specifically the presentation and display of art), was originally an architectural term for a long and narrow passageway covered by a roof?

Answer: GALLERY

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What Hollywood star and best-selling children's book author is the current Lady Haden-Guest, wife of the 5th Baron Haden-Guest, of Saling in the County of Essex?

Answer: JAMIE LEE CURTIS

Q3.: SCIENCE - "The Trimates" was a name given to the scientists and primatologists Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas. Dr. Galdikas studied orangutans; what primates did Drs. Goodall and Fossey study, respectively? (Note, two answers, must be in correct order.)

Answer: CHIMPANZESES, GORILLAS

Q4.: TELEVISION - During a race in the early 1980s for development of a single, broadcast-quality recording unit containing both a camera and a videocassette recorder, Panasonic produced theRecam, Bosch theQuarterCam, and RCA theHawkeye. All of them were costly losers to the eventual standard, Betacam, produced by what other company?

Answer: SONY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - "Battle of the Boulevard" refers to the basketball rivalry between Belmont University and Lipscomb University, which are situated about three miles apart on Belmont Avenue in what southern US city?

Answer: NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Pyramids, hanging gardens, mausoleum, temple, colossus, statue—what type of item is missing from this otherwise complete list?

Answer: LIGHTHOUSE (PHAROS)

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The decade of chaos and political upheaval in China that began in 1966, grounded in a factional conflict over the future of Chinese socialism, and ended with Mao's death in 1976, is best known in the west as what "Revolution"?
Answer: CULTURAL REVOLUTION

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Name anyoneof the four solo albums released by the members of the rock band Kiss in 1978. Note, each title has two words, and a full title is required.

Answer: ACE FREHLEY, PAUL STANLEY, PETER CRISS, GENE SIMMONS

Q3.: FILM - Nico, Mary Woronov, Brigid Berlin, Ingrid Superstar, and International Velvet are among the "Girls" in a 1966 film by Andy Warhol set in what historic New York City Hotel?

Answer: HOTEL CHELSEA

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What operatic cliché, almost totally ungrounded in historical fact and virtually non-existent in modern professional productions, is widely credited to (or blamed on) Carl Emil Doepler, the costume designer for Richard Wagner'sDer Ring des Nibelungenat Bayreuth in 1876?

Answer: HORNED VIKING HELMET

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the prefix used in scientific terminology for "one billionth" (e.g., one billionth of a second, one billionth of a meter)?

Answer: NANO

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - "A half-pound of fresh beef, American cheese, six pieces of crispy Applewood smoked bacon, ketchup, and mayo." This is the description used by Wendy's restaurant for a 920-calorie menu item with what trademarked name?

Answer: BACONATOR

Q1.: SCIENCE - What muscle in the human body is actually a muscle group, consisting of therectus femoris,vastus medialis,vastus lateralis, andvastus intermedius?
Answer: QUADRICEPS (FEMORIS)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A Slav tribe gave its name to a region around the River Oder bordering the Baltic Sea, which was settled in the 5th century and enjoyed independence from the 11th to the 17th centuries, and the region in turn gave its name to a thickly coated toy dog breed. What is that region's name?
Answer: POMERANIA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The first (and still only) mother to become Wimbledon ladies' singles champion in the open era appeared as the now-quite-anachronistic "Mrs. R. Cawley" on the scoreboard in the 1980 final against Chris Evert-Lloyd ("Mrs. J.M. Lloyd"). This Australian tennis star is more associated with—and achieved the majority of her success under—what other last name, her maiden name?
Answer: GOOLAGONG

Q4.: WORLD HIST - An Ottoman viceroy and pasha of Egypt from 1805 to 1849, the Indian religious scholar and author of 1936's monumentalThe Religion of Islam, and the man for whom the airport in Louisville, Kentucky, is officially named all share what name? (Two-word answer required.)
Answer: MUHAMMAD ALI

Q5.: LITERATURE - In an enduringly popular book from 1969, a voracious creature burrows through the pages of a book consuming an increasing volume of delicacies. What type of creature is he (through most of the story, at least)?
Answer: CATERPILLAR

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Atlanta natives William Guest, Merald "Bubba" Knight, and Edward Patten were long-time members of what successful R&B and soul music backing group, who were (along with their leader) inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996?
Answer: THE PIPS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the term, which originated in a 1938 article in Variety magazine and is associated historically with disc jockeys, for a secret or indirect transfer of funds for a commercial favor (such as the promotion of a particular record)?

Answer: PAYOLA

Q2.: TELEVISION - The Good Fight, Star Trek: Picard, Why Women Kill, and Tooning Out the News are all original television series created for what subscription-based streaming video service?

Answer: CBS ALL ACCESS

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - English fashion designer Sarah Burton, who was the CFDA's International Designer of the Year in 2019 and designed Catherine Middleton's dress for her 2011 wedding, is currently the creative director for what fashion brand, whose namesake "hooligan of English fashion" died in 2010 at age 40?

Answer: ALEXANDER MCQUEEN

Q4.: SCIENCE - While there is now an official SI unit for luminous intensity, that photometric quantity was formerly expressed in terms of the "power" of what type of object?

Answer: CANDLE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In finance, an accounting measure sometimes used as an alternative to net income, to show a company's overall profitability, reports earnings before interest expenses, amortization, depreciation, and taxes are subtracted out. By what six-letter acronym is this measure most commonly known?

Answer: EBITDA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - While New Caledonia is a group of islands in the South Pacific administered by France, the original Caledonia was a land, just beyond the Roman Empire's frontier, that is roughly coterminous with what in the modern day?

Answer: SCOTLAND

Q1.: MATH - Give the best known name of the mathematical operation whose most common notation was introduced by French mathematician Christian Kramp in 1808!
Answer: FACTORIAL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Dom Pedro I and his son, Dom Pedro II, were the first and last (and only) rulers of what empire, which lasted from 1822 until its overthrow and conversion to a republic in 1889?

Answer: BRAZIL

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the body of water that sits along the entire western shore of the Delmarva Peninsula.

Answer: CHESAPEAKE BAY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A Scottish term for a small drink (and a unit of measure equal to a fraction of an ounce) forms part of the name of a liqueur that is made from Scotch whisky, heather honey, herbs, and spices, and is 40% alcohol by volume. What is the name of that liqueur?

Answer: DRAMBUIE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Specialized cardiac muscle fibers in mammalian hearts that conduct impulses from the atria to the ventricles are an atrioventricular "Bundle" named what? It is present in females as well as males (as it's named after the Swiss cardiologist who discovered it).

Answer: BUNDLE OF HIS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - San Francisco-born boxer James J. Corbett, who won the world heavyweight championship in 1892 by knocking out John L. Sullivan in the 21st round and held the title for five years, was best known by what refined moniker?

Answer: GENTLEMAN JIM

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Archery marksmanship and operatic inspiration are legacies of what legendary 13th/14th-century hero of Swiss liberation from Austrian oppressors?
Answer: WILLIAM TELL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Panaji is the capital and Vasco da Gama the most populous city in what Indian state, the country's smallest by land area and wealthiest by GDP per capita, and a tourist hot spot located on the country's western coast?
Answer: GOA

Q3.: AMER HIST - Theodore Roosevelt's vivid response to questions about his fitness during the 1912 presidential campaign resulted in the Progressive Party (whose slate he headed) being also known by what nickname?
Answer: BULL MOOSE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2013, Austrian businessman Maximilian Riedel replaced his father Georg as leader of a company whose primary operation is the manufacture and sale of what product?
Answer: (WINE) GLASSWARE/STEMWARE

Q5.: SCIENCE - Provide the mineral that completes this descending list: diamond, corundum, topaz, quartz, orthoclase, apatite, fluorite, calcite, gypsum, _____.
Answer: TALC

Q6.: LITERATURE - A Vindication of the Rights of Woman is the best-known work of what 18th-century British author and feminist of Irish descent, who died in 1797 shortly after giving birth to her daughter Mary (who also became a successful and important writer in her own right)?
Answer: MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT

Q1.: SCIENCE - The impure form of iron produced by a blast furnace is cast into blocks for later conversion into steel or cast iron. These blocks, and by extension the type of iron itself, share a name with what animal?

Answer: PIG

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The Six Flags amusement corporation originated and is still headquartered in which US state (hence the name)?

Answer: TEXAS

Q3.: MATH - For a given three-dimensional surface, a point that is a minimum in one planar cross-section and a maximum along the crossing axis is known as what type of point, after the shape of the surface at that point?

Answer: SADDLE POINT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A trumpet with a bell that bent upward at a 45-degree angle (instead of pointing straight ahead)—the result of a fortuitous accident—became the preferred design and a trademark (among other distinctive trademarks) of what jazz legend?

Answer: DIZZY GILLESPIE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Ottoman ruler Mehmed II's conquest of Constantinople in 1453 marked the end of what other empire?

Answer: BYZANTINE EMPIRE/(EASTERN) ROMAN EMPIRE

Q6.: THEATRE - At the end of a popular theatrical farce that debuted in 1895, Jack responds to an assertion that he seems to be displaying signs of triviality by retorting that, on the contrary, he has now realized the importance of being what?

Answer: EARNEST

Q1.: FILM - Actor and mime Don McLeod's first show business success was his portrayal of an animal in a 1980 television advertisement for American Tourister luggage (replacing the actual animal that appeared in the print ads). That performance earned him a role as the same animal in the 1983 film Trading Places. What type of animal was it?

Answer: GORILLA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The chain of thirty-two Caribbean islands known collectively as the Grenadines runs on a roughly northeast-to-southwest line between two larger islands—Grenada, at the southern end, and what other island to the north?

Answer: ST. VINCENT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - An invasion of the island of Sakhalin that occurred in July 1905 was the final land engagement in a war between what two empires?

Answer: RUSSIA, JAPAN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Though he composed more than forty operas, four oratorios, and an abundance of church music, a composer from the 18th and 19th centuries is perhaps most remembered today for his association with (and hostility toward) a fellow composer (though it is unlikely that he poisoned his rival as legend suggests). Who is this Italian composer?

Answer: ANTONIO SALIERI

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Sometimes referred to as Ishmael's Well, the sacred well known as Zamzam, which receives millions of visitors every year, is located in what city?

Answer: MECCA

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the common name for the rotating component of hardened steel or cast iron that runs the length of an automobile engine, transforming the reciprocating linear force of the moving pistons into rotational motion?

Answer: CRANKSHAFT

Q1.: TELEVISION - Although the role existed previously, a now-common term for this role was not used in the television context until 1952, applied by a CBS news executive (the actual executive is subject to debate) to a colleague during the network's coverage of that year's political nominating conventions. What is the term?

Answer: ANCHOR

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Ex-Exodus guitarist Kirk Hammett, ex-Flotsam and Jetsam bassist Jason Newsted, and ex-Suicidal Tendencies bassist Robert Trujillo are among the past and present non-original members of what band?

Answer: METALLICA

Q3.: FILM - Steve McQueen played a titular self-made millionaire in a 1968 film that was remade in 1999 with Pierce Brosnan in the role of the self-made billionaire (having been adjusted for inflation, presumably). What is the name of this character?

Answer: THOMAS CROWN

Q4.: AMER HIST - From the election of 1964 onward, there have been two individuals elected Vice President of the United States who were primarily affiliated with the state of Indiana (Dan Quayle and Mike Pence). What is the only other state that can claim this distinction within this time period?

Answer: MINNESOTA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What is the name for the instrument of war—a small box filled with gunpowder and used as a bomb to blast through a gate or barricade—that appears in a famous quote from Shakespeare's Hamlet, in reference to how Claudius was hoist with one of his own making?

Answer: PETARD

Q6.: ART - The subject of a classic, large-scale Renaissance painting is being blown ashore by the wind gods Zephyr and Aura, while a nymph heralding the arrival of spring greets the subject with a cloak. Who is the subject of this work?

Answer: VENUS

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the man who was elected in April 2020 to succeed Jeremy Corbyn as head of the United Kingdom's Labour Party.

Answer: KEIR STARMER

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The two players who won the NBA's Most Valuable Player awards in 1979, 1982, 1983, 1997, and 1999 share what last name? The players are also the only two players on the NBA's 50th Anniversary All-Time Team (announced in 1996) to share a last name.

Answer: MALONE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Jane, Mary, Catherine (Kitty), and Lydia are the names of four of the five Bennet sisters from a classic 1813 novel. What is the name of the fifth?

Answer: ELIZABETH

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - While Morocco occupies 80% of its land, no other UN member state has officially recognized that country's sovereignty over what territory, which is the most populous and largest in area (by far) among those on the UN's list of Non-Self-Governing Territories?

Answer: WESTERN SAHARA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Name the Greek town, in actuality about 18 miles from the city of Athens, that is located in eastern Attica and was etched in history in 490 BCE (thanks in part to a Greek hemerodrome named Pheidippides).

Answer: MARATHON

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Tobacco, potato, eggplant, and tomato are among the agricultural crops that belong to the family Solanaceae, which is most commonly known in English by what name?

Answer: NIGHTSHADES

Q1.: SCIENCE - Molecules of C₆₀(carbon-60), which are composed of clusters of 60 carbon atoms bonded together in a polyhedral structure made of pentagons and hexagons, are playfully identified by what informal term (referencing the nickname of a famous futurist and inventor who died in 1983)?

Answer: BUCKYBALLS

Q2.: ART -Composition with Red, Yellow, and Blue(1928) andComposition with Yellow, Blue, and Red(1937-42), paintings whose palettes are limited to the three primary colors with black and white and with only vertical and horizontal lines, are indicative of the works of what master of Neo-Plasticism?

Answer: PIET MONDRIAN

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - On August 10, 2020, The Rev. Jerry Prevo was named interim president of what US university?

Answer: LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The northwestern Mississippi cities of Cleveland, Greenwood, and Indianola are within a region of the state known as what? This region is associated, by name, with (among other things) the style of blues music represented by Son House, John Lee Hooker, Freddie Spruell, Charley Patton, and numerous others.

Answer: (MISSISSIPPI) DELTA

Q5.: THEATRE -"Master Harold"...and the Boys, which is based on the early life of playwright Athol Fugard, is among his many works set in what country?

Answer: SOUTH AFRICA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A US chain of women's athletic clothing and activewear stores takes its name from a landmark civil rights law passed in 1972, which mandates (in part) that a person shall be not be denied the benefits of any education program based on sex. What is that name?

Answer: TITLE NINE

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Laser printing, the graphical user interface paradigm, Ethernet, and object-oriented programming are developments credited to the Palo Alto Research Center, which was formed in 1970 as a subsidiary of what corporation?

Answer: XEROX

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A photo of a national sports team—particularly volleyball, basketball, field hockey, handball, or soccer—whose players are wearing trademark white jerseys with light blue vertical stripes is almost surely of a team representing what nation?

Answer: ARGENTINA

Q3.: AMER HIST - "United We Stand America" was a tax-exempt "educational" organization founded and financed in the 1990s by what political figure?

Answer: H. ROSS PEROT

Q4.: LITERATURE - Toward the beginning of the novel Tom Sawyer, Tom accumulates an assortment of his schoolmates' possessions (e.g., kite, apple, couple of tadpoles, dead rat and a string to swing it with) in exchange for their chance to participate in what task?

Answer: PAINT/WHITEWASH A FENCE

Q5.: FILM - "Miss Lonelyhearts", "Miss Torso", the lead character's fashion model girlfriend Lisa, and a wise-cracking nurse named Stella are among the characters in what 1954 film?

Answer: REAR WINDOW

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The portmanteau "Camford", which can be used as a term of convenience or as one of derision, is much less common than what other, similar portmanteau with an identical meaning and provenance?

Answer: OXBIDGE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The melody of the American patriotic song "My Country, 'tis of Thee" is much better known in the United Kingdom by what other name?
Answer: GOD SAVE THE QUEEN (KING)

Q2.: FILM - The #1 top-grossing film of 2020 (by both worldwide and domestic box office) is Bad Boys for Life. #2 (by the same measures) is a film named after what character?

Answer: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The WPA standard (known as "American style") prescribes angular pockets that funnel inward, with side pockets being slightly larger. The WEPF standard ("British style"), by contrast, dictates smaller, narrower pockets with nearly parallel sides, with all pockets being the same size. The WPA and the WEPF are governing bodies for what (as indicated by their respective names)?
Answer: POOL (POCKET BILLIARDS)

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The "Cry of Dolores" was a call to arms that occurred on September 16, 1810, and is celebrated annually on that day as what country's Independence Day?

Answer: MEXICO

Q5.: THEATRE - Christopher Isherwood's novel Goodbye to Berlin became the basis for John Van Druten's play I Am a Camera, which was subsequently adapted into what Broadway musical?

Answer: CABARET

Q6.: MATH - A triangular array of numbers in which each number is the sum of two numbers above it (starting with 1 at the top) is one of the many entities from mathematics and physics named after what Frenchman?

Answer: BLAISE PASCAL

Q1.: TELEVISION - The actors Letitia Wright, Uzo Aduba, and Tatiana Maslany have received nominations for Primetime Emmy Awards (with the latter two winning) for their performances on different series that all include what word in their titles?
Answer: BLACK

Q2.: LITERATURE - A short story by Shirley Jackson, first published in The New Yorker magazine in 1948, details a festive (and horrific) annual event in a small town in rural America. Per the story's title, what type of event is it?
Answer: LOTTERY

Q3.: SCIENCE - An atom (or group of atoms) that has lost one or more electrons, making it positively charged, is a specific type of ion known by what name?
Answer: CATION

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The most massive known accumulation of coral lies in a reef (actually a system of reefs and islands) known by what name?
Answer: GREAT BARRIER REEF

Q5.: POP MUSIC - On July 17, 2020, DJ Khaled dropped two songs featuring Drake, both of which entered the Billboard Hot 100 in the top ten. Give the one-word title of either song—one of which is an apt description of either artist, the other of which is the only European country where the song reached #1.
Answer: POPSTAR, GREECE

Q6.: ART - What is the term most often applied to a three-paneled carving or painting with the two outer panels (wings) hinged so that they can cover the center? Hieronymus Bosch's *The Garden of Earthly Delights* is an example.
Answer: TRIPTYCH

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What antiquated term for a foppish dandy who affects a foreign style and manner is derived from the name of a social circle in 18th-century London, which itself was named (according to one legend) by its founders after an exotic (to them) food they encountered during travels in Italy?

Answer: MACARONI

Q2.: FILM - Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Judge Reinhold, Phoebe Cates, Forest Whitaker, Eric Stoltz, Anthony Edwards, Nicolas Cage, Alicia Silverstone, Brittany Murphy, Paul Rudd, and Donald Faison were among the up-and-coming (or still unknown) actors who appeared in films by what director?

Answer: AMY HECKERLING

Q3.: SCIENCE - Monoceros, a mythical creature and the name of a constellation in the celestial equator, is also known by what English translation of the term?

Answer: UNICORN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The fifth and seventh Etruscan kings of Rome, the latter of whose reign ended in 509 BCE (and ended the Roman Kingdom), shared what name (nomen), followed immediately by Priscus and Superbus respectively?

Answer: TARQUIN (TARQUINIUS)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The National Women's Soccer League team located in Utah has a name based on that of its affiliated MLS team—and a name which, (perhaps) unrelatedly, it shares with a team in Major League Baseball. What is that name?

Answer: ROYALS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Blind Blake's Southern _____, Blind Boy Fuller's____ Mama _____, Blind Willie McTell's Georgia _____, Blind Willie Walker's South Carolina _____, William Moore's Barbershop _____, and Michigan J. Frog's Michigan ____—what single word fills in all of the blanks in these song titles?

Answer: RAG

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The Wisconsin-based sausage company Johnsonville is the primary and title sponsor for the premier American league, founded in 2015, for what game?
Answer: CORNHOLE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The highest mountain on Mars, which rises over 16 miles above the Martian surface and was long believed to be the highest mountain in the solar system, has the same name as what terrestrial mountain (with the Latin Mons replacing "Mount")?

Answer: MOUNT OLYMPUS

Q3.: FILM - Composer Bill Conti won an Oscar for his score to 1983's *The Right Stuff*, but his signature work may be the inspirational theme song for what Oscar-winning film from the previous decade?

Answer: ROCKY

Q4.: SCIENCE - In 1861, Belgian chemist Ernest Solvay developed an industrial process, still in widespread use today, that uses brine (as a source of NaCl) and limestone (as a source of CaCO₃) primarily to produce large quantities of what compound?

Answer: SODIUM CARBONATE (WASHING SODA/SODA ASH/Na₂CO₃)

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Dom Pierre Pérignon was a Benedictine monk who lived for 47 years at the Abbaye Saint-Pierre d'Hautvillers within what historical French province?

Answer: CHAMPAGNE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Though it was completed in 1937, it wasn't until the 1970s—well after the death of the author, impoverished and largely forgotten, in 1960—that the novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God* began to be recognized as an American classic. Who is this prolific author?

Answer: ZORA NEALE HURSTON

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the term used in competitive swimming events, whether "individual" or "relay", where all four strokes are required?

Answer: MEDLEY

Q2.: AMER HIST - A US law enacted in 1981 and abbreviated OBRA was a Budget Reconciliation Act that implemented massive reductions in government spending (except for defense, which was greatly increased) and made significant alterations to the congressional budget process. What does the "O" in OBRA stand for?

Answer: OMNIBUS

Q3.: ART - The Dinner Party, Cloud Gate, and A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte are names of works of art that all—for different reasons—have a close association with what city?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q4.: BUS/ECON - The "Freestyle" is a shoe whose popularity has been attributed to the aerobics fitness craze of the 1980s, and is widely credited as the first sneaker designed and marketed for women. What company launched the Freestyle in 1982 (and still produces the shoe today)?

Answer: REEBOK

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Three of the Native American women from Oklahoma who were known collectively as the "Five Moons" were Yvonne Choteau, Rosella Hightower, and Moscelyne Larkin. What is the last name shared by the other two, who were sisters and members of the Osage Nation?

Answer: TALLCHIEF

Q6.: LANGUAGE - An abbreviation of a Latin word, which translates to "in the same place", often appears frequently in reading lists, bibliographies, footnotes, endnotes, and the like. What is that word (or its abbreviation)?

Answer: IBIDEM/IBID.

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - At the time of the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, Russia was by far the most populous Soviet republic, with nearly 150 million people. Which of the other fourteen republics was the least populous, at about one percent of Russia's population?

Answer: ESTONIA

Q2.: THEATRE - In the title of Susan Glaspell's 1931 Pulitzer-winning play, it was "Alison's", while John Guare's Obie-winner from 1971 was "of Blue Leaves", and Sarah Ruhl's 2005 comedy and Pulitzer finalist was "Clean". What is the item in question?

Answer: HOUSE

Q3.: LITERATURE - 1926's The Murder of Roger Ackroyd earned the first major recognition for what author, who also wrote romantic novels (such as 1944's Absent in the Spring) under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott?

Answer: AGATHA CHRISTIE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - French-born Kylian Mbappé appears on the cover of the latest, to-be-released installment of what popular video game series?

Answer: FIFA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Occultist Aleister Crowley's first published novel was titled Diary of a Drug Fiend. Name the artist—arguably once a drug fiend himself—whose second solo album is titled Diary of a Madman, and whose first solo album features the song "Mr. Crowley".

Answer: OZZY OSBOURNE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The concept that a theory should not propose the existence of anything more than what is needed for its explanation—specifically, "do not multiply entities beyond necessity"—is sometimes called the "principle of parsimony", but more often named after (and attributed to) an English philosopher from what village in the county of Surrey?

Answer: OCKHAM

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Supposed fossil remains were "discovered" by a man named Charles Dawson in 1910-1912 in East Sussex, England, in a hamlet known by what name? This hamlet's name was given to this "Man" who turned out to be a forgery.

Answer: PILTDOWN

Q2.: TELEVISION - Name the American reality competition series broadcast on Fox since 2005, based on a series that originated in Britain with the same name, which shares that name with an unrelated neighborhood in New York City.

Answer: HELL'S KITCHEN

Q3.: ART -The Horse Fair, finished in 1855 and now in the collection of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Ploughing in the Nivernais, now in the Musée d'Orsay, are the best-known works of what French artist, widely regarded as the woman artist who achieved the greatest success and fame (and happiness?) during the 19th century?

Answer: ROSA BONHEUR

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Identify the politician and independence hero who served as the first prime minister of the nation now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and was executed by Katangan and Belgian officers in January 1961.

Answer: PATRICE LUMUMBA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Ancient Greek words for "wise" and "foolish" are perhaps quite appropriate as roots for what English word that very often categorizes a person in the United States around 15 or 16 years of age?

Answer: SOPHOMORE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - While the distinction was once held by Edam, the most-produced and most-consumed Dutch cheese in the world today takes its name from that of a municipality in the province of South Holland. What is that name?

Answer: GOUDA

Q1.: FILM - Roger Deakins has been nominated for an Academy Award for Best Cinematography fifteen times, finally winning the 2017 award on his fourteenth nomination, and again for a film from 2019. Name either of these films, neither of which are set in the present day, and which have a certain titular similarity.

Answer: BLADE RUNNER 2049, 1917

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The "Rowdy Friends" from a (rather dated) 1984 music video include George Jones driving a riding lawnmower, Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson playing poker, and Jim Varney being transported via bovine. What country artist sings the song in the video?

Answer: HANK WILLIAMS, JR.

Q3.: LITERATURE - The protagonist of Charles Dickens'Little Dorrit, the title character of Gillian Flynn'sGone Girl, and one of Louisa May Alcott'sLittle Womenall share what first name?

Answer: AMY

Q4.: SCIENCE - The fox with the largest ears (each one up to six inches long), which help it disperse body heat in the dry and hot climate of the Sahara Desert, is actually the smallest of all fox species, at just 16 inches from tip to tail. What is this alliteratively named fox?

Answer: FENNEC FOX

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What single country fills in both blanks in this partial, chronological list of sports pairs:...England/England, Mexico/Brazil, West Germany/West Germany, Argentina/Argentina, Spain/Italy, Mexico/Argentina, Italy/West Germany, USA/Brazil, ____/____, Japan & South Korea/Brazil...(Note, just one answer is required.)

Answer: FRANCE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - In English, the training uniform used in various Japanese martial arts (e.g., aikido, karate, jujutsu, etc.) is most-often referred to by what two-letter word?

Answer: GI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Thanks in part to its inclusion in popular (at the time) recipes such as Under-the-Sea Salad, Sunshine Salad, and Crown Jewel Dessert, sales of what product peaked in the United States in the late 1960s at four boxes per person per year?

Answer: JELL-O

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Mo'ai is a word meaning "statue" in what language, which shares its name with the indigenous name of the location where the language is spoken and the ethnicity of most of its speakers?

Answer: RAPA NUI

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - On a standard US edition Monopoly board, there are two spaces that are adjacent and include in their names states which are themselves physically adjacent (i.e., they share a border). What are those two states?

Answer: ILLINOIS, INDIANA

Q4.: SCIENCE - The component of a computer that connects the various other parts of the computer together—such as CPU, hard drives, memory, optical drives, video and sound cards, etc.—is often known by what familial term?

Answer: MOTHERBOARD

Q5.: FILM - The name of a small body of water near Lancaster, South Carolina, when its two words are transposed, becomes the name of a popular, husky-voiced actor from the 1940s born Constance Frances Ockelman in 1922. What is that name (either the body of water or the woman)?

Answer: LAKE VERONICA/VERONICA LAKE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Chilean independence leader who served as that country's first Head of State in 1818 was a member of what Irish noble family?

Answer: O'HIGGINS

Q1.: SCIENCE - What name for a particular type of gastropod is also a unit of mass in the imperial system of units, as well as a term for a solid ballistic projectile?

Answer: SLUG

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Name the heavy metal band, which formed in 1994 as "Burn the Priest", whose current name comes from the section within the Ordinary of the Roman Catholic Mass known as Agnus Dei?

Answer: LAMB OF GOD

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The official Emblem of India, derived from the insignia of the 3rd-century BCE Mauryan emperor Ashoka, features a circular base upon which four animals are mounted, standing back-to-back. What type of animal are they?

Answer: LIONS

Q4.: FILM - Bill Murray has collaborated with director Ivan Reitman numerous times over the years (e.g., Stripes, Ghostbusters), but his first big film break was a Reitman-directed movie named after what food item?

Answer: MEATBALLS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Numerous times during its nearly 25-year run—including every year since 2013—the highest-rated syndicated television program in the United States has been a half-hour daytime series that stars (and is named after) an individual with what first name?

Answer: JUDY

Q6.: MATH - Cathetus, a term used in geometry and trigonometry, describes an object that comes in pairs (catheti) within a broader set of three. The third item in that set, the one that is not a cathetus, is most commonly known by what other term?

Answer: HYPOTENUSE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Kohei Uchimura led his Japanese team to a silver medal in the 2012 Summer Olympics, and gold in 2016, in what sport?

Answer: GYMNASTICS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Of the laundry symbols that appear on garments' care labels, an empty circle is a washing symbol that indicates what?

Answer: DRY CLEAN (ONLY)

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Halal, a term from Arabic which translates to "lawful", is applied to meats and other foods that conform to Islamic dietary laws. What is the contrasting term, meaning "forbidden", that is used for foods such as pork that may not be consumed by Muslims per the Quran?

Answer: HARAM

Q4.: BUS/ECON - According to its manufacturer Philip Morris, what brand, which the company launched in the U.S. in 1924 as "America's Luxury Cigarette", has been the world's number one cigarette brand every year since 1972?

Answer: MARLBORO

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What territory was given the name it is known by today during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, first used by Jordan for the region it would annex after the war's end?

Answer: WEST BANK

Q6.: SCIENCE - What seven-letter word for a certain classical orchestral instrument shares an etymology with the term for the membrane in mammals that separates the outer ear from the middle ear?

Answer: TIMPANI

Q1.: FILM - First appearing in 1905, reaching their heyday at the turn of the decade, and largely supplanted by the teens, the first theaters in the United States to exhibit films exclusively were known by what name (derived in part by the standard price of admission)?

Answer: NICKELODEONS

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the clever and meddlesome young woman, the title character of a novel from 1815, who, after a series of embarrassing errors, realizes eventually that she is in love with the squire George Knightley?

Answer: EMMA (WOODHOUSE)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 1954 song "It Should've Been Me", written by Memphis Curtis and produced by Ahmet Ertegun, was Ray Charles's first hit for what record label, which would release eleven of his albums and dozens of singles before his move to ABC in 1959?

Answer: ATLANTIC RECORDS

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Banking, stock market, and/or economic crises of 1857, 1873, 1893, and 1907 all have common names which include their years and what anxious economic term?

Answer: PANIC

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What Frank was crowned "Emperor of the Romans" on Christmas Day in the year 800 CE?

Answer: CHARLEMAGNE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the history of the New York Yankees, there have been eleven different players to hit 40 home runs in a season, but only three batting solely right-handed: Alex Rodriguez (2005 and 2007), Aaron Judge (2017), and what third player, a Hall of Famer and drip coffee lover who accomplished the feat one time, in 1937?

Answer: JOE DIMAGGIO

Q1.: LITERATURE - According to the title of a 1999 book by British author Giles Andreae, while warthogs waltz, chimps cha-cha, and lions tango, what animals can't dance (although that title turns out to be false)?

Answer: GIRAFFES

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Norodom Sihamoni is the current king, and Hun Sen is the current Prime Minister of what constitutional monarchy?

Answer: CAMBODIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The disease formally named Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis is more commonly referred to by what alliterative name?

Answer: KENNEL COUGH

Q4.: AMER HIST - The name of what Apache warrior and hero has been co-opted by the US military on a number of occasions, from the arguably celebratory and with his family's permission (on the insignia of the US Army's first parachute regiment), to the controversial if not outright offensive (the code name for the killing of Osama bin Laden)?

Answer: GERONIMO

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What beverage, a fountain drink which consists of milk, seltzer, and flavored syrup (such as Fox's U-bet), has a peculiar name in that neither of the items in that name is an ingredient in the drink?

Answer: EGG CREAM

Q6.: ART - What is the term used for the kind of company that designs and distributes typefaces? The word, which describes such companies as Hoefler & Co., Font Bureau, and Colophon, is a legacy from pre-desktop publishing days, when such companies manufactured metal and wood typefaces for printing presses.

Answer: FOUNDRY

Q1.: ART - What artistic term, from the Greek for "stone" and "write", can be defined as a printing method via a design drawn directly onto a slab of stone or other material?

Answer: LITHOGRAPHY

Q2.: FILM - The director of Frankenstein(1931), The Invisible Man(1933), and Bride of Frankenstein(1935); the Swedish band who recorded 1993's "Hobo Humpin' Slobo Babe"; an original member franchise and inaugural season champion of the World Hockey Association: These three are connected by what animal?

Answer: WHALE

Q3.: THEATRE - While a college student, American actor Hal Holbrook developed a one-person show around a specific historical figure, and performed that character in his professional debut in 1954 and in over 2,000 subsequent performances throughout his career, winning a Tony Award in 1966. Who was this historical figure?

Answer: MARK TWAIN

Q4.: LITERATURE - A play from 1594 by Christopher Marlowe and Thomas Nashe tells the story of what Queen of Carthage (and her eventual death by suicide)?

Answer: DIDO

Q5.: TELEVISION - _____ and _____ are not role models. They're not even human. They're cartoons. Some of the things they do would cause a person to get hurt, expelled, arrested, possibly deported. To put it another way: Don't try this at home. This disclaimer (with identifying names redacted) appeared at the start of episodes from what 1990s television series?

Answer: BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the word most commonly used in English for either of the points at which the sun is at its greatest angular distance north or south of the celestial equator?

Answer: SOLSTICE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The cities of Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Chicago are all home to universities named after what person?

Answer: (ST. IGNATIUS OF) LOYOLA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Cixi, the woman who served as Regent of China from 1861 to 1908, is commonly known in English as what type of "empress" (given the death of the Xianfeng Emperor, who was the father of her son the Tongzhi Emperor)?

Answer: EMPRESS DOWAGER

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What is the third and final item in the set of Latin-derived calendrical terms that begins with the kalends and then ones?

Answer: IDES

Q4.: ART - The loosely organized international group of avant-garde artists known as Fluxus includes its founder, Lithuanian-American artist George Maciunas, German performance artist Joseph Beuys, and—likely best-known among the group—what Japanese-born artist, musician, and peace activist?

Answer: YOKO ONO

Q5.: LITERATURE - What two-word phrase, a term coined by academic Robin DiAngelo in 2011, is the title of her 2018 nonfiction bestseller with the subtitle Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism? Note, one of the two words in the phrase/title is the same as one of the words in the subtitle.

Answer: WHITE FRAGILITY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 55 current members of the African Union, which country, once known as the French Territory of the Afars and the Issas, is the only one whose name and largest city's name (in their English pronunciation) have a first letter that is silent?

Answer: DJIBOUTI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - According to its advertising and packaging, many of what company's products are produced in a hollow tree in a location called Sylvan Glen?
Answer: KEEBLER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The cuneiform system of writing, and by some historians, modern human civilization itself, is credited to what people, who lived in southern Mesopotamia in the 4th and 3rd millennia BCE, in city-states such as Ur, Eridu, and Uruk?

Answer: SUMERIANS

Q3.: FILM - Among the earliest known instances of a particular cinematic gag are in 1913's *The Ragtime Band* (with Mabel Normand as the victim) and in *A Noise from the Deep* that same year (and also a Keystone Studios film), with Fatty Arbuckle the victim and Normand the perpetrator. What is the device used in this gag, at least 3,000 of which were used in Laurel & Hardy's *The Battle of the Century* and maybe a similar number throughout Soupy Sales's career?

Answer: (CUSTARD) PIE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Twenty20 is the name of a novel format that was developed in 2003, and since then has become by some measures the most popular format, for what sport?

Answer: CRICKET

Q5.: LITERATURE - A famous short story from 1922 by Katherine Mansfield centers around what type of "party", and the protagonist Laura Sheridan's desire to cancel the party due to the death of a neighborhood workman (which leads her to ponder the meaning of life and death)?

Answer: GARDEN PARTY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify both of the countries on the South American continent that do not border Brazil.

Answer: CHILE, ECUADOR

Q1.: THEATRE - Austrian actor and singer Lotte Lenya's breakthrough came in 1928 with the role of Polly in what Kurt Weill/Bertolt Brecht collaboration—a work which, some might argue, is more in the vein of musical theatre, despite its title?
Answer: THE THREEPENNY OPERA

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The English word "south" translates to roughly the same word in various languages, including Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, and Montenegrin. With an "o" added, that word is the name of a notorious automobile of the 1980s. What is either word (the translation of "south" or the auto flop)?
Answer: JUG/YUG, YUGO

Q3.: AMER HIST - The largest slave revolt in antebellum America took place in 1831 in Southampton County, Virginia, led by (and commonly named after) a Baptist minister and slave with the first name of Nat. What was his last name?
Answer: TURNER

Q4.: TELEVISION - On the sitcom Arrested Development, George Bluth started a business in 1953 on the Oceanside Wharf in Newport Beach, California, that is featured often and prominently during the series. The business was a stand that sells what refreshing treat (which was itself allegedly invented in real life on nearby Balboa Island around 1940)?
Answer: FROZEN BANANA

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What word is often used in music to describe an instrumental or vocal composition, typically in 12/8 or 6/8, whose subject is rustic or bucolic in nature? Examples include a 1920 symphonic poem by Arthur Honegger, an 1808 symphony by Ludwig van Beethoven, and a 1922 symphony by Vaughan Williams.
Answer: PASTORAL

Q6.: LITERATURE - While Homer mentions only a single Gorgon, the later Greek poet Hesiod speaks of three, all daughters of the sea god Phorcys and his sister-wife Ceto: Stheno, Euryale, and what third (the only one of the three who was mortal)?
Answer: MEDUSA

Q1.: MATH - In 835 CE, the Persian polymath Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi wrote a work whose title in English is The Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing, and whose title in its original Arabic introduced what word into English?

Answer: ALGEBRA

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - In April 2018, a regal announcement was made in the African city of Manzini, during a ceremony to celebrate the king's 50th birthday, that formally declared a change in the name of the country over which he reigns. Give either the former or new name of this country.

Answer: SWAZILAND/ESWATINI

Q3.: THEATRE - In 1955, The Observertheatre critic Kenneth Tynan remarked, "It forced me to re-examine the rules which had hitherto governed the drama; and having done so, to pronounce them not elastic enough." His review was for the English-language world premiere of what sparse tragicomedy, which baffles many theatregoers still to this day?

Answer: WAITING FOR GODOT

Q4.: SCIENCE - In an effort to explain the coloration of stars, an Austrian physicist first suggested the effect that is now more closely associated with the apparent change in the observed frequency of a sound wave, resulting from relative motion between the sound's source and observer. Who was this physicist?

Answer: CHRISTIAN DOPPLER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - If a particularly inconsistent (ten-pin) bowler bowls strikes in the first three frames, and then knocks down a single pin with each of the next four balls, what is the bowler's score at the end of five frames?

Answer: 67

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "We Built This City" and "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now" were massive hit singles from the 1980s (though widely reviled today) from what mononymous rock band?

Answer: STARSHIP

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What body of water, named for the commissioner of the US Bureau of Reclamation from 1924 to 1936 and located near Boulder City, Nevada, is the largest reservoir in the United States by volume (when full)?

Answer: LAKE MEAD

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is the term used for the skilled horsemen of South America, often indigenous American or mestizo, who took part in that continent's wars of independence in the early 19th century and later were prominent in developing the cattle industry on the Argentine pampas?

Answer: GAUCHOS

Q3.: THEATRE -Nothing On, a typically zany English sex farce, is the play-within-a-play of what 1982 frenetic comedy by Michael Frayn? The title is a stage direction for sounds coming from backstage intended to be heard by the audience (which is basically this entire play).

Answer: NOISES OFF

Q4.: SCIENCE -The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense(1937) andNormality and Pathology in Childhood(1966) are major works from what Austrian-born psychoanalyst? (First and last name required.)

Answer: ANNA FREUD

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The accompanying artwork for the 2013 single "Breakfast Can Wait" by Prince shows what comedian, who is dressed as the musician (including a blouse) and holding a plate of pancakes?

Answer: DAVE CHAPPELLE

Q6.: ART - The famous mural titledThe School of Athens, which displays the great thinkers of the ancient world led by Plato and Aristotle, is a masterwork of what High Renaissance Italian painter? The rooms where this fresco is located within the Vatican's Apostolic Palace are named after him.

Answer: RAPHAEL

Q1.: WORLD HIST - While it is a somewhat popular name for girls in Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking countries (and is the name of a city in Portugal where an apparition of Mary was reported in 1917), this name is much more common in the Muslim world, as it is the name of the daughter of the prophet Muhammad. What is that name?

Answer: FATIMA/FATIMAH

Q2.: TELEVISION - An Electrophonic console stereo, a brand-new Sherwood camping trailer, and an all-expenses-paid cruise for two to British Columbia were among the special prizes chosen just for the winners on what classic game show?

Answer: THE NEWLYWED GAME

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - While Wisconsin's mascot is the Badger and Oregon's is the Duck, the two college football teams who played in January 2020 for the College Football Playoff National Championship both have what other mascot?

Answer: TIGER

Q4.: SCIENCE - The internet (as it exists today) stems from a network initiated in 1969 by a consortium of universities and private research groups funded by the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the United States Department of Defense. Correctly spell the acronym by which this network was most commonly known.

Answer: ARPANET

Q5.: LITERATURE - Gonga the Gorilla, the exhaustively tattooed O.E. Parker, the toothless General Sash, and the murderous "Misfit" are among the many grotesque characters created by what Southern Gothic author?

Answer: FLANNERY O'CONNOR

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The recipe for the cocktail known as a screwdriver, when vodka is replaced with sparkling wine (in a different ratio), becomes a recipe for what other cocktail—likely served in a different glass?

Answer: MIMOSA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the revolutionary socialist writer and orator who took part in the 1905 Russian Revolution and advocated for a mass strike as the instrument of proletarian insurgency, before founding the Spartacist movement and the German Communist Party in Berlin (which led to her murder in 1919). While she was born in Poland and became a German citizen, her last name is a homophone of a different European country.

Answer: ROSA LUXEMBURG

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The numerous modern variations of the card game poker fall into three primary categories: drawpoker, which is played with concealed hands; community card or hold 'em, with shared face-up cards; and another type, which features hands where some (or all) cards are exposed. This third type is sometimes known as open poker, but most often is called what?

Answer: STUD POKER

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What Indian industrial family began in Far East trade but diversified to create what is now Air India, and currently controls a namesake group that includes a major automaker, steel producer, telecommunications provider, electric utility, and IT services and consulting company?

Answer: TATA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the common name, dating from the 1840s, for the deep channel that connects the San Francisco Bay with the Pacific Ocean?

Answer: GOLDEN GATE (STRAIT)

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The Delta Blues artist who recorded "Preachin' the Blues" in 1930, the Australian band who released "Don't Dream It's Over" in 1986, the hip hop group who released "Jump Around" in 1989, and the EDM trio who recorded "Don't You Worry Child" with John Martin in 2012—all of these artists have what word in their names?

Answer: HOUSE

Q6.: SCIENCE - Aaandpahoehoeare different types of what substance?

Answer: LAVA

Q1.: FILM - "A jump to the left", "a step to the right", "bring your knees in tight", and "pelvic thrust" are some of the instructions in what anthemic dance from a 1973 rock musical (note, name thedance)?

Answer: THE TIME WARP

Q2.: SCIENCE - The Latin name for a particular ancient city is, by coincidence, also the anatomical name for the largest part of the hip bone. What is that name?

Answer: ILIUM

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In French cooking, béchamel sauce is simply a white sauce made with a roux (butter and flour) and milk. Béchamel sauce with cheese added (typically Gruyère) becomes what other French sauce?

Answer: MORNAY SAUCE

Q4.: AMER HIST - In 1901, J.P. Morgan purchased the company that would become US Steel for \$480 million primarily from what man, a Scottish-born industrialist who had helped form his namesake steel company in 1889?

Answer: ANDREW CARNEGIE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Former ESPN SportsCenter host Kevin Frazier is the current anchor for what daily news program that premiered with hosts Mary Hart and Ron Hendren in September 1981?

Answer: ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (ET)

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The most essential and enduring invention of American engineer Frank Zamboni is used by its operators primarily in what type of facility?

Answer: ICE/SKATING/HOCKEY RINK

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Roughly equivalent to "congressional districts" in the United States, what is the standard term used in the United Kingdom for the 650 electoral areas through which members of the House of Commons (MPs) are elected?

Answer: CONSTITUENCIES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What class of warship originated with the French navy in the 17th century, was later copied by the British Navy as "sloops", and has a name which since 1953 has been familiar in the world of American automobiles?

Answer: CORVETTE

Q3.: LITERATURE - A talking corvid in Charles Dickens's novel Barnaby Rudge: A Tale of the Riots of Eightyinspired a famous 1845 poem by whom?

Answer: EDGAR ALLAN POE

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A small primate species of the genus Galago, the act of clearing a path through thick woods, and lawbreaking Australian bandits such as Captain Thunderbolt and Ned Kelly: All of these are different compound words that contain the same word within them. What is that shared word?

Answer: BUSH

Q5.: FILM - In the 2018 sequel to the 2012 hit film Wreck-It Ralph, what does Ralph break, per the title?

Answer: THE INTERNET

Q6.: SCIENCE - Numerous fossils found at the Zhoukoudian cave complex are of a hominid subspecies known colloquially as a "Man" named after what city?

Answer: PEKING (BEIJING)

Q1.: AMER HIST - The first US president to travel outside of the United States on official business during his term in office did so for the purpose of inspecting a major construction project. Identify either the president or the project.

Answer: THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PANAMA CANAL

Q2.: ART - The Berkeley Breathed comic strip Outland was a spin-off of his Pulitzer Prize-winning Bloom County and featured many of the same characters, including a penguin named Opus and a cat named what?

Answer: BILL

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The administrative headquarters of the nine-member Commonwealth of Independent States (created following the dissolution of the Soviet Union) are not located in Moscow, nor any other city in Russia, but rather in what other national capital city, a roughly 450-mile drive west-southwest from Moscow?

Answer: MINSK

Q4.: FILM - The 1928 Buster Keaton film Steamboat Bill, Jr. was named after a song that was also featured (along with "Turkey in the Straw") in another film that same year, starring what character?

Answer: MICKEY MOUSE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The oldest surviving of a certain type of hole still in use in the United States is widely believed to be in the West Virginia town of White Sulphur Springs, and dates from 1884. What type of hole is it?

Answer: GOLF HOLE

Q6.: SCIENCE - What English word, borrowed directly from Latin and very common in physics and particularly in its namesake branch of physics, can be defined as a discrete, indivisible manifestation of a physical property?

Answer: QUANTUM

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What was American singer-songwriter Meghan Trainor's 2014 debut single all about?

Answer: THAT BASS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the Spanish islands known as the Balearic Islands, the largest in area is Mallorca, and the second-largest is Menorca. What island is third?

Answer: IBIZA

Q3.: SCIENCE - A scientific instrument named after James Webb, scheduled for implementation in October 2021, is intended to replace a similar instrument named after what other American?

Answer: EDWIN HUBBLE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Written beginning around 900 BCE, the texts that make up the final portion of the Vedas (and thus are also known also as the Vedanta—"End of the Vedas") and form the basis of Hindu religion and philosophy are best known by what name?

Answer: UPANISHADS

Q5.: ART - The Art of This Century gallery, which existed in New York from 1942 to 1947, was a primary showcase for Abstract Expressionism during its early period. Name the famous art patron and collector who operated this gallery, and played an important role in avant-garde art in America (where she was born) and Europe (where she spent much of her life)?

Answer: PEGGY GUGGENHEIM

Q6.: AMER HIST - The July 2002 bankruptcy of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen was a culmination of events set in motion by the unraveling of a financial scheme a few months prior within what other company, whose December 2001 Chapter 11 filing was the largest corporate bankruptcy in history at the time?

Answer: ENRON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Nevis is to Saint Kitts as Barbuda is to Antigua as Tobago is to Trinidad as The Grenadines are to Saint Vincent as Caicos is to what?

Answer: TURKS

Q2.: LITERATURE - Kindred, the Parable/Earthseed series, and Bloodchild and Other Stories are well-known works of what Hugo and Nebula Award-winning American author, a "godmother of Afrofuturism" who became in 1995 the first science fiction author to be granted a MacArthur fellowship?

Answer: OCTAVIA E. BUTLER

Q3.: SCIENCE - Intermittent pain named medically after English physician John Braxton Hicks is often described as "false" pain that may evoke, but does not indicate, what biological process?

Answer: CONTRACTIONS/LABOR/CHILDBIRTH

Q4.: FILM - The 1984 road movie starring Harry Dean Stanton, Nastassja Kinski, and Dean Stockwell, which was written by L.M. Kit Carson and Sam Shepard and won that year's Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, is named after what Texas city?

Answer: PARIS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - After establishing a commercial telegram service in the city of Aachen in 1849, a German pioneer of news reporting and telegraphy moved to London and founded a news agency in his name. What is the name of that news organization today (the possessive apostrophe was dropped in 1916), which is international in scope with operations in over 100 countries?

Answer: REUTERS (THOMSON REUTERS)

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The weekly radio program that debuted in November 1925 as the WSM Barn Dance shortly afterward changed its name to what—a name by which it is still known, and under which it is still broadcast to this day?

Answer: GRAND OLE OPRY

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The four most popular series of casual games developed by the digital entertainment company King have three-word names, and begin with Candy Crush, Bubble Witch, Pet Rescue, and Farm Heroes. What single word concludes the names of all of these series?

Answer: SAGA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Used commonly to add flavor to potato, stuffing, chicken, and turkey dishes, among many others, what herb has a name derived from the Latin for "dew of the sea" (and not from any particular woman, as might be supposed)?

Answer: ROSEMARY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Aeroporto Internazionale Federico Fellini is the primary airport serving visitors to what country (although it is not located in that country)?

Answer: SAN MARINO

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - A sudden forte drumbeat in the piece's second movement gives Franz Joseph Haydn's Symphony in G Major, No. 94, what common nickname in English?

Answer: SURPRISE SYMPHONY

Q5.: LITERATURE - Identify the author of the 1849 novel Shirley, whose setting is the Yorkshire wool industry at the end of the Napoleonic Wars and whose titular character is modeled after the author's sister, Emily?

Answer: CHARLOTTE BRONTE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Mexico's 2018 presidential election was won in a landslide by a center-left populist who is commonly referred to by what initials?

Answer: AMLO

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What word, well-known in the west (since the 1950s, at least), means "fellow traveler" or "traveling companion" in Russian?

Answer: SPUTNIK

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What phrase is most commonly used in economics and finance for the purchase of the equity of a given firm using funds acquired in large part via borrowing? (Either the phrase or its standard three-letter abbreviation is acceptable.)

Answer: LEVERAGED BUY-OUT (LBO)

Q3.: FILM - Name the Canadian actor who voiced Canadian daredevil action figure Duke Caboom in the 2019 film Toy Story 4.

Answer: KEANU REEVES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of Malaysia's national oil and gas company, whose headquarters are located on Jalan Ampang within the Kuala Lumpur City Centre?

Answer: PETRONAS

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The title of a post-apocalyptic 1968 novel by Richard Brautigan inspired a hit single of the summer of 2020 by Harry Styles, both of which feature what kind of "sugar"?

Answer: WATERMELON SUGAR

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Muggins, Bergen, Block, and Mexican Train are all names of games that use what as game pieces?

Answer: DOMINOES

Q1.: POP MUSIC - A 1965 single by the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, has a title made up of two complete, three-word sentences (the latter in parentheses). Give either of these first-person sentences in the title of this song, Brown's highest-charting song on the Billboard Hot 100 at #3.

Answer: I GOT YOU (I FEEL GOOD)

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - A 1954 drama film gave its name to a specialty food store in Westhampton Beach, New York, that was purchased in 1978 by White House Office of Management and Budget staffer Ina Garten. What is the name of that film?

Answer: THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA

Q3.: ART - What is the name of the architectural marvel, which opened in October 1973, that sits on a promontory known to its original caretakers, the Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation, as Tubowgule, or "where the knowledge waters meet"?

Answer: SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Of the various major conferences attended by heads of Allied states during World War II, two African cities served as hosts: Cairo (twice), and what other city, in January 1943?

Answer: CASABLANCA

Q5.: TELEVISION - Myron Floren (accordion), Aladdin (violin), Larry Hooper (piano), the "lovely Lennon Sisters", and "Champagne Ladies" Alice Lon and Norma Zimmer were regulars on a long-running television series hosted by whom?

Answer: LAWRENCE WELK

Q6.: LITERATURE - In a 1963 novel by Kurt Vonnegut, a co-creator of the atomic bomb—who was playing a "string game" when the first bomb was dropped—also created a product called "ice-nine" that eventually freezes all of the earth's water. What is the name of this novel?

Answer: CAT'S CRADLE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What name fills in the blank in this partial, chronological list?
Lie, Hammarskjöld, Thant, _____, Pérez de Cuéllar...
Answer: WALDHEIM

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What neologism for a zealous fan (or, when used as a verb, for demonstrating zealous fandom of something or someone) comes from the title character of a 2000 song by Eminem?

Answer: STAN

Q3.: MATH - What is the most common term used for a number defined as a real number that cannot be expressed as a ratio between two integers (i.e., it has an infinite number of non-repeating digits to the right of the decimal point)?

Answer: IRRATIONAL NUMBER

Q4.: TELEVISION - "An early computer command that sent the machine into a race condition, forcing all instructions to compete for superiority at once." This is presented in its premiere episode as the definition of the title of what drama television series, whose fourth and final season concluded in 2017?

Answer: HALT AND CATCH FIRE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term used for the cylinder or spindle used to hold thread below the needle of a sewing machine? The term is also used for a small plastic frame that holds a small amount of yarn for multi-color knitting?

Answer: BOBBIN

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The three-layered ice cream brick known as Neapolitan is a variant on another dessert of Italian heritage, traditionally consisting of cherry, pistachio, and chocolate or vanilla gelato, and sometimes containing candied fruits and nuts. What is that dessert's name?

Answer: SPUMONI

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the man who has served since 1998 as the general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters labor union?

Answer: JAMES P. HOFFA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In an effort to increase the quality of landings and also reduce distance (which was becoming problematic), in 1986 the International Amateur Athletic Federation's Technical Committee implemented rules to change the design of what sports implement?

Answer: JAVELIN

Q3.: LITERATURE - The successful 1984 debut novel by Sandra Cisneros tells the story of one year in the life of pre-teen Esperanza Cordero, beginning with her family's arrival at their house in Chicago on a street named after what fruit (as referenced in the book's title)?

Answer: MANGO

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Spanish musician Andrés Segovia was world-renowned during his lifetime as a virtuoso on what instrument?

Answer: GUITAR

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Mandarin name for China, Zhongguo, translates to English as what "Kingdom" or "States"? The name derives from the Zhou dynasty's belief, around 1000 BCE, of where their empire was physically situated in relation to surrounding tribes.

Answer: MIDDLE/CENTRAL

Q6.: FILM - The fourth single from Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band's album Stranger in Town reached the 28th spot on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1979, and then re-entered the chart four years later due to its use in what movie?

Answer: RISKY BUSINESS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Astro's Playroom, a platform video game designed to demo the haptic feedback of the innovative DualSense controller, comes pre-installed on every production unit of what specific game console?

Answer: PLAYSTATION 5

Q2.: SCIENCE - The current location of a Chinese robot named Yutu-2 can be described by the title of an enduring rock album from the 1970s. What is that location/title?

Answer: DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - The world's largest free-trade agreement (as measured by total GDP), dubbed the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, was signed in November 2020 by thirteen Asian nations plus Australia and New Zealand. This pact largely replaces what other trade pact, from which the United States withdrew in January 2017?

Answer: TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (TPP)

Q4.: FILM - The name for an electrical product that featured heavily in TV ads from the 1980s is also sometimes used in film production for a device that assists in the synchronizing of audio and video to the exact frame. What is that shared name?

Answer: CLAPPER

Q5.: AMER HIST - A small museum located in the Northern Ireland community of Culmore, just north of Derry, commemorates the life of what Kansas-born pioneer, civil rights supporter, and charter member of The 99s, who died around 1937?

Answer: AMELIA EARHART

Q6.: TELEVISION - Emma Pillsbury, Sheldon Bieste, and Sue Sylvester were among the teachers and staff at the fictional William McKinley High School in Lima, Ohio, on what television series?

Answer: GLEE

Q1.: TELEVISION - Issa Rae, Yvonne Orji, Natasha Rothwell, and Amanda Seales star in what current HBO television series, based in part on Rae's acclaimed comedy web series *The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl*?

Answer: INSECURE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Virtually the entirety of the southern shore of the Black Sea is the northern coastline of what country?

Answer: TURKEY

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What company, which proclaims itself the "largest Hispanic-owned food company in the United States" and is famous for its Adobo among many other products, was founded in 1936 by Spanish immigrants Carolina and Don Prudencio Unanue?

Answer: GOYA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Invented by designer Diane von Furstenberg in 1974, the common dress that typically is cut knee-length with long sleeves, crosses at the chest, and cinches at the waist, and is often made of elaborately patterned and colorful jersey material, is most commonly known by what name?

Answer: WRAP DRESS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the Australian tennis star who, since June 2019, has held the #1 spot in the WTA rankings, ahead of current #2 Simona Halep of Romania.

Answer: ASHLEIGH BARTY

Q6.: ART - In 1970, college student Gary Anderson won a design contest with a logo that contains three arrows and a one-sided non-orientable surface. This design is still used today internationally as a symbol for what activity?

Answer: RECYCLING

Q1.: SCIENCE - The common term for the larva of the insect order Lepidoptera is also the name of what Fortune 100 corporation?

Answer: CATERPILLAR

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The lyrics to the chart-topping debut single by Olivia Rodrigo from January 2021 begin with her recent acquisition of what?

Answer: DRIVER'S LICENSE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 1970s, rowing machines were developed that provide a simulation of a rowing stroke as well as a means to measure and compare the amount of work done. Thus, to this day, these machines are also commonly referred to by what term?

Answer: ERGOMETER/ERG

Q4.: LITERATURE - Bush balladeer Andrew Barton Paterson, Australia's most popular poet at the turn of the 20th century and author of "Waltzing Matilda", is best-known by what instrumental nickname?

Answer: BANJO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Identify (by name) the ambitious innovation that was tested in 1969, placed into regular service in 1976, the cause of 113 deaths in July 2000, and ultimately withdrawn from service in 2003.

Answer: CONCORDE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A stone structure whose construction began in May 1891 on a thoroughfare known as Ulitsa Aleutskaya remains today best-known as a terminus of what?

Answer: TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Q1.: FILM - The title of the video game Doom comes from a line in what 1986 film, when Tom Cruise's character Vincent Lauria responds to a question about what's in his long velvet-covered case with that word ("Doom").

Answer: THE COLOR OF MONEY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - An advertising campaign beginning in February 2020 saw a popular food brand, established in 1958, wade into a polarizing debate regarding looping animations. What is that brand?

Answer: JIF PEANUT BUTTER

Q3.: SCIENCE - What element was first detected as an unexpected line in the spectrum of the Sun in 1868, and discovered on Earth in 1895 (in the uranium mineral cleveite)?

Answer: HELIUM

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - As they relate specifically to the religions' central figures, what is the Christian equivalent of the Islamic Mawlid an-Nabi?

Answer: CHRISTMAS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The man who served as the First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings within the government of the United Kingdom from 1855 to 1858, who was believed to be upwards of 6'7" in height, had the last name of Hall, and was elevated to the peerage as Baron Llanover in 1859. What was his first name?

Answer: BENJAMIN (BEN)

Q6.: LITERATURE - Deep in the heart of Summer, sweet is life tame still, But my heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill. These lines from "The Lonely Hunter", by a Scottish poet writing under the pseudonym Fiona MacLeod, are the origin of the title of what American novelist's 1940 debut?

Answer: CARSON MCCULLERS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the Italian term for the region known in English as Southern Italy, roughly equivalent geographically with the pre-unification Kingdom of Naples? This term refers to the intensity of the midday sun in the southern portion of the Italian peninsula.

Answer: MEZZOGIORNO

Q2.: FILM - The title of a critically acclaimed, Oscar-nominated coming-of-age film from 2017, when its two words are combined into one and repeated, becomes the title of a 1994 British film taken directly from the first words of a nursery rhyme. What is the title of either film?

Answer: LADY BIRD/LADYBIRD, LADYBIRD

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In the history of the Olympic Games, the winners of the gold medals in women's springboard diving (since 1988), women's synchronized platform diving (since 2000), and women's synchronized springboard diving (since 2004) have all hailed from what country?

Answer: CHINA

Q4.: AMER HIST - The gas-operated rifle that served as the standard light machine gun in the U.S. Army until the late 1950s was known by the abbreviation BAR, and was designed in 1917 and named after a man with what last name?

Answer: BROWNING

Q5.: MATH - What word was coined by French mathematician Benoit Mandelbrot to refer to an irregular pattern that's self-similar in scale (i.e., where any section resembles the whole)?

Answer: FRACTAL

Q6.: SCIENCE - What candy is named after (or could plausibly have been named after, at least) a phase in a galaxy's evolution when it is converting gas into luminous celestial objects at an exceptionally high rate?

Answer: STARBURST

Q1.: ART - 2007's My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love, which included its creator's signature room-sized black paper silhouettes, was the first full-scale museum survey for an acclaimed American artist. What name is (coincidentally) both the last name of this prolific artist and the name of the Minneapolis art center where her work was featured?

Answer: WALKER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Viktor Chernomyrdin, who served as Prime Minister of Russia under Boris Yeltsin (and 23 hours as Acting President during Yeltsin's heart surgery in 1996), was the leader of the Ministry of Gas Industry in 1989 when it transformed into the country's first state-corporate enterprise, under what name?

Answer: GAZPROM

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Nathan "Nearest" Green, the first known African-American master distiller in the United States, was a pioneer of the "Lincoln County Process", which produces whiskey using the same process as Kentucky bourbon with an added final step of filtering it through thick chips of sugar maple charcoal before bottling. The resulting whiskey is a type named after (and closely associated with) what other location?

Answer: TENNESSEE

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the popular ground cover of the dogbane family, in the genus *Vinca* and also known as creeping myrtle, that gives its name to the shade of lavender-blue that matches a common color of its flowers?

Answer: PERIWINKLE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What eponymous adjective describes a certain cantus firmus attributed to a man from the 6th/7th century, as well as a modification (introduced by a similar man) that caused, two belated centuries later in England, Wednesday, September 2, 1752, to be followed immediately by Thursday, September 14?

Answer: GREGORIAN

Q6.: LITERATURE - A group of writers in and around New York in the first half of the 19th century took its name from Washington Irving's fictional Dutch historian and "author" of *A History of New York from the Beginning of the World to the End of the Dutch Dynasty*. What was that character's last name (and that writers' group's name, and a current New York group's name)?

Answer: KNICKERBOCKER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - While several African nations share a name with their principal rivers (e.g., Congo, Niger, The Gambia), what one Asian country has a name in English that is identical to that of its main and longest river?

Answer: JORDAN

Q2.: POP MUSIC - In the early 1950s, trumpeter Miles Davis played and recorded arrangements in a novel style known as what type of jazz? The description was used in the title of a compilation album by Davis in 1957.

Answer: COOL JAZZ

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Name the polarizing leader of the French far-right political party now known as National Rally (Rassemblement national), who holds the position previously held by her even-farther-right father when the party was still known as the National Front (Front national).

Answer: MARINE LE PEN

Q4.: THEATRE - What does the "T" stand for in IATSE, the abbreviation of a labor organization encompassing over 150,000 members in over 375 local unions across North America? The word in question generally describes the industry the union's members worked in at its founding in 1893 (it has since expanded).

Answer: THEATRICAL

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the scientific instrument that measures and indicates the height above sea level at which an airplane or other object is currently located?

Answer: ALTIMETER

Q6.: FILM - The title of a 1991 film starring Keanu Reeves is taken from a song by the B-52's, and the title of a 1996 film starring Keanu Reeves is taken from a song by Soundgarden. What, most notably, do these two titles have in common—a commonality they share with the name of Keanu Reeves's character in 1991's *Point Break*?

Answer: US STATES

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What island's name comes possibly from its location down the Susquehanna River from the borough of Middletown, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg, or alternatively from an inaccurate interpretation of a geological survey by the US Department of the Interior in 1963?

Answer: THREE MILE ISLAND

Q2.: ART - A group of women living in and around the Gee's Bend hamlet in the Black Belt of Alabama are renowned for their works of art using what specific medium—a medium that is also referenced in the title of a 1985 piece by American artist Faith Ringgold, "Street Story <Redacted>"?

Answer: QUILT

Q3.: TELEVISION - A giant mock-up of a slot machine dominated the set of what game show, hosted by Jack Barry until his death in 1984?

Answer: JOKER'S WILD

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A system known as Devanagari is one of the four most widely adopted and most actively used of its type in the world (probably at #3 or #4, though exact numbers would be impossible to determine). Name any one of the other three of these systems with the greatest prevalence.

Answer: LATIN/ROMAN, CHINESE/HANJI/KANJI, ARABIC

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What term from physics is used in economics for the rate at which money is exchanged in an economy—specifically, the ratio of a measure of transactions (such as GDP) to a measure of the money supply?

Answer: VELOCITY (OF MONEY/CIRCULATION)

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What city flourished as a center of culture and trade, perhaps reaching its greatest brilliance under the 8th/9th-century rule of Harun al-Rashid, the Abbasid caliph whose court and capital provided the setting for many of the stories in One Thousand and One Nights?

Answer: BAGHDAD

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - What is the very appropriate name of the US Army veteran and acting Deputy Sergeant at Arms of the US Senate, who was awarded by that body in February 2021, by unanimous consent, the Congressional Gold Medal for his actions as an officer with the Capitol Police during the failed insurrection on January 6, 2021?

Answer: EUGENE GOODMAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What African nation's name, when a "B" is added at the beginning, becomes the name of a region and the largest traditional kingdom within that country, and when an "L" is added at the beginning instead, becomes the name of a native language commonly spoken in the country?

Answer: UGANDA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the surname shared by soccer legends named Jack and Bobby, who played for two decades from the 1950s to the 1970s for Leeds United and Manchester United (respectively), and were among the starting eleven on England's World Cup-winning team in 1966? The name is also that of an area of southeast London that has been home to a Premier League club as recently as 2007 (currently in League One).

Answer: CHARLTON

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What dish, named after a 19th-century Russian count, today typically consists of a beef tenderloin cubed or sliced thinly and cooked briefly in a mushroom, onion, and cream sauce, often served with crisp shoestring potatoes as a garnish?

Answer: (BEEF) STROGANOFF

Q5.: SCIENCE - The Earth is at the center of the universe and the Sun, Moon, and planets revolve around it at different levels in circular orbits, while the stars lie in fixed locations on a sphere that revolves beyond these orbits. Such was the astronomical system most associated with what second-century mathematician and author of the Almagest?

Answer: PTOLEMY

Q6.: LITERATURE - Shakespeare's Othello was a general in the service of Venice and, also per the play's subtitle, a member of what group of people?

Answer: MOORS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The body part in humans (and some other animals) that in ancient Rome would have been referred to as pollex would today, in modern Rome, be called il pollice, and in English would most commonly be called what?

Answer: THUMB

Q2.: POP MUSIC - With all twenty-two of its US-released singles reaching the Billboard Top 40 and five consecutive albums reaching #1 (with a sixth reaching #2), what band was one of the most successful rock acts of the 1970s (but not the most successful of its leader's career)?

Answer: (PAUL MCCARTNEY AND) WINGS

Q3.: AMER HIST - The largest accession of territory by the United States was the roughly 827,000-square-mile Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Second-largest, sixty-four years later, was over 586,000 square miles of territory formally known by what name?

Answer: ALASKA (RUSSIAN AMERICA)

Q4.: FILM - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration-mandated bar of steel tubing that is installed on the rear underside of tractor-trailers to prevent "underride" collisions is known as an underride guard, ICC bar, or DOT bumper. However, it's perhaps best known by a name referencing what Hollywood star because of a tragic event in June 1967?

Answer: JAYNE MANSFIELD

Q5.: TELEVISION - Per the sitcom's sixth episode in 1974, a TV character—whose real name was Warren Weber—received, from his mom, his nickname that referenced that he liked to make things with clay. What was that nickname?

Answer: POTSIE

Q6.: SCIENCE - What obsolete medical term completes the title of Ben Jonson's Every Man in His _____, a comedy in which each of the four main characters is stereotyped with one ruling temperament (sanguine, phlegmatic, choleric, and melancholic)?

Answer: HUMOUR

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In 2021, two competing election technology companies have filed suit against former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and others related to their promotion of theories around election fraud. Name either company.

Answer: SMARTMATIC, DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS

Q2.: AMER HIST - Give the last name of either of the public figures prominent during the 1980s who had nicknames that referenced the synthetic fluoropolymerpolytetrafluoroethylene.

Answer: (RONALD) REAGAN, (JOHN) GOTTI

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A leading role in the most profitable movie musical ever (at the time) and the release of her provocative album *Totally Hot* (both in 1978) announced a shift in the career of what artist, whose early US success was in country music (including a Grammy for Best Country Vocal and, somewhat controversially, the CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year)?

Answer: OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Q4.: LITERATURE - The 1930 mystery novel *The Door* by Mary Roberts Rinehart was one of the first instances of a murder committed by what now-clichéd perpetrator?

Answer: BUTLER

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Identify the system for visual communication whose name comes from the Greek words for "signal" and "bearer", and fittingly so.

Answer: SEMAPHORE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - CMG is, in a particular and specific context, an abbreviation for an entity that shares what name with a smoke-dried ripe *Capsicum annuum*?

Answer: CHIPOTLE

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - A pair of shell-shaped objects, carved from boxwood, walnut, or other wood, with the hollowed sides facing each other and connected by a cord, comprises what musical instrument associated with Spanish folk dance?

Answer: CASTANETS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Though he adopted various pseudonyms during his lifetime, including "Walter" and "Rudi", the revolutionary born in 1892 with the name Josip Broz, in what at the time was Austria-Hungary, was best-known by what other name?

Answer: TITO

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Jacques Plante, who was born in Quebec in 1929, is widely regarded as the individual who first popularized what now-commonplace sporting (and, to a lesser degree, cinematic) accoutrement?

Answer: HOCKEY/GOALIE MASK

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A book from 2013 by design expert Jude Stewart is subtitled An Exceedingly Surprising Book About Color. What is this book's main title, which is the name of a made-up person also associated tangentially with the pattern that appears on the LGBT pride flag? Note, full name with middle initial required.

Answer: ROY G. BIV

Q5.: FILM - A structural parallel to Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde can be found in what 1963 comedy film, as well as its 1996 remake?

Answer: THE NUTTY PROFESSOR

Q6.: MATH - The binary number 1111110001, which equals the hexadecimal number 3F1, when converted to Roman numerals, spells what English word? It is one of the very few common words which are valid Roman numbers.

Answer: MIX

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the military hero of the Qing dynasty who gives his name (though he has no apparent connection) to a dish consisting of bite-sized fried chicken pieces tossed in a sweet, tangy, spicy sauce.
Answer: GENERAL TSO (ZUO)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The controversial Ponte della Costituzione, also known locally as the Ponte di Calatrava ("Calatrava Bridge"), spans the primary waterway of what city?
Answer: VENICE

Q3.: LITERATURE - A humorous instructional book published in November 1991 by IDG Books—an elementary and accessible introduction to the operating system DOS—was the first in a successful series specifically aimed, per the formulaic (and good-natured) titles of the series' books, at what type of people?
Answer: DUMMIES

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - In the opera by Ludwig Van Beethoven, a Spanish nobleman named Florestan has been thrown into prison. Hoping to rescue him, his faithful wife, Leonore, follows him disguised as a boy with what name?
Answer: FIDELIO

Q5.: AMER HIST - In his State of the Union address in January 2002, President George W. Bush first used what three-word phrase, in reference specifically to the countries of Iran, Iraq, and North Korea?
Answer: AXIS OF EVIL

Q6.: TELEVISION - "The Little Rascals" was a title used on TV for a series of movie shorts produced from the 1920s into the 1940s that featured a group of characters known by what name? This other name was also used for the series itself during its original airing in theaters.
Answer: OUR GANG

Q1.: ART - The most widely visited art museum in the United States located west of the Mississippi River is a facility, designed by architect Richard Meier, that opened to the public in 1997 and is named after what benefactor?

Answer: J. PAUL GETTY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A common gaming set of seven items includes a tetrahedron, an octahedron, two pentagonal trapezohedrons, a dodecahedron, an icosahedron, and what sixth shape?

Answer: CUBE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the R&B legend whose career highlights include a #1 hit with her eponymous group in 1975 ("Lady Marmalade") and another in a 1986 duet with Michael McDonald ("On My Own").

Answer: PATTI LABELLE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Langa, Mabopane, Soweto, and Sharpeville are all names of locations in South Africa of a type most often referred to by what term?

Answer: TOWNSHIP

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What word is the motto of a western US state, a brand of vacuum cleaner, and what Archimedes is alleged to have exclaimed before he left his tub and ran naked through the streets of Syracuse?

Answer: EUREKA

Q6.: FILM - The actor born Reu (or Rue) Alfred Wilson in 1917 and later known as Al LaRue was a star of low-budget (and arguably low-quality) Westerns of the late 1940s. He was best known by what nickname, after his main weapon that he wielded with some skill?

Answer: LASH

Q1.: SCIENCE - A wild goat found in Europe and Asia that lives in high altitudes, often above the snowline, and a long-legged bird with a down-curved bill of the family Threskiornithidae found in environments largely the opposite of the wild goat's (such as the campus of the University of Miami), both have names that begin with what two letters?

Answer: IB

Q2.: LITERATURE - A novel by Katherine Neville titled *The Eight*, Vladimir Nabokov's *The Defense*, *The Lüneburg Variation* by Paolo Maurensig, and *The Royal Game* by Stefan Zweig are all books of fiction that center on what game?

Answer: CHESS

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A certain chocolate sponge cake (flavored with whipped cream and cherry filling) and a certain smoked ham (strongly seasoned with garlic, coriander, pepper, and other spices) are both named after what sylvan region?

Answer: BLACK FOREST

Q4.: TELEVISION - Imelda Staunton is scheduled to play the role begun by Claire Foy and continued by Olivia Colman on what drama series?

Answer: THE CROWN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What ancient term was considered, in its time, to represent the son of Osiris ruling on Earth, acting as an intermediary between gods and men?

Answer: PHARAOH

Q6.: THEATRE - One of the most iconic characters created by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan was the very model of a modern Major-General, with information vegetable, animal, and what?

Answer: MINERAL

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT -The bar must be laid horizontally in front of the lifter's feet, gripped with an optional grip in both hands and lifted upward until the lifter is standing erect and with knees locked.This is an excerpt from the International Powerlifting Federation's Rules of Performance for which of the "Big Three" powerlifts?

Answer: DEADLIFT

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Seo Taiji and Boys were pioneers, in particular with their debut 1992 hit "Nan Arayo (I Know)", in the modern form of what musical genre?

Answer: K-POP

Q3.: LITERATURE - In the famous nursery rhyme's first eight-line stanza, Mary's little lamb whose fleece was white as snow followed her everywhere, including to what specific location?

Answer: SCHOOL

Q4.: SCIENCE - What dentistry specialty focuses on the treatment of diseases of the gingiva and other dental supporting structures, as well as placement of dental implants?

Answer: PERIODONTICS

Q5.: FILM - While it had only two female speaking roles in the entire film, both minor (plus numerous non-speaking women, mostly billed as "stewardesses"), this film's most prominent speaking role—a non-human—was reportedly in early drafts named Athena and had a woman's voice. What is this movie?

Answer: 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

Q6.: AMER HIST - In the late 1970s, attorneys for Dan White, the former San Francisco Supervisor who assassinated Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, blamed their client's actions on depression and diminished mental capacity which were indicated by his overindulgence in sugary food. This claim came to be known as what "defense"?

Answer: TWINKIE DEFENSE

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What term for an environment of chaos and confusion comes from the name of a still-existing psychiatric hospital founded in the city of London in 1247?

Answer: BEDLAM

Q2.: POP MUSIC - More than twenty albums and compilations released by musical legend Bill Monroe contain what word, a musical genre that Monroe has been widely regarded as "the father of"?

Answer: BLUEGRASS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The European membership in the United Nations increased by one on January 19, 1993, with the unanimous admission of what two countries?

Answer: CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Despite no formal high-level scientific training in the field, an American scientist named Carolyn Shoemaker has, over the course of her career, discovered 32 different what? This number is cited by some authorities as the most by any individual in history.

Answer: COMETS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - "For the toughest jobs on planet Earth" is the advertising tagline for a brand of polyurethane adhesives named after what animal?

Answer: GORILLA

Q6.: LITERATURE - What word is missing from the following quote from William Blake's *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, which inspired the title of an Aldous Huxley book from 1954 and the name of a rock group whose self-titled debut was released in 1967: "If the _____ of perception were cleansed every thing would appear to man as it is, Infinite."

Answer: DOORS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - 1984's W.O.W. was the debut solo album for what provocative artist, who had previously played chainsaw and machine gun and sang lead vocals for The Plasmatics?

Answer: WENDY O. WILLIAMS

Q2.: ART - In 1905, the critic Louis Vauxcelles coined (inadvertently) the term for what artistic movement, in a derogatory remark regarding the work of Andre Derain and Henri Matisse at the Salon d'Automne in Paris?

Answer: FAUVISM

Q3.: TELEVISION - A popular television series from the early 1960s featured the adventures of two young travelers crossing the country on what highway, which provided the series its title?

Answer: ROUTE 66

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Indian-administered territory of Ladakh, the Pakistani-administered territories of Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK, and the Chinese-administered territories of Aksai Chin and the Trans-Karakoram Tract are among those located within a geographical region best-known by what name?

Answer: KASHMIR

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Ficelle, which means "string" in French, is also the name for a certain perishable item. What other item, very similar to a ficelle but thicker (and occasionally longer), means "stick", "baton", or "rod"?

Answer: BAGUETTE

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1966, Harvard University clinical psychologist Timothy Leary organized a spiritual organization that had what three-letter abbreviation—surely by purposeful design and not coincidence, as it was the same as the organization's "sacrament"?

Answer: LSD

Q1.: MATH - The mathematical constant pi (π) is commonly defined as the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. What two words, in order, correctly replace and in the preceding sentence?

Answer: CIRCUMFERENCE, DIAMETER

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the English title of the massively successful manga series by Hajime Isayama which is a slight mistranslation of the original Japanese Shingeki no Kyojin (a more precise translation would not include the preposition "on")?

Answer: ATTACK ON TITAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - To impart some fun to the language and as a tribute to the comedy sketch group whose scripts he was reading at the time, Dutch programmer Guido van Rossum gave the programming language that he created and with which he is closely associated what name?

Answer: PYTHON

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Of all the teams in the "Big Four" North American pro sports leagues (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL) whose team names include an animal, only one was named after an animal that is extinct. What is that team name (both location and animal required)?

Answer: TORONTO RAPTORS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What religious movement is named after the man who served as Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 until he was deposed in 1974?

Answer: RASTAFARIANISM

Q6.: ART - What is the title of the masterpiece from 1942 in the Art Institute of Chicago collection that its painter, Edward Hopper, claims was inspired by "a restaurant on New York's Greenwich Avenue where two streets meet"?

Answer: Nighthawks

Q1.: POP MUSIC - English guitar virtuoso Mick Ronson, who died in 1993 at age 46, first achieved fame as a member of what backing band of extraterrestrial arachnids?
Answer: THE SPIDERS FROM MARS

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the standard electrical term for the dangerous situation in which an energized current flows directly to the earth outside the established wiring of a system, through any equipment or people that are part of that unintended alternate pathway? It's the "GF" inGFCI, a circuit interrupter designed to cut power in such a scenario.

Answer: GROUND FAULT

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Dogs known as "tollers" are one of the six retriever breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club in the Sporting Group (with Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, and others). They are a breed with a full, formal AKC name that references what location, where the breed originated in the early 19th century to retrieve ducks from its icy waters?

Answer: NOVA SCOTIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - In the history of the US Navy, the incident that resulted in the greatest loss of life at sea from a single ship occurred July 30, 1945, when an Imperial Japanese submarine torpedoed and sank a cruiser named for what midwestern capital?

Answer: INDIANAPOLIS

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What dish of Indonesian origin, derived from the Indiankebab (and possibly originating etymologically from the Tamil for "flesh"), consists of marinated cubes of poultry, meat, or seafood threaded on skewers and grilled, and is often served with a hot peanut sauce?

Answer: SATAY

Q6.: TELEVISION - A Netflix series released in July 2020, based on a series of over 100 novels published between 1986 and 2000, follows a group of young businesswomen who have formed an enterprise providing, per the show's title, what valuable service?

Answer: BABY-SITTING

Q1.: FILM - In 1982, Hollywood film director and memorabilia collector Steven Spielberg purchased a certain cheap balsa wood sled for over \$60,000. The sled, one of three used for its specific purpose—and one of the two that was not completely burned in the process—had what name?

Answer: ROSEBUD

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Poses in yoga, such as downward-facing dog, mountain pose, and tabletop, are known by what term, from the Sanskrit for "posture" or "seat"?

Answer: ASANAS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What woman is widely (though probably incorrectly) regarded as the first in Italy to receive a medical degree, though her greatest fame is as an educator who developed (in the early 20th century) a novel approach to teaching young children?

Answer: MARIA MONTESSORI

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Mexico's Highway 1, which begins in the north in Tijuana at the US border, runs mostly due south, ending at the tip of the Baja California peninsula in what city?

Answer: CABO SAN LUCAS (CABO)

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - A solitaire card game variation shares its name with a car-sized object currently poking around in Mars's Jezero Crater. What is that name?

Answer: PERSEVERANCE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Just As I Amis the title of a memoir by what woman, an American actor of stage and screen who died in January 2021—two days after the book's publication—at age 96?

Answer: CICELY TYSON

Q1.: AMER HIST - An international custody battle, a media phenomenon, and political chaos originated with the discovery in 1999 of a five-year-old boy floating on a makeshift raft three miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This boy, now a grown man and Cuban citizen, has what first name?

Answer: ELIÁN (GONZALEZ)

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 2000 novel *White Teeth* was the widely acclaimed debut of what 24-year-old English author, whose subsequent novels include *On Beauty* (2005) and *NW* (2012)?

Answer: ZADIE SMITH

Q3.: FILM - Name either of the characters (a girl and a squirrel, respectively) that form the title of the 2013 Kate DiCamillo superhero novel that was adapted into a film released on Disney+ in February 2021.

Answer: FLORA & ULYSSES

Q4.: MATH - The 13th-century mathematician Leonardo of Pisa was posthumously given a name by which he is best-known today, after the name's alleged 1838 inventor Guillaume Libri shared it (maybe?) with two people, who then shared it with three people, who then shared it with five people, who then shared it with eight people, and so on, and so on. What is this name?

Answer: FIBONACCI

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Maximilien Robespierre and Jean-Paul Marat are among the 18th-century Frenchmen associated with the "Society of the Friends of the Constitution" (*Société des amis de la Constitution*), a club that was best known informally by what name, taken from the monastery which was the club's frequent meeting place during the early 1790s?

Answer: JACOBIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Caprica, a planet in the Cyrannus star system, provided the setting for some of the episodes of what sci-fi drama series, as well as the title for the show's spinoff prequel?

Answer: BATTLESTAR GALACTICA

Q1.: TELEVISION - During the Vietnam War, an annual Christmas special which actually aired in January or February, and which condensed its host's holiday tour of military bases into a 90-minute program, was consistently the highest-rated TV special of the year. What comedy legend and avid golfer hosted these specials?

Answer: BOB HOPE

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - A leading metadata company owned by Nielsen, which originally provided CD information, takes its current name from a term used for ornamental notes printed in small type in musical notation. What is that name?

Answer: GRACENOTE

Q3.: LANGUAGE -

Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamten gesellschaft was an organization (perhaps apocryphal) that existed (or not) in pre-WWI Vienna, Austria, involved in the transportation of cargo and passengers on what river?

Answer: DANUBE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Long before the Ultimate Fighting Championship, a company abbreviated UFC held a monopolistic position dominating economies of Central America. "U" and "C" stand for "United" and "Company"— what does the "F" stand for?

Answer: FRUIT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A gaming device used in casinos to hold multiple decks of cards has a name that is also used for an item that the dealer is almost surely wearing (and probably wearing more than one of) while dealing the cards, and which the device slightly resembles. What is that name?

Answer: SHOE

Q6.: THEATRE - What musical closed at the Uris Theatre on January 2, 1983, after a total of 2,377 performances, setting a still-standing record for longest-running Broadway musical adapted from a comic strip? (Note, name themusical.)

Answer: ANNIE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Texas toast, bacon, tomatoes, mornay sauce. What meat is missing from this list of primary ingredients in the sandwich known as the Hot Brown (per Louisville's Brown Hotel itself)?

Answer: TURKEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Darius III ruled as the final king of the Achaemenid dynasty in Persia, dying in 330 BCE after his army had been defeated by forces led by what man, who had proclaimed himself king of Asia?

Answer: ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What "First Lady of Song" famously recorded selections from the "Great American Songbook", including the Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm", Cole Porter's "I Get a Kick Out of You", and Johnny Mercer's "Something's Gotta Give", in a series of studio albums released in the late 1950s and early 1960s?

Answer: ELLA FITZGERALD

Q4.: SCIENCE - While there are about 70 different chemical elements in seawater (not including hydrogen and oxygen), ions of two make up over 85% of all dissolved materials (by mass). One of the elements is sodium. What is the other element (or ion)?

Answer: CHLORINE/CHLORIDE

Q5.: ART - Malcolm Morley, Anish Kapoor, Gillian Wearing, Helen Marten, and Charlotte Prodger are among the winners of what annual prize, named after an Englishman who died in 1851?

Answer: TURNER PRIZE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Probably the three most famous steals in NBA history were all by the same team—against the Philadelphia 76ers in 1965, against the Los Angeles Lakers in 1984, and against the Detroit Pistons in 1987. Name any one of the three players who stole the ball in these three historic plays.

Answer: JOHN HAVLICEK, GERALD HENDERSON, LARRY BIRD

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the hit debut young adult novel from 2020 by Emma Lord whose title is a fun play on a term for an amusing first encounter between two people that eventually leads to a romantic relationship, updated for the era of social media?

Answer: TWEET CUTE

Q2.: FILM - Josette Day and Jean Marais play the title characters in what French fantasy film from 1946, directed and written by Jean Cocteau and based on a 1757 tale by Mme. Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont?

Answer: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (LA BELLE ET LA BÊTE)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the term commonly used for the Stone Age's final phase—when humans first developed settlements and invented agriculture—which translates directly from Greek as "New Stone [Age]"?

Answer: NEOLITHIC

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What London address is the parallel to Tokyo's 2-3-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, the current location of a building known as Kantei?

Answer: 10 DOWNING STREET

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The proto-caliphate known internationally as ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) or ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) has also been referred to by what other, controversial, five-letter name, which is a transliteration of the acronym of its name in Arabic?

Answer: DAESH

Q6.: AMER HIST - What unique law enforcement agency has its roots in a group founded by empresario Stephen F. Austin in 1823 as a protection force for settlers after the Mexican War of Independence?

Answer: TEXAS RANGERS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What term for a group of players who are signed to a professional sports team but not on the active roster comes from the NFL's Cleveland franchise in the 1940s and the part-time, for-hire job a handful of players were given by the team's owner to keep them available and at the ready?
Answer: TAXI SQUAD

Q2.: SCIENCE - The erratic and endless agitation of fine particles in suspension is a phenomenon with what name? This name comes from (but is not identical to) the name of the British botanist who observed the effect in 1827 using pollen grains in water.

Answer: BROWNIAN MOTION/MOVEMENT

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What river, which flows from its formation at the junction of two headwaters in Kachin State and flows southward into the Bay of Bengal, is the principal river of Myanmar?

Answer: IRRAWADDY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What candy bar, made of chocolate and fluffy nougat, was introduced in 1932 as a set that also included vanilla and strawberry bars?

Answer: THREE MUSKETEERS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What company was a pioneer in the development and manufacture of personal digital assistants not long after its formation in 1992, and particularly after its acquisition by US Robotics in 1995 (and then 3Com in 1997), until its rapid decline in the 2000s and eventual demise as a part of HP in the 2010s?

Answer: PALM INC.

Q6.: TELEVISION - The Paramount Network cable TV channel was previously known as Spike TV, and before that, was named after what city, where it launched in 1983 (and which presumably was home to such hosts as Ralph Emery, Lorianne Crook, and Charlie Chase)?

Answer: NASHVILLE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Most likely the song of the summer of 2020, and the #1 pop song on Billboard's chart for the year, was an 80s-esque smash by The Weeknd whose title could also describe some streetside home exteriors during the Christmas season.
What is that title?

Answer: BLINDING LIGHTS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Great Fire of London began on September 2, 1666. Name the other pivotal event that occurred (from start to finish) on a day almost exactly 600 years prior (minus 42 days), and about 50 miles to the southeast.

Answer: BATTLE OF HASTINGS

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Six-second-long video clips were the content on what social network and video service that was founded in 2012, acquired by Twitter that same year, formally released in 2013, and discontinued by 2017?

Answer: VINE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - When a player scores three goals in a game in ice hockey, it's a hat trick. What adjective is commonly used to describe a hat trick when those three goals are scored by the player consecutively, with no other goals scored by any other player on either team in between those three?

Answer: NATURAL

Q5.: SCIENCE - A trademark of an SLR camera (and the digital DSLR) is the mirror and prism system (hence the R for "reflex") that permits the photographer to see through the viewfinder exactly the same image that will be exposed. This system also allows the camera to have what's indicated by the SL, which stands for what two words?

Answer: SINGLE LENS

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - What is the three-letter NYSE ticker symbol for the video game retailer GameStop?

Answer: GME

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the people who flourished on the desert coast of modern Peru beginning in 200 BCE, leaving behind enormous etchings (or "lines") on the surface of the desert before their absorption into the Huari empire by 800 CE?

Answer: NAZCA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What common food item, of which the average American consumes over three pounds per year, has a name derived from the Greek for "pearl" and originally had that name with a prefix derived from the Latin for "(olive) oil"?

Answer: MARGARINE

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Fill in the blank in this complete list: Muharram, Safar, Rabi Al-Awwal, Rabi Al-Thani, Jamada Al-Awwal, Jamada Al-Thani, Rajab, Shaban, _____, Shawwal, Dhul Qadah, Dhul Hijjah.

Answer: RAMADAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - The gastrocnemius and soleus muscles are located in the part of the human body whose name is also the name of an entirely different type of animal (which, incidentally, doesn't really have this particular body part). What is this body part?

Answer: CALF

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - On March 24, 2021, what country, per an announcement by its health minister, became the first in the world (or at least, the first non-microstate) to fully vaccinate greater than half its population for COVID-19 (though not without controversy)?

Answer: ISRAEL

Q6.: BUS/ECON - In 1895's *Moore v. United States*, what term did the U.S. Supreme Court define as "the fraudulent appropriation of property by a person to whom such property has been entrusted, or into whose hands it has lawfully come"?

Answer: EMBEZZLEMENT

Q1.: LITERATURE - What doting mother is the only female character in the Winnie-the-Pooh books by A.A. Milne?

Answer: KANGA

Q2.: ART - The art critic Louis Vauxcelles wrote in 1908 that, in landscapes painted by Georges Braque and shown at Paris's Galerie Kahnweiler, the artist had reduced "everything...to geometric schemas, to" what—thereby naming a new and key movement in modern art?

Answer: CUBES/CUBISM

Q3.: FILM - Professional hockey goaltenders Martin Jones and Connor Hellebuyck play for teams whose names, completely unrelatedly, are important to the plot of a 1957 Broadway musical and its 1961 film adaptation. What is the name shared by that musical and subsequent film?

Answer: WEST SIDE STORY

Q4.: TELEVISION - Among the reviews for the 2021 HBO series *Mare of Easttown* were kudos for South East England-born Kate Winslet's proficiency with the accent of what city (and its surrounding area)—an accent which is considered challenging to master and thus not frequently used in TV and film?

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q5.: AMER HIST - The first automobile factory was built in Detroit, Michigan, in 1899, by what man, after whom was named a major automotive brand (until it was discontinued in 2004) as well as a certain Speed Wagon?

Answer: RANSOM E. OLDS

Q6.: SCIENCE - Whereas "hardrock" or "lode" mining extracts precious minerals from solid rock, what term describes mining which involves separating minerals from sand or gravel, such as in a stream bed? The term became known during the California Gold Rush, and in fact it's used in the name of a city 40 miles east of Sacramento that has also been referred to historically as "Hangtown", and also as the name of a nearby California county.

Answer: PLACER

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What fruit is most closely associated with an 1856 riot in present-day Panama, a 1995 novel by Irish writer Marian Keyes, and the comedian Gallagher?

Answer: WATERMELON

Q2.: SCIENCE - The Roman ruler of the gods, the Roman ruler of the titans, and the Greek father of the titans are included, in order, as a segment within a common sequence. What are these three names, in that correct order?

Answer: JUPITER, SATURN, URANUS

Q3.: FILM - In three feature films beginning in 1995, plus numerous shorts, Don Rickles provided the voice for what mustachioed solanum?

Answer: MR. POTATO HEAD

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In April 2021, who became the first player in major league baseball since Babe Ruth 100 years prior to start a game as pitcher while also leading the league in home runs?

Answer: SHOHEI OHTANI

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In 1959, Mao Zedong instituted the second five-year plan of his rule targeting massive increases in industrial output and agricultural efficiency. This plan, which was a disastrous failure, is best known as the "Great" what (two word answer)—a misnomer, as industrial production halved by 1962?

Answer: LEAP FORWARD

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The cities of Quezon City and Manila are located on what island, the northernmost, largest in area, and most populous of the main Philippine Islands?

Answer: LUZON

Q1.: SCIENCE - Banker Charles Hayden, Sears executive Max Adler and his wife Sophie, and entrepreneur Samuel Oschin were philanthropists that share distinction, most notably, as namesakes for what specific type of facility?

Answer: PLANETARIUM

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Give the name, in English, of any one of the four violin concerti that constituted what composer Antonio Vivaldi named, in his native Italian, Le quattro stagioni.

Answer: SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN, WINTER

Q3.: LITERATURE - The literary characters Gelert, Argos, Gaspode, and Tock are all what, most distinctively?

Answer: DOGS

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What musical group, befitting their name, is reported to have appeared in an FBI document titled "Rap Music and Its Effects on National Security" in 1990, the same year they reached #10 on the Billboard chart with their third album, Fear of a Black Planet?

Answer: PUBLIC ENEMY

Q5.: THEATRE - The 1988 Pulitzer-winning Alfred Uhry play Driving Miss Daisy was the first in his trilogy (followed by The Last Night of the Ballyhoo and the musical Parade) set in what city, after which the trilogy is commonly named and where Uhry himself was born?

Answer: ATLANTA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Huang He and Huang Hai are names of geographical features that are associated in English with what color?

Answer: YELLOW

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In a 1956 film that was possibly the first-ever "rock 'n' roll" movie, Bill Haley and His Comets perform "Happy Baby", "Razzle-Dazzle", "See You Later, Alligator", and what title song?

Answer: ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

Q2.: SCIENCE - Developed by a Belgian-American chemist in 1907, the world's first synthetic polymer (plastic) has what name? The name is derived from the chemist's name, but (when written, if not in pronunciation) could evoke something found on the inside of an oven (in a groaning pun sense, perhaps)?

Answer: BAKELITE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the twelve founding members of the short-lived European Super League of April 2021, three are Italian clubs: Inter Milan, AC Milan, and what third club, based in Turin?

Answer: JUVENTUS

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What is the first word shared by the names of the sea vessels whose two-word names end in Glory, Govern, Globe, Greet, Golden, Goods, and Genius?

Answer: EVER

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The most powerful African empire of the early modern period was the Songhai Empire, which was founded in the early 15th century, reached its zenith in the early 16th century, and was centered in eastern Mali in the capital of Gao and what other legendary city, where Musa I built the Great Mosque during his reign over the Mali Empire?

Answer: TIMBUKTU

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - "Suffering is the basis of all existence" is a guiding principle of LearnedLeague and, in simplified form, the first of the Four Noble Truths first taught by whom?

Answer: BUDDHA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A college in Hartford, Connecticut, and a university in San Antonio, Texas, are two major degree-awarding institutions with what name (a college in Dublin, Ireland, is among those that would make three)?

Answer: TRINITY

Q2.: SCIENCE -Filariasis, a disease originated by various nematode worms, can give rise to enlargement of lymph nodes and blockage of lymph channels, resulting in massive swelling of certain parts of the human body—a condition named after what animal?

Answer: ELEPHANT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What was the name of the pop-vocal quintet formed in the late 1960s featuring Marilyn McCoo and Florence LaRue which, despite its name, was visible to humans and did not appear to involve the unification of the forces of gravity and magnetism?

Answer: THE FIFTH DIMENSION

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Though Americans won eight consecutive gold medals beginning with the first modern Olympiad in 1896, from 1960 to 1992, Dick Fosbury was the only male competitor from the U.S. to win the gold (in 1968) in what Olympic event?

Answer: HIGH JUMP

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Franziska Donner was the inaugural first lady of what country, located 5,000 miles from her homeland of Austria? She served in the role starting in 1948 until her husband's resignation during the April Revolution of 1960, from which point they lived in exile in Hawaii.

Answer: SOUTH KOREA

Q6.: FILM - Australian director P.J. Hogan's hit indie film from 1994 starring Toni Collette, and his big-budget follow-up from 1997 starring Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney, both prominently feature what type of event (both in plot and in title)?

Answer: WEDDING

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - While "Duplicate" and "Chicago" are well-known forms of the game, likely the most prevalent variation of a particular game for its casual players is "Rubber", whose namesake achievement is reached when a pair of players wins two games. What is this card game?

Answer: (CONTRACT) BRIDGE

Q2.: LITERATURE - American novelist and critic Mary McCarthy's 1957 autobiography, which details a nomadic childhood from convent schools to Vassar College marked by the tragic death of her parents in the influenza pandemic of 1918, is titled *Memories of a _____ Girlhood*. (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: CATHOLIC

Q3.: ART - Babies tucked between tulip petals, babies displayed as a bed of roses, and babies arranged as potted plants—these are all included in a 1996 collection titled *Down In the Garden*, by what photographer?

Answer: ANNE GEDDES

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the specific term, borrowed from German, for the type of frozen precipitation—sometimes referred to as "snow pellets" and distinct from snow, sleet, freezing rain, or hail—which consists of soft, small ice pellets created when super-cooled water droplets coat a snowflake?

Answer: GRAUPEL

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The 1980 concert film *Divine Madness* centered on a performance the year before at Pasadena's Civic Auditorium by what performer, whose nickname (dating to her early years as a bathhouse diva) is referenced in the title?

Answer: BETTE MIDLER

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is largely credited for the reported increase of 65% in profits for what candy?

Answer: REESE'S PIECES

Q1.: AMER HIST - Given its primary title, one might expect a 2018 nonfiction book by Stephen Fried to be about a certain Canadian trio, or perhaps about a certain radio personality, but it is in fact about what physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: BENJAMIN RUSH

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the only country on the South American continent whose capital city is named after a British monarch?

Answer: GUYANA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Though it is sometimes confused with rotini—including by some pasta mass producers—rotelle(also known in Italy as ruote) is the name for a type of pasta whose shape most typically resembles what?

Answer: (WAGON) WHEEL

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1935, St. Petersburg's Mariinski Ballet was renamed in honor of what revolutionary leader? The name was changed back in 1992, after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Answer: S.M. KIROV

Q5.: TELEVISION - The short-lived and unmemorable CBS drama series *Three for the Road*, which starred Alex Rocco, Vincent Van Patten, and Leif Garrett as a dad and two sons traveling the USA via RV, was replaced in December 1975 in its time slot by what other program? This other program, which had been shifted from a different time that day, has remained in this slot ever since.

Answer: 60 MINUTES

Q6.: SCIENCE - There are two consecutive elements on the periodic table that are named after the city and state, respectively, where these particular elements were first discovered. What is the name of that city?

Answer: BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Q1.: FILM - The title of a dystopian 1997 Kevin Costner box-office bomb is fully contained within the title of a 1946 film noir. What is the title of that earlier film (not the Costner film), which starred John Garfield and Lana Turner as scheming, ill-fated lovers?

Answer: THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - With Gonzaga's loss to Baylor in the championship game of the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, what Big Ten school remains the most recent to win the D1 men's championship and finish the season undefeated, having accomplished the feat in the 1975-76 season?

Answer: INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Life's What You Make It", "The Wild Boys", and "Broken Wings" were singles released in the mid-1980s by three different but syntactically similarly named bands. Name any one of the three.

Answer: TALK TALK, DURAN DURAN, MR. MISTER

Q4.: SCIENCE - Galvanization and sherardizing are processes for protecting metals (especially iron or steel) from corrosion by coating them with a layer of what metallic element?

Answer: ZINC

Q5.: AMER HIST - The frontierswoman and member of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show born in Missouri in 1852 to Charlotte and Robert Cannary, noted in her time and beyond for her riding, shooting, compassion, heavy drinking, and wild behavior, is best known by what apt moniker?

Answer: CALAMITY JANE

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What term used in Christianity, probably most familiar in its past tense form, means to grant absolution or to impose penance, and is indirectly associated with the consumption of pancakes?

Answer: SHRIVE/SHROVE

Q1.: FILM - In a 1975 film, the town of Westport, Connecticut, was among those that stood in for what fictional New York City suburb, where many of the men are business professionals, and most of the women are robots?

Answer: STEPFORD

Q2.: ART - An artistic term for a medieval and Renaissance technique, where paint is applied over gold leaf and partially scraped away, is today more commonly used—minus its leading silent "s" and typically in the plural—for a very different method and type of artistic expression. What is the term?

Answer: GRAFFITO/SGRAFFITO/GRAFFITI

Q3.: SCIENCE - A subspecies of argali, a pale brown sheep native to Central Asia and considered to be the largest living sheep, has a common name referencing what person, who encountered the animal in the 13th century?

Answer: MARCO POLO

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What word, which was invented in a classic work of literature in 1900, is now (in its plural version) a US trademark currently owned by an entity named DD IP Holder LLC?

Answer: MUNCHKINS

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "Satan Shoes" are 666 pairs of altered Nike Air Max 97s produced and sold (drawing a lawsuit from Nike, Inc.) in 2021 by an art collective named MSCHF in collaboration with what rapper?

Answer: LIL NAS X

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Battle of Karbala in 680 CE (61 AH) is significant for its role in a schism that created two separate entities, both of which still exist today. Give the common name for either of these two entities.

Answer: SHI'A, SUNNI

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - What is the most common name of the organization in Naples and the Italian region of Campania that is roughly parallel to the 'Ndrangheta in Calabria and the Mafia/Cosa Nostra in Sicily?

Answer: CAMORRA

Q2.: MATH - The number of tablespoons in one gallon is what perfect square?

Answer: 256

Q3.: LANGUAGE - A vehicle that in Britain might be referred to as an estate car would most likely be called what in the United States?

Answer: STATION WAGON

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Blues-rock guitarist Peter Green was a co-founder and principal songwriter for what band (which was actually named after the band's drummer and bass guitarist) until his departure in 1970, a few years before the group's commercial peak?

Answer: FLEETWOOD MAC

Q5.: LITERATURE - What is the three-word name of the fashion industry trade journal, founded in 1910 by Edmund Fairchild and today the flagship of Fairchild Media, which (despite its name) also covers men's fashions, and (despite its name) switched to a weekly print format in 2015 before moving to mostly digital-only in February 2017?

Answer: WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY

Q6.: AMER HIST - Much of the crop diversification in the American South in the early 20th century, away from soil-depleting cotton to alternatives such as sweet potatoes and peanuts, is credited to what man, who served as director of agricultural research at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute from 1896 to 1943?

Answer: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Q1.: LITERATURE - A 1974 book by Robert Pirsig, which is reported to be the greatest-selling philosophy book of all time, has an expository framework built in part around maintenance of what object?

Answer: MOTORCYCLE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Santa Cruz, San Cristóbal, Isabela, Santiago, and Darwin are among the islands of an archipelago best known by what name?

Answer: GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What term referencing ornamental Moorish design is borrowed in ballet terminology for the body position where the dancer stands on one straight leg, with the other leg extended behind the dancer's body and also straight?

Answer: ARABESQUE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Give the first name of either of the teenage daughters of Marc and Heidi D'Amelio, until recently of Norwalk, Connecticut.

Answer: DIXIE, CHARLI

Q5.: THEATRE - At the end of an absurdist drama from 1959 by Eugene Ionesco, the main character is the only human remaining as all of his associates have metamorphosed into what animal?

Answer: RHINOCEROS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The most preeminent Venetian artist (and artistic family) of the 15th century is the namesake for what Prosecco-based cocktail?

Answer: BELLINI

Q1.: FILM - What titular descriptor do the horizon in a 1937 Frank Capra film and the weekend in a 1945 Billy Wilder film have in common?

Answer: LOST

Q2.: ART - Jeanne Gang, Norma Merrick Sklarek, Denise Scott Brown, Julia Morgan, Elizabeth Diller, Natalie de Blois, and Ada Louise Huxtable are all individuals who achieved significant professional success related to what field?

Answer: ARCHITECTURE

Q3.: LITERATURE - A classic of children's literature from 1908, based on letters written by the author to his son Alastair, features the memorable riverside characters Rat, Mole, Badger, and what fourth?

Answer: (MR.) TOAD

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Audible, Goodreads, Ring, Twitch, and Zappos are all subsidiaries owned by what company?

Answer: AMAZON

Q5.: AMER HIST - "Ken Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, more than anyone, are the reason I'm talking to you now from this law firm." This quote from July 2006, referencing former Enron executives, was made by a prematurely former governor of what state?

Answer: CALIFORNIA

Q6.: TELEVISION - The television series *The City*, which premiered in 2008 highlighting aspiring fashion designer Whitney Port's nascent employment with Diane von Fürstenberg in New York, was a spinoff from what other series, in which Port had appeared from its premiere in 2006?

Answer: THE HILLS

Q1.: TELEVISION - What name could be included in a list that also includes Buffay and Green, in another list that includes Google and Baidu, and in yet another that includes Rainier and Montmorency?

Answer: BING

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - An invisible demarcation that runs, in part, through the Bering Strait, around Kiribati to the east, and between Samoa and American Samoa, is best-known by what three-word term?

Answer: INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - A 1741 oratorio's 44th movement (of 53), which closes the oratorio's second part (of three), is one of the most frequently performed choral works in Western music. Give the name of this 44th movement, or of the oratorio itself, which was composed in English by a German-born baroque master.

Answer: HALLELUJAH/MESSIAH

Q4.: LITERATURE - What Spanish word fills in the blanks in the following works, by Octavio Paz and Gabriel García Márquez, respectively: *El laberinto de la _____* (1950); *Cien años de _____* (1967).

Answer: SOLEDAD

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In American football, an official pointing an extended arm toward the defensive team's goal, with the hand flat (or pointing a finger) and perpendicular to the ground, is giving the signal for what?

Answer: FIRST DOWN

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In China in the third century CE, immediately following the end of the Han dynasty, supremacy was fought for among the Wei in the north, the Wu in the southeast, and the Shu Han in the west. This period is best known by what name, which is cited in a classic of Chinese literature attributed to Luo Guanzhong.

Answer: THREE KINGDOMS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What Germanic tribe—who migrated from the Baltic coast in the 1st century CE, were driven west by the Huns, ousted from Gaul and Spain by the Goths, and eventually sacked Rome in 455—has a name that lives on today in English vernacular, due to the destructive behavior by which they have been characterized?
Answer: VANDALS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Coppin State, Florida A&M, Morgan State, Lane College, and Virginia Union are colleges and universities which, per a categorization commonly applied to them, are historically what? (Note, answer is one word.)
Answer: BLACK

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What French term for a certain clear soup is the past participle of a verb that can mean "to accomplish" or "to finish", as this soup is intended to be "finished" (unlike a stock or broth)?

Answer: CONSOMMÉ

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - One primary difference between Alpine skiing (downhill skiing) and Nordic skiing is the type of device used to connect the ski boots to the skis. These devices are generally best known by what term?

Answer: BINDINGS

Q5.: FILM - The fictional Jarrett family of Lake Forest, Illinois, as portrayed by Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, and Timothy Hutton, are described as what type of people, most famously?

Answer: ORDINARY

Q6.: LITERATURE - The name of the setting established by Beelzebub in John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress is used in the title of a serial novel from 1848 by William Makepeace Thackeray, and in turn in the name of a monthly magazine currently edited by Radhika Jones. What is that name?

Answer: VANITY FAIR

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The cooking of corn kernels and lima beans separately, and then mixing them with butter, is one recipe for an American dish with what name (which to some may be more associated with a cartoon cat)?

Answer: SUCCOTASH

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What historically significant sea vessel was named after the ancient Roman province located in modern-day Portugal and western Spain?

Answer: LUSITANIA

Q3.: TELEVISION - Alec Baldwin (17), Steve Martin (15), John Goodman (13), and Tom Hanks (10). The numbers associated with the names in this list relate to their superlative accomplishments on what television show?

Answer: SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What two-word term, evoking a chivalrous rescue, is used in business for a purchaser of a company who saves it from undesired takeover by another buyer (or from insolvency)? An example is JPMorgan Chase's acquisition of a collapsing Bear Stearns during the 2008 financial crisis.

Answer: WHITE KNIGHT

Q5.: LITERATURE - Yukio Mishima's self-reflective 1949 novel was of a Mask, William Styron's 1967 Pulitzer winner was of Nat Turner, and Thomas DeQuincey's 1821 essay was of an English Opium-Eater. What word connects these works, and is also associated with autobiographies by Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Saint Augustine?

Answer: CONFESSIONS

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - What German currently serves as the President of the European Commission (the head of the executive branch of the EU)? She was the first woman elected to the position, replacing Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg in December 2019.

Answer: URSULA VON DER LEYEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - The writer and performance artist born Ramona Lofton, who wrote the 1996 novel Push and its 2011 sequel, The Kid, is best known by what pen name?

Answer: SAPPHIRE

Q2.: MATH - A standard system for representing a point in two-dimensional space measures the point in terms of distance from a given origin, along a set of perpendicular axes. In this system, the coordinates of that point—as well as the plane itself—are most typically named after what individual?

Answer: RENÉ DESCARTES

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Per its official published classic rules, the OBJECT of what game is "To be the first player to get all four of your pawns from your color START to your color HOME"? (The newer version of the game with "Fire and Ice Power-Ups" has the same object but only three pawns per player.)

Answer: SORRY!

Q4.: ART - A soft limestone statuette found in 1908 in the southern Austrian village of Willendorf, created an estimated 25,000 years ago, is of a woman who is typically given what name (which is a bit of an anachronism, as the name would have had no meaning to the figurine's creator)?

Answer: VENUS

Q5.: TELEVISION - "College", "I Dream of Jeannie Cusamano", "Pine Barrens", "Pie-O-My", and "Made in America" are episode titles from what acclaimed television series?

Answer: THE SOPRANOS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - From 1947 to 1971, the cities of Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Gazipur, and Mymensingh were all within what country?

Answer: PAKISTAN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What singer/songwriter's first hit on Billboard's Hot Country Singles chart was in 1967, with the at-most-half-correct "Dumb Blonde"?
Answer: DOLLY PARTON

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In music, Ionian, Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, and Aeolian are among certain types of scales that are best known by what term?
Answer: MODES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The name for what makeshift weapon originated with Finnish soldiers, who used it as an anti-tank armament during the Winter War of 1939-40 against the USSR?

Answer: MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

Q4.: SCIENCE - Members of the taxonomic genus *Drosophila*, common in many high school biology classrooms, are best known by what alliterative two-word name?

Answer: FRUIT FLIES

Q5.: THEATRE - "What do you do when you're not sure?" This line, uttered by Father Brendan Flynn (Brían F. O'Byrne in the 2005 Broadway premiere), opens what Pulitzer-winning play?

Answer: DOUBT

Q6.: LITERATURE - What word for "immensely large in size" comes from the name of the grotesquely esurient giant in a 16th-century work by François Rabelais?

Answer: GARGANTUAN

Q1.: SCIENCE - What common leavening agent is a mixture of sodium bicarbonate, a nonreactive filler such as starch, and one or more slightly acidic compounds such as cream of tartar?

Answer: BAKING POWDER

Q2.: TELEVISION - Best friends Austin, Pablo, Tasha, Tyrone, and Uniqua were the title characters on what animated series that debuted on Nickelodeon in October 2004?

Answer: THE BACKYARDIGANS

Q3.: MATH - In geometry, a plane figure having four equal sides, with two acute and two obtuse angles, is probably most commonly called arhombus. It is also sometimes called adiamond, and is occasionally referred to by what other word, which comes from an Old French term for "diamond shape" and today has an alternate medical usage?

Answer: LOZENGE

Q4.: LITERATURE - What literary term, which translates to English as "novel with a key", is used for a work in which some (or all) of the characters represent real individuals?

Answer: ROMAN À CLEF

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In 1892, José Martí helped to found a revolutionary party that mounted an 1895 armed rebellion (during which he was killed) in what country, where Martí is a national hero, and which achieved independence seven years later?

Answer: CUBA

Q6.: FILM -1) Visual sighting of an unidentified flying object. 2) A UFO event in which a physical effect occurs.What 1977 film presents (both in plot and in title) the next item in this list, which was first proposed by ufologist J. Allen Hynek in 1972?

Answer: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

Q1.: SCIENCE - An internal combustion engine in which the air within the cylinder is highly compressed, raising the temperature so that added fuel immediately combusts ("compression-ignition", as opposed to the use of a spark), is most commonly referred to as what type of engine?

Answer: DIESEL ENGINE

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What Latin word, which is used as a name (typically male) in English, is the antonym of the Latin words *sinister*?

Answer: DEXTER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What ancient name for the lands lying between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which were home to various cultures including the Sumerians, Babylonians, and Assyrians, fittingly comes from the Greek for "between rivers"?

Answer: MESOPOTAMIA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What word, which is also used for certain equipment in the referenced game itself, fills in both blanks in the following statement: "In 1978, cricketer Ian Botham became the first player to score 100 runs and take eight _____ in a single test match, and in 1982 he achieved the record of 3,000 runs and 250 _____ in test matches."

Answer: WICKETS

Q5.: LITERATURE - German author Thomas Mann's 1912 novella concerns a middle-aged writer who develops an obsessive attraction toward an adolescent boy while visiting what city—where, at the story's end, the writer dies?

Answer: VENICE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Paris's Palais Garnier, which opened in 1875, was constructed for what purpose—as referenced in the title of a 1910 novel (and 1986 musical and countless other adaptations) that used the building as its setting?

Answer: OPERA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In 1876, Felix Adler founded an organization (and movement), stressing the importance of morality and ethics in human interaction, that he named the Society for Ethical what?

Answer: CULTURE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Reilly is to Ferrell (2018) as Burke is to Brett (1984-94) as Bruce is to Rathbone (1939-46) as Morell is to Cushing (1959) as Freeman is to whom (2010-17)?

Answer: CUMBERBATCH

Q3.: ART - In an 1821 painting by John Constable, likely his most famous, a group of peasants gather hay while horses pull a cart known (per the painting's title) as a what?

Answer: WAIN

Q4.: THEATRE - Acclaimed American actor and singer Paul Robeson, whose international fame was established via his performance of "Ol' Man River" in Show Boat, was also closely identified with what Shakespeare character, whom he portrayed in London (1930) and on Broadway (1943)?

Answer: OTHELLO

Q5.: LITERATURE - Name the king of Greek mythology whose foolish wish was granted by Dionysus, rendering him unable to eat (among other troubles) until he gained relief by bathing in the River Pactolus.

Answer: MIDAS

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What dynasty ruled most of northern India from 1526 until the mid-18th century, beginning with Babur, prospering under Akbar, and reaching its peak under Shah Jahan?

Answer: MOGHUL/MUGHAL

Q1.: AMER HIST - Name the Southwark, London-born clergyman of colonial America who studied at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (England) and, upon his death in 1638, bequeathed his library and half his estate to a newly established college just a few miles from his final home.

Answer: JOHN HARVARD

Q2.: LITERATURE - Name the legendary and symbolic (and probably fictional) Post-Roman locale and capital that historians and writers have placed in various spots around Great Britain, including Wales, Somerset, Winchester, and Cornwall.

Answer: CAMELOT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The club that has won the last two National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) championships (in 2018 and 2019), as well as the last three NWSL Shields (for best regular-season record), plays its home games in what state? This state is also home to the school that is, by far, the most successful program in the history of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championships.

Answer: NORTH CAROLINA

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A common nut native to Australia, and also widely cultivated in Hawaii and South Africa, is sometimes known as Queensland nut but was given its more common name by the Director of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens. What is this more common name, honoring a Scottish-born scientist and medical doctor who died in 1865?

Answer: MACADAMIA NUT

Q5.: SCIENCE - The name for what elementary particle is also the name of a publishing software company, as well as a soft cheese (or cheese-like dairy product) popular in Germany?

Answer: QUARK

Q6.: BUS/ECON - In an "English" auction, the highest bid is announced at each stage, buyers are given a chance to place higher bids, and the last bidder wins. What other nationality commonly describes what is essentially the reverse—the auctioneer announces a decreasing series of prices, with the item awarded to the first bidder?

Answer: DUTCH AUCTION

Q1.: ART - In 1960, the French artist Yves Klein patented the process for developing his trademark creation, which he named IKB. The first two letters stand for International Klein; what is the "B"?

Answer: BLUE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What river of central Europe, which formed part of the border between East and West Germany, rises in the Czech Republic and flows through the cities of Dresden, Magdeburg, and Hamburg on its way to the North Sea?

Answer: ELBE/LABE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The Irish word práta, astáplacha ar aiste bia na hÉireann associated with an Gorta Mór, translates to English as what?

Answer: POTATO

Q4.: POP MUSIC - L.A.-born guitarist Tracy Ulrich, performing under a stage name, co-founded a glam metal band named after himself. He was also a founding member of another rock band which was also partially named after him (though his tenure in this latter band was brief, as he was replaced by a mononymous guitarist born Saul Hudson). Ulrich's professional first name is the slightly modified "Tracii"; what is his professional surname?

Answer: GUNS

Q5.: AMER HIST - A March 2021 headline from the Indian business daily The Economic Times reported that "Indian ____ prices ____ 5% in a month." The two words that fill in these blanks are (coincidentally) first names of two prominent colonial American clergymen, who were son and father. What are those two names?

Answer: COTTON, INCREASE

Q6.: MATH - Give the name of the trigonometric function that, in a right triangle, is equal to the ratio of the length of the side adjacent to a given angle to the side opposite the given angle.

Answer: COTANGENT

Q1.: WORLD HIST - During the 1903 split of the Russian Social Democratic party, two groups emerged that took their respective names from the Russian for "majority" (Vladimir Lenin's group) and "minority" (Julius Martov's group). Name either group.
Answer: BOLSHEVIKS, MENSHEVIKS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Due to his fighting spirit on the court, 1920s-era tennis champion René Lacoste was given what nickname (with which he remained closely associated until his death in 1996 and beyond)?

Answer: THE CROCODILE

Q3.: FILM - What recently departed actor starred in the 1970s comedies *A Touch of Class*(with Glenda Jackson), *The Owl and the Pussycat*(with Barbra Streisand), *Blume in Love*(with Susan Anspach), and *Where's Poppa?*(with Ruth Gordon)?

Answer: GEORGE SEGAL

Q4.: SCIENCE - The malleus, the largest and outermost of the three small bones (ossicles) of the middle ear, has a shape that is often described using the name of what musical artist and trouser trendsetter?

Answer: (MC) HAMMER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the southern Egyptian city, and capital of its namesake Governorate, near which an embankment dam (at the time, the world's largest) was built in the 1960s?

Answer: ASWAN

Q6.: LITERATURE - A 1920 novel by Edith Wharton that famously explores the customs and manners of New Yorkers in the 1870s describes that period as the "Age" of what?

Answer: INNOCENCE

Q1.: TELEVISION - What radio and television soap opera, which ran from 1937 to 2009, got its name via original main character Rev. Dr. John Ruthledge, and the "friendship lamp" he kept in a window of his church to welcome congregants seeking counsel?

Answer: GUIDING LIGHT

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The man who currently serves as United States Secretary of Labor previously served, from 2014 until joining President Biden's cabinet in 2021, as Mayor of what city?

Answer: BOSTON

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What Italian term for a meat-based sauce, often associated with the cuisine of Bologna, is also—with a very slight diacritical change—the name of an American brand of mass-produced Italian sauces? (Note, neither diatritic is required in the answer.)

Answer: RAGÙ/RAGÚ

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The children's game "blind man's bluff", when transitioned from a terrestrial to aquatic milieu, becomes a variation most commonly named after whom?

Answer: MARCO POLO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - "Not Waving But Drowning", "Dreams", and "I Wish" are all different artistic works written by individuals (two women and one man, respectively) who use what first name professionally?

Answer: STEVIE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - An area known as the East Africa Protectorate, at the time it transitioned to a British Crown colony in 1920, was roughly coterminous with what modern-day republic, which declared independence from the UK in 1963?

Answer: KENYA

Q1.: TELEVISION - What word completes this first line of the theme song to the TV series Barney & Friends, sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle": Barney is a _____.
Answer: DINOSAUR

Q2.: WORLD HIST - An irredentist unification movement's militant wing known as EOKA existed, at its peak during the 1950s, on what is today what island republic?
Answer: CYPRUS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Fill in the blank in the name of the following album, recorded in 2010 and posthumously released in July 2021: Welcome ___ America. (Precise answer required.)
Answer: 2

Q4.: SCIENCE - A roughly figure-eight-shaped path known as an analemma is most often associated with what object?

Answer: THE SUN

Q5.: BUS/ECON - "Ultamate Rewards" is a loyalty points program offered by a multi-billion-dollar retailer, with stores in all 50 states, that sells (per the company's name) what type of products/supplies?

Answer: BEAUTY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Kiwi Caleb Shepherd made history on July 30 as the first male to win a women's Olympic Games medal, earning a silver in what sport (while facing his eight fellow New Zealand teammates)?

Answer: ROWING

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - TheAesculus glabra, a tree species in the soapberry family, has a common name referencing what US state—where it is the official state tree, and where it has a strong sports association? (Note, name thestate.)
Answer: OHIO

Q2.: FILM - Multiple full-scale models of naval vessels were created for the interior and exterior filming of what 1981 film, a major reason for its record-breaking budget that exceeded \$18.5 million in US dollars?

Answer: DAS BOOT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Mangosuthu Buthelezi founded the Inkatha movement in 1975 to represent Zulu interests within the Bantu homeland system. What was the name (or the three-letter abbreviation) for the Inkatha's primary rival organization, originally established in 1912, which sought to overthrow the apartheid system through armed insurrection?

Answer: AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In July 2021, the US government sold, for an undisclosed sum, the sole copy of an album previously possessed by former hedge fund manager and convicted felon Martin Shkreli. The album was recorded from 2007 to 2013 by what musical group?

Answer: WU-TANG CLAN

Q5.: LITERATURE - While a certain book and staple of college writing courses is commonly known by the names of its coauthors (the first of whom originally published the 43-page book in 1918 and the second of whom enlarged it in 1959), it is also well-known by its official title, which is what?

Answer: THE ELEMENTS OF STYLE

Q6.: ART - Among the more popular works in the permanent collection of Washington, DC's National Portrait Gallery is a portrait by acclaimed painter Amy Sherald of what individual? (First and last name required.)

Answer: MICHELLE OBAMA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - List the item(s)-andonlythe item(s)-missing from this list of standard ingredients that constitute a McDonald's Big Mac: cheese, lettuce, sesame seed bun, special sauce, two all-beef patties.

Answer: ONIONS, PICKLES

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Through its roughly 3,000-mile course, the Mekong River runs along two national capitals. Name either of these two cities.

Answer: VIENTIANE, PHNOM PENH

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Mexican-American War of 1846 was precipitated, in part, by the United States' annexation of what independent republic the year prior?

Answer: REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term used in interior design for a type of decorative interior wall paneling that covers the lower portion of a wall and was first used to protect the bottom half of a plaster wall and to help to insulate a room?
(Gerund and nongerund forms of the word are acceptable.)

Answer: WAINSCOTING/WAINSCOT

Q5.: SCIENCE - A process of reasoning and problem-solving based on ambiguous and imprecise data is known as what type of "logic", a term introduced by computer scientist and electrical engineer Lotfi Zadeh in 1965?

Answer: FUZZY LOGIC

Q6.: THEATRE - Dance musicals based on the music of Billy Joel (Movin' Out), Bob Dylan (The Times They Are a-Changin'), and Frank Sinatra (Come Fly Away) are among the many works of what exalted choreographer of ballet and modern dance?

Answer: TWYLA THARP

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the 36-mile-long river, flowing between Lakes Erie and Ontario, which forms part of the border between the state of New York and the province of Ontario?

Answer: NIAGARA

Q2.: LITERATURE - The Elders appoint a 12-year-old boy named Jonas as the Receiver of Memory near the beginning of what dystopian novel from 1993 by Lois Lowry?

Answer: THE GIVER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In 1930, Mohandas Gandhi led a 200-plus-mile march of Indian nationalists from his ashram to the coastal city of Dandi, protesting British prohibition of the private manufacture of a particular product. What is this product, which the protestors produced at Dandi, and after which the march is often named?

Answer: SALT

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term for the mechanism in an automobile that transmits the engine's power/torque to the wheels, allowing them to spin at unequal speeds? Its function is integrated with those of the transmission and axle in a transaxle.

Answer: DIFFERENTIAL

Q5.: SCIENCE - The name for what animal comes from the Greek terms for broad and foot, which is apt but perhaps not as distinctive as the fact that the animal lays eggs?

Answer: PLATYPUS

Q6.: FILM - Australian actor Chris Hemsworth has portrayed a certain character in eight different feature films. The two main leads of the 2001 comic-book adaptation *Ghost World* are (1) an individual named after Hemsworth's character (or, at least, the character's namesake), and (2) a costar of Hemsworth in half of those eight films. Name either of these other two performers.

Answer: THORA BIRCH, SCARLETT JOHANSSON

Q1.: ART - An Italian American named Leo Castelli, who died in 1999 at age 91 having spent most of his life in New York, is considered a visionary in the development of what type of commercial establishment?

Answer: ART GALLERY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Soviet secret police agency responsible from 1934 for state security and the Gulag system, eventually subsumed under the KGB, was known by an abbreviation of the Russian for "People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs". In the Latin alphabet, what is that four-letter initialism (of which none of the letters are P, C, I, or A)?

Answer: NKVD

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - While it covers a breadth of sporting topics (particularly women in sports), the podcast On the Bus with Cammi & AJ is hosted by Cammi Granato and AJ Mleczko, who are Olympic gold medalists in what sport (in which both women also have full-time jobs)?

Answer: ICE HOCKEY

Q4.: TELEVISION - "My Favorite Orkan" (a play on the title of the 1960s sitcom My Favorite Martian) was a 1978 episode of the television series Happy Days, and spawned what other sitcom which debuted later that year?

Answer: MORK AND MINDY

Q5.: FILM - Lil Nas X's 2021 hit single "Montero" has a subtitle taken from the title of a gay romance novel from 2007 (and its successful 2017 film adaptation). What is that subtitle?

Answer: CALL ME BY YOUR NAME

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - After a nearly two-week delay, neurosurgeon Ariel Henry was sworn in on July 20, 2021, as the new prime minister of what country?

Answer: HAITI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the common name of the cake, which originated in the early 1900s and is similar to devil's food cake, whose recipe today often includes simple cochineal food coloring, but traditionally used beetroot or anthocyanin-rich cocoa?

Answer: RED VELVET CAKE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Identify the book, in possession of Trinity College in Dublin since 1661, that is named after the abbey in County Meath where it was kept for centuries prior (and perhaps where it was created).

Answer: THE BOOK OF KELLS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Bundles of rods bound with straps or thongs, which were a sign of administrative or regal authority in and around ancient Rome, gave their name millennia later to what political ideology?

Answer: FASCISM

Q4.: POP MUSIC - During a period from 2003 to 2008, Billboardmagazine's Modern Rock Tracks chart was dominated by five bands, who held the chart's #1 spot nearly half the time (152 of 313 weeks). Name any one of these five bands.

Answer: FOO FIGHTERS, GREEN DAY, INCUBUS, LINKIN PARK, RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS (also acc. NINE INCH NAILS, WEEZER, THE OFFSPRING)

Q5.: LANGUAGE - A Spanish word that means "they will go" is also, in Spanish, the name of an independent nation. It is very similar to the country's name in English, which is what?

Answer: IRAN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Give the complete name of the Hollywood star who portrayed Sarah Reeves Merrin onParty of Five, Melinda Gordon onGhost Whisperer, and Julie James in the first twoI Know What You Did Last Summermovies.

Answer: JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What common first name (#59 for American boys born in 2020) is identical (in spelling though not pronunciation) to the Latin word for "soldier"?
Answer: MILES

Q2.: SCIENCE - The hydrocarbon methane, the simplest alkane, has the chemical formula CH4. What is the common name of the alkane with the formula C5H12?
Answer: PENTANE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Mount Stromboli, which sits on (and essentially constitutes) its namesake island north of Sicily, is one of the three main active volcanoes in Italy, all of which have erupted in the last 100 years. Name both of the other two, which overlook the cities of Naples and Catania, respectively.

Answer: VESUVIUS, ETNA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Calendar Round, a 52-year ritual cycle combining a solar and sacred calendar, and a Long Count calendar in which absolute dates were calculated from a zero date (equal to August 11, 3114 BCE), were cultural features of what people?

Answer: MAYA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name anyone of the three men who currently occupy the top three positions of the Official World Golf Ranking—two Americans and a Spaniard, all of whom have won a major championship within the last 12 months.

Answer: JON RAHM, DUSTIN JOHNSON, COLLIN MORIKAWA

Q6.: MATH - In mathematics, what is the term used for a set of quantities arranged in a rectangular array of rows and columns, typically enclosed in square brackets or large parentheses?

Answer: MATRIX

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Fill in the blank in the title of the following accurately named 2017 book by English craftswomen, businesswomen, and authors Sarah Lomax and Rachel Skinner: Millinery: The Art of [BLANK]-Making.

Answer: HAT

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - In some areas, a delicacy known as a "Berliner" is called another name, that of a long-time resident of Berlin. What is that other name?

Answer: BISMARCK

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The American rapper and songwriter Amalaratna "Amala" Zandile Dlamini, who had hits in 2020 and 2021 with "Say So", "Streets", and "Kiss Me More" (featuring SZA), is known professionally by what feline name?

Answer: DOJA CAT

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The mnemonic device FANBOYS represents a set of seven words that are all what part of speech in the English language?

Answer: (COORDINATING) CONJUNCTIONS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The consumer goods company Procter & Gamble devised a particular laundry-detergent delivery and dosage innovation with the launch of the Salvo brand in the 1960s. Later, the company relaunched this innovation as a different, liquid version, to great success. What is the name of this latter, inedible, 3-in-1 product?

Answer: (TIDE) PODS

Q6.: SCIENCE - A method for measuring wind force at sea, based on the effects of the wind on a canvas of a full-rigged frigate, was developed in 1805 by what French-descended, Ireland-born rear admiral of the Royal Navy?

Answer: SIR FRANCIS BEAUFORT

Q1.: SCIENCE - Alfisol, aridisol, entisol, and inceptisol are among the different "orders" in the systematic taxonomy of what material?

Answer: SOIL

Q2.: LITERATURE - In O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi", the poor young couple pawn items to buy gifts for their partner, who had ironically pawned the object for which each gift would be used. The woman sold her beautiful long hair, whereas the man sold his what?

Answer: (GOLD) WATCH

Q3.: FILM - A dramatic cricket match is at the center of what nearly four-hour Bollywood epic musical from 2001, which was the third Indian film to be nominated for Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, and whose one-word title translates to English as "agricultural tax"?

Answer: LAGAAN

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - "I won." "Where? I can't—" "Here, diagonally." "Pretty sneaky, sis." These lines are excerpted from a TV commercial for what game?

Answer: CONNECT FOUR

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Chandrika Kumaratunga served from November 1994 to November 2005 as the first woman president of what country (where her mother previously served as the country's—and the world's—first woman prime minister)?

Answer: SRI LANKA

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Two different Canadian provincial capital cities are named after what individual?

Answer: QUEEN VICTORIA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Due to the difficult-to-chew nature of a popular delicacy, Japanese authorities issue warnings about its consumption each year leading up to New Year's festivities. What is the name of this delicacy, sweet buns made with glutinous rice milled into flour and then shaped and cooked into soft and chewy rice cakes?

Answer: MOCHI

Q2.: TELEVISION - Over the twelve seasons of what drama TV series did the characters John Kelly, Bobby Simone, Danny Sorenson, and John Clark, Jr. each form, in turn, one half of the main duo?

Answer: NYPD BLUE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Some of the better-known anadromes (words derived by reversing the spelling of another word) include Oprah Winfrey's media company (Harpo), a particular unit of electrical conductance (mho), and what jazz standard composed in 1954 by Sonny Rollins? It was recorded separately by Miles Davis and Wes Montgomery and is named after a country in Africa.

Answer: AIREGIN

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - An individual named Naftali Bennett ascended to his current position on June 13, 2021, succeeding whom?

Answer: BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

Q5.: SCIENCE - The computer programming language officially named ECMAScript is more commonly known by another name, which replaces the first four letters of that formal name with what other word? This other word is itself the name of a completely distinct programming language.

Answer: JAVA

Q6.: LITERATURE - A popular English periodical, published from 1731 until the early 20th century and the first general periodical in England, was named The Gentleman's what? The missing word, novel at the time of its usage in this case, is now common in the genre.

Answer: MAGAZINE

Q1.: SCIENCE - The system of cloud classification used most extensively by meteorologists, consisting of 10 principal forms based on cloud appearance and height, gives each form a name and two-letter abbreviation (e.g., Ci for Cirrus, Cc for Cirrocumulus, and Ac for altocumulus). What form is abbreviated Ns?

Answer: NIMBOSTRATUS

Q2.: AMER HIST - What is the name of the small but famous stream, a tributary of the Occoquan River in northern Virginia, that forms a boundary between Fairfax County and Prince William County just north of the town of Manassas?

Answer: BULL RUN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The cover of the 1982 Van Halen album Diver Down contains, fittingly, a full bleed image of a certain flag. What are the two colors of that flag?

Answer: RED, WHITE

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - The crepe-like pancake of South Indian origin made with fermented rice and lentil (black gram) batter and typically served as a savory dish is widely known by what name?

Answer: DOSA

Q5.: ART - A publicity photo from the 1953 film Niagara has arguably become one of the most reproduced and most iconic images of the 20th century. Identify either the subject of the photo or the other individual most responsible for its popularity.

Answer: MARILYN MONROE, ANDY WARHOL

Q6.: LITERATURE - Book of Odes, Book of Changes, Book of Rites, Book of Documents, and Spring and Autumn Annals are English titles of works widely known as the "Five Classics" in the canon of what philosopher and "sage of sages"?

Answer: CONFUCIUS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - At 5,525 miles, the longest international land border in the world between two countries separates Canada and the United States. What two countries are separated by the longest land border in South America, at nearly 3,300 miles?
Answer: ARGENTINA, CHILE

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - "Mars, the Bringer of War" and "Venus, the Bringer of Peace" are the names of movements in an orchestral suite completed in 1917 by what English composer?

Answer: GUSTAV HOLST

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Abalone, Aggravation, Ker-Plunk, and Wahoo are all board games that customarily use what as game pieces?

Answer: MARBLES

Q4.: LITERATURE - Emily Henry's 2021 rom-com novel *People We Meet on Vacation* could be described as a certain kind of "read" which is, coincidentally, the title of Henry's bestseller from 2020. What is the two-word title of that earlier book—a book which was probably consumed by readers while on vacation?

Answer: BEACH READ

Q5.: FILM - The 1975 Damiano Damiani film *A Genius, Two Partners and a Dupe* (*Un genio, due compari, un pollo*), which stars Terence Hill as a con man scheming against a Monument Valley backdrop, is considered one of the last films in a cinematic subgenre most often referred to by what name?

Answer: SPAGHETTI WESTERN

Q6.: SCIENCE - What drug was named by its discoverer, Friedrich Sertürner, after the Greek god of dreams, due to its tendency to induce sleep?

Answer: MORPHINE

Q1.: LITERATURE - "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." This line, a quintessential example of iambic pentameter, is the 70th and final line in a poem written in 1833 by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, on the subject of what restless hero?
Answer: ULYSSES (ODYSSEUS)

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What language, an isolate not related to any other existing spoken language, is, with roughly 750,000 native speakers, the only surviving Pre-Indo-European language in Western Europe?

Answer: BASQUE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Donald "DeVanté Swing" DeGrate, Dalvin "Mr. Dalvin" DeGrate, Cedric "K-Ci" Hailey, and Joel "JoJo" Hailey were the four members of what eponymous R&B quartet popular in the early 1990s?

Answer: JODECI

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the nine-letter word often used for the lowest classification of female singing voice in operatic and classical singing, with a range from F below middle C to the second F above middle C?

Answer: CONTRALTO

Q5.: TELEVISION - What is the title of the subversive 1987 graphic novel by Alan Moore that was the basis of a television series of the same name that premiered on HBO in 2019?

Answer: WATCHMEN

Q6.: AMER HIST - "You don't have [REDACTED] to kick around anymore. Because, gentlemen, this is my last press conference." This fantastically false statement was made in Beverly Hills, California, in November 1962, by whom?

Answer: RICHARD NIXON

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the last word in the title of the 1928 story collection by Anita Loos—a sequel to her popular satirical novel from 1925—that begins But Gentlemen Marry...?

Answer: BRUNETTES

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Hackbraten, Pieczeń rzymiska, בשר צייד, קצ'יז, and Pain de viande are names of dishes that can be translated into English as the name of what musical artist?

Answer: MEAT LOAF

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The wedge-shaped piece placed at the crown of an arch during construction to lock the other pieces in place has a name that is most closely associated with what US state?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The name for what craft and hobby comes from a French term meaning "small hook"?

Answer: CROCHET

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the five players voted All-NBA First Team for the 2020-21 season, two are American (Stephen Curry and Kawhi Leonard). Give the home country of anyone of the other three First Team players.

Answer: GREECE, SERBIA, SLOVENIA

Q6.: THEATRE - In Mary Martin's wonderful Broadway career, she originated the role of Maria von Trapp in The Sound of Music (1959), the title character in Peter Pan (1954), and, in 1949, the part of Nellie Forbush in what other classic musical?

Answer: SOUTH PACIFIC

Q1.: AMER HIST - The Third Amendment to the US Constitution, likely the least litigated of all amendments, uses a particular term to describe the billeting of soldiers in private homes without the homeowners' consent. What is that verb?
Answer: QUARTER(ED)

Q2.: FILM - While working at a commercial art studio in Kansas City in 1919, a teenager named Ub Iwerks befriended a young fellow employee, with whom Ub would soon go into business and with whom he would be closely associated throughout his long and successful career. Who was this fellow illustrator and entrepreneur?
Answer: WALT DISNEY

Q3.: LITERATURE - Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy is divided into three parts. The first is Inferno—what are the names of the other two?
Answer: PURGATORIO, PARADISO (PURGATORY, PARADISE)

Q4.: ART - The famous altarpiece started by Hubert van Eyck and completed by his brother Jan in 1432, titled Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, is housed at St. Bavo's Cathedral in what Belgian city (after which the altarpiece is better known)?
Answer: GHENT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What capital innovation debuted in Paris's Place de Grève in April 1792?

Answer: GUILLOTINE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What percussion instrument, with a keyboard-like arrangement of steel bars played with small hammers, has a name that translates to English as "bells play"?

Answer: GLOCKENSPIEL

Q1.: LITERATURE - One of the thousands of men, recently freed from enslavement, who worked in the 1870s on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Big Bend Tunnel in West Virginia is the basis for what mythical hero and steel-driving man?

Answer: JOHN HENRY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The People's Action Party, led by Lee Kuan Yew, dominated politics in what country from the late 1950s through Lee's resignation as prime minister in 1990, a period during which the country became one of the world's most successful economies?

Answer: SINGAPORE

Q3.: SCIENCE - What component of the human brain takes its name from the Greek term for "seahorse", due to its similar shape?

Answer: HIPPOCAMPUS

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What men's fragrance, introduced in 1982 by Guy Laroche, was noted not only for its fougère scent, but also for its hypermasculine advertising and sleek black metallic bottle?

Answer: DRAKKAR NOIR

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the two teams that faced off in both the 2021 CONCACAF Nations League Final and the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup Final.

Answer: MEXICO, UNITED STATES

Q6.: FILM - Beaver Valley Cave—reportedly the only cave in Delaware—was the shooting location representing the cave in rural Vermont that provided the meeting spot for the titular group in what 1989 movie?

Answer: DEAD POETS SOCIETY

Q1.: AMER HIST - Many historians now believe that it was White House servants, many of whom were enslaved, who saved the Lansdowne portrait(a painting by Gilbert Stuart of George Washington) during the burning of Washington in 1814, and not what woman, though she did order it to be saved?

Answer: DOLLEY MADISON

Q2.: ART - A term in pottery for a piece that has been fired once in a kiln but has not been glazed, in preparation for final glazing and firing, is also used—unrelatedly—for a certain type of French soup. What is that term?

Answer: BISQUE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A certain cutting implement, which usually has handles on each end and is rocked back and forth to chop and mince items such as herbs, cheeses, and meats, gets its name from its crescent-like shape. What is that Italian name?

Answer: MEZZALUNA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - "Loveable egg" is one reported and suitable translation for the name of what toy and virtual pet that was released in Japan in 1996?

Answer: TAMAGOTCHI

Q5.: SCIENCE - What term, a blended word coined in the 1950s combining a three-word phrase, is used for a substance such as a soap or other detergent that is added to water or another liquid to increase its wetting properties (by reducing its surface tension)?

Answer: SURFACTANT

Q6.: THEATRE - Name the award-winning play whose story transpires over a few weeks during the summer at the home of Beverly and Violet Weston of Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Answer: AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY

Q1.: SCIENCE - There are six distinctly named phase changes of matter: freezing (liquid to solid), melting (solid to liquid), condensation (gas to liquid), vaporization (liquid to gas), deposition (gas to solid), and what sixth, which is solid to gas?

Answer: SUBLIMATION

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What is the name of the digital optical storage format, first released in 2006, that is named after the type of laser used to read the data, and the distinctiveness of that laser's wavelength on the visual spectrum compared to that of the format's predecessor?

Answer: BLU-RAY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The second-highest mountain in Africa (after Kilimanjaro) shares its name with what country?

Answer: KENYA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The title of the 2004 box set 100,000,000 Bon Jovi Fans Can't Be Wrong, as well as its cover art, is a play on the title of a compilation album released 45 years earlier by what artist?

Answer: ELVIS PRESLEY

Q5.: ART - The painters Francisco Goya and Eugene Delacroix, the authors Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Lord Byron, and the composers Robert Schumann and Franz Liszt are associated with a broad artistic movement of 19th century Europe best known by what term, used by contemporary critics such as August Schlegel as a counterpoint to "classic"?

Answer: ROMANTIC

Q6.: MATH - What is the term in mathematics for the three-dimensional curve, sometimes called a "coil" and derived from the Greek for "twisted", that resembles a corkscrew or spring and is generated by a line that encircles a cone or cylinder at a constant angle?

Answer: HELIX

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What is the middle name of 25-year-old model and socialite Kendall Jenner, given to her in honor of her mother's close friend who died just over a year before Kendall was born?

Answer: NICOLE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The public condemnation of heretics conducted by the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions, which is today often associated with its most extreme punishment of burning at the stake, is known by what three-word (or hyphenated three-part) phrase?

Answer: AUTO DA FE/AUTO-DA-FE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood is a bestselling coming-of-age memoir by what author, comedian, and television host?

Answer: TREVOR NOAH

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the desert, located mostly on Northern Chile's Pacific coast, that is widely regarded as the driest place on Earth. In some locations, no rain has ever been recorded in human history.

Answer: ATACAMA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Khoisan language families are distinctive among languages of the world for their extensive use of certain consonants that linguists—and the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)—describe using what word?

Answer: CLICK

Q6.: SCIENCE - Though it is typically dark brown, what mammal, native to northern Asia and related to the weasel, has a name which is synonymous with the word "black"?

Answer: SABLE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Name the artist whose first solo album was 2006's *The Dutchess*, released through the labels A&M Records and the will.i.am Music Group?

Answer: FERGIE

Q2.: ART - The Île de la Jatte, on the River Seine and split between the communes of Neuilly-sur-Seine and Levallois, is closely associated today with what Parisian who died at age 31 on Sunday, March 29, 1891?

Answer: GEORGES SEURAT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - With a time of 8 days, 3 hours, 40 minutes, and 13 seconds, Mitch Seavey, with his faithful team, set the record in 2017 for the fastest time in what race, which occurs annually in March, and whose current defending champion is Seavey's son, Dallas?

Answer: IDITAROD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Utah, Juno, Gold, Sword, _____. The name of what city completes this list?

Answer: OMAHA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What country, home to over 270 million people, is the third-most populous country in Asia, and the fourth-most populous in the world?

Answer: INDONESIA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - In English grammar, the quality of a verb that expresses the writer's attitude toward a subject is known as what? Examples are subjunctive, imperative, conditional, and indicative (by far the most common).

Answer: MOOD

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the beverage named after an order of Franciscan friars that arose in Italy in the 16th century. The order earned its popular name from the distinctive hood that was a component of their religious habit (and that is the same color as the beverage).

Answer: CAPPUCCINO

Q2.: SCIENCE - In addition to various arteries, membranes, and ligaments, what is the most prominent (and important) object that passes through the opening within the human body named the foramen magnum ("great hole")?

Answer: SPINAL CORD/MEDULLA OBLONGATA (BRAIN STEM)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Representatives at a conference held in Baghdad in September 1960 authorized the establishment of what still-existent international organization, whose operating statute was approved in Caracas the following year?

Answer: OPEC (ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES)

Q4.: THEATRE - Among the multitude of Broadway musicals with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, name either of the two that have a one-word title that is a plural noun. (The collective noun and 1970 musical Company is arguably a third.)

Answer: ASSASSINS, FOLLIES

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What is the general term used in law for a legal authority's directive requiring a person or entity to act (or refrain from acting) in a specified way? Certiorari, mandamus, and habeas corpus are examples.

Answer: WRIT

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Suppression of the African Slave-trade to the United States of America was the doctoral dissertation for Harvard University by what Renaissance man of African American literature, whose The Souls of Black Folk (1903) gave him national exposure as an uncompromising champion of civil rights?

Answer: W. E. B. DU BOIS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - While the bro-country antidote "Girl in a Country Song" was the first big hit by the duo Maddie & Tae, they hit the charts with another single from their debut LP that also played on a reversal of roles, imploring the receiver of the song's message to "Shut Up and" engage in what outdoor recreational activity?

Answer: FISH

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The era of Louis XIV, and the 1600s more broadly, often regarded as the pinnacle of France's greatness and the period when it established cultural dominance and supplanted Spain among the European powers, is knownen françaisasLe Grandwhat?

Answer: SIÈCLE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In horse racing betting terminology, a "double" is a wager picking the winners of two consecutive races. What is the term for picking the first- and second-place horses,in order, in a given race?

Answer: EXACTA/PERFECTA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - A US-based organization whose mission is to foster "the development of applied mathematical and computational methodologies needed in various application areas" is widely known by an abbreviation that was also the name of an independent country until 1939 (when it officially adopted its current name). What is that country's former name/organization's abbreviation?

Answer: SIAM

Q5.: TELEVISION - In 1986, 1987, and 1988, the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series was won by three different women on the same sitcom. What was that sitcom, which also won the Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series the first two of those years?

Answer: GOLDEN GIRLS

Q6.: SCIENCE - In astronomy, it's either of two points on an elliptical orbit's major axis on either side of the center that define the orbital path. In optics, it's the point at which light rays converge, or appear to diverge. In Earth science, it's the origination point of an earthquake in the Earth's crust. What is the word in question?

Answer: FOCUS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What is the common name for the object that covers and seals the valve in a toilet tank responsible for draining water from the tank into the bowl during a flush? "Seat disk", "tank ball", and "rubber" are three main types.

Answer: FLAPPER

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Each year from 1927 to 1929, the Wimbledon Ladies' Singles Championship was won by Helen Wills. She won the title five more times between 1930 and 1938 while playing officially under what name?

Answer: HELEN (WILLS) MOODY

Q3.: MATH - The exponent power to which a base must be raised to produce a given number is represented by a quantity known by what term?

Answer: LOGARITHM (LOG)

Q4.: AMER HIST - By earning nearly 19% of the popular vote in the 1992 election, H. Ross Perot became the most successful independent candidate for the US presidency by that measure since what other candidate, who ran 80 years earlier?

Answer: THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Q5.: FILM - A 1978 comedy starring Mark Hamill, a 2008 drama directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, a 2019 drama starring Christian Bale and Matt Damon, and a 1990 comedy starring Andrew Dice Clay: the titles of these films have what in common, most distinctively?

Answer: NAMES OF CARS

Q6.: ART - An early 1800s woodblock print titled Gyōzui, by Kitagawa Utamaro, has been credited as an inspiration for a similarly themed painting from 1893 by Mary Cassatt. Per their titles, what maternal activity is the subject of both works?

Answer: BATHING (A CHILD)

Q1.: LITERATURE - Debby Applegate's 2007 Pulitzer-winning *The Most Famous Man in America* is a biography of what 19th-century clergyman, abolitionist, and adulterous opportunist? It is possible both that the book's title was once accurate and that he is less remembered today than his sister.

Answer: HENRY WARD BEECHER

Q2.: TELEVISION - *Dyn-o-mite!* is a 2012 memoir by an actor and comic who achieved superstar status while appearing on what television series in the 1970s?

Answer: GOOD TIMES

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Originally known as water ballet, the sport officially named "artistic swimming" by the International Swimming Federation (FINA) was known, until a formal name change in 2017, by what other name (by which it is still widely known today)?

Answer: SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Travelers making the 130-mile trip southbound from Rome to Capua during the 3rd century BCE very likely took what thoroughfare, named after the Roman magistrate who began it in 312 BCE?

Answer: APPIAN WAY (VIA APPIA)

Q5.: SCIENCE - In the sciences, the term "katabatic", which is derived from the Greek for "downward", is most often used to describe what phenomenon?

Answer: WIND

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - In most European nations, the country's most populous city is its capital. Excluding transcontinental countries like Turkey, there are four exceptions: Liechtenstein, Malta, San Marino, and—by far the biggest of the four—what Central European country, whose major global financial center is three times larger than its de facto capital?

Answer: SWITZERLAND

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - One-quarter cup (50g) of granulated sugar per egg white is a standard ratio for preparing a "hard" version of what light and airy whipped dessert and topping ("soft" versions use less sugar)?

Answer: MERINGUE

Q2.: FILM - Name the woman whose most prominent government roles included US ambassadorships to Czechoslovakia and Ghana as well as President Gerald Ford's chief of protocol (a position she was the first woman to hold).

Answer: SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK

Q3.: LITERATURE - The children's book Click Clack Moo, written by Doreen Cronin and published in 2000, tells a story of a demanding group of cows who have the surprising ability to do what activity?

Answer: TYPE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - A body of water known as Victoria Harbour separates the Kowloon Peninsula from what island?

Answer: HONG KONG (ISLAND)

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What was the last name of the entrepreneurial brothers whose diversified company—which began as a soap-making firm in 1890—was merged with a Dutch margarine producer (Margarine Unie) in 1930?

Answer: LEVER

Q6.: TELEVISION - Aw Snap!, Blindfolded Musical Chairs, Danger Word, Say Whaaat?, and You Bet Your Wife are among the contests that have appeared on what television show that debuted on NBC in December 2017?

Answer: (ELLEN'S) GAME OF GAMES

Q1.: TELEVISION - What TV sitcom's 1963 episode titled "Family Scrapbook", during which the central characters reminisce as the title character prepares to enter Mayfield High while his older brother gets ready for State College, is widely credited as the first primetime sitcom episode explicitly presented as a series finale?

Answer: LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

Q2.: LITERATURE - According to a recorded poem from 1970 by Gil Scott-Heron, what "will not be brought to you by Xerox in four parts without commercial interruptions", "will not make you look five pounds thinner", "will not go better with Coke", and "will not fight germs that may cause bad breath" (among many other things)?

Answer: THE REVOLUTION

Q3.: FILM - "FR Remove Cart" and "MF Feed A4" are among the error codes displayed on older HP LaserJet printers, but the best known and most notorious was what other code, which was central to an iconic scene in the 1999 movie Office Space?

Answer: PC LOAD LETTER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The name of what European city did not become a common feminine name until it was given to, and popularized by, a woman who first came into prominence during the Crimean War in the 1850s. What is that given name, #12 for baby girls in England in 2020 per the UK's Office for National Statistics?

Answer: FLORENCE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Though it is currently owned by the American manufacturer Stanley Black & Decker, the Craftsman brand of tools was originally established by, and for many decades sold at, what retailer?

Answer: SEARS

Q6.: SCIENCE - "Houston, [REDACTED] Base here. The Eagle has landed." What word is redacted from this quote from July 20, 1969, and is also the name of the "Sea" where the lunar module made its landing on that day?

Answer: TRANQUILITY

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Titles of different songs from the late 1970s by the Bee Gees, Leo Sayer, ABBA, and Andy Gibb all contain what word—an activity appropriate for the era (or really any era)?

Answer: DANCING

Q2.: MATH - The hexadecimal number 2A, when converted to decimal, becomes a number historically associated in baseball most closely with what player?

Answer: JACKIE ROBINSON

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the cheese, the most popular of the Italian blue cheeses, which is among the earliest of all veined cheeses (having been introduced to the Po Valley in the 9th century) and is named after a village outside Milan.

Answer: GORGONZOLA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Herbaceous plants whose scientific name *istrifolium*("trefoil"), referring to the most common (but not exclusive) appearance of their leaves, are best-known by what familiar name?

Answer: CLOVER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Sixteenth-century Flemish geographer Gerardus Mercator is remembered today for his namesake cylindrical projection of the Earth's surface (with its major distortion at the polar regions), but he also coined what titanic neologism used commonly today for a collection of maps?

Answer: ATLAS

Q6.: AMER HIST - Ottawa, Freeport, Jonesboro, Charleston, Galesburg, Quincy, and Alton were the seven towns that famously hosted large crowds (reportedly upwards of 18,000 in Galesburg) that gathered to watch what duo?

Answer: STEPHEN DOUGLAS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Following the outbreak of the "Troubles" in the late 1960s, the Irish Republican Army split into two wings: the "Official" IRA, and what other, which staged numerous assassinations and bombings in Britain and Northern Ireland over the subsequent three decades?

Answer: PROVISIONAL

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The American Book Award-winning *The Testing of Luther Albright* was the debut novel from 2005 of an author who, according to Bloomberg, is the 23rd-wealthiest individual in the world in 2021. What is her name?

Answer: MACKENZIE SCOTT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Reindeer is a familiar term in North America—thanks in no small part to a certain red-nosed fellow—but the species (*Rangifer tarandus*) is more often referred to in Canada and the US by what other common name?

Answer: CARIBOU

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In 2020, Rolling Stone magazine named a 1998 song by what artist as the greatest debut single of all time—a song which, it could easily be argued, is also the most successful single of all time whose title begins with an ellipsis?

Note, name the artist.

Answer: BRITNEY SPEARS

Q5.: LITERATURE - Among the many notable elements in Edgar Allan Poe's *The Raven* is its internal rhyme, which starts in its first line. The 16-syllable line fittingly begins "Once upon" and rhymes with two words?

Answer: DREARY, WEARY

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - To have more points than your opponent(s) once numbers 15 through 20 and the bullseye have been "closed out" is the object of a darts game known by many names, but probably most commonly by one it shares with what orthopteran?

Answer: CRICKET

Q1.: ART - While he was an accomplished painter, what 17th-century Neapolitan is also widely regarded as the inventor of Baroque sculpture, with numerous monumental works in Rome and the Vatican that include the design of St. Peter's Square?

Answer: GIOVANNI LORENZO BERNINI

Q2.: TELEVISION - A popular puppet show from the early days of television starred singer and comedian Fran Allison interacting with various puppets, two of whom were most prominent. Give the name of either of these two characters.

Answer: KUKLA, OLLIE

Q3.: BUS/ECON - George and William Penrose began a business in 1783 producing flint glass in what city on the southeastern coast of Ireland, starting an association of the city with fine glass and crystal which endures to this day?

Answer: WATERFORD

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Baku-born Russian maestro Mstislav Rostropovich is considered by many to be the 20th century's greatest virtuoso at what instrument?

Answer: CELLO

Q5.: FILM - A 1963 spy novel by John Le Carré (and its 1965 film adaptation starring Richard Burton) popularized a phrase describing a spy who seeks to abandon the tricks and dangers of the profession as one who wants to "come in from the" what?

Answer: COLD

Q6.: SCIENCE - Sternutationis the medical term for a convulsive reflex closely associated, by name, with what secondary Disney character?

Answer: SNEEZY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What city, founded in its present location in 1519 by Spanish conquistador Diego Velázquez, was originally located on its country's south coast, and was the site of a disputed event that triggered a war in 1898?

Answer: HAVANA, CUBA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - "Players may choose from 1 to 10 numbers between 1 and 80, in hopes that some or all will be randomly selected by the centralized computer." This is a quote from the Rhode Island Lottery for what game, which is also popular in casinos (especially to the casinos themselves, given the game's huge house edge)?

Answer: KENO

Q3.: LITERATURE - Various versions of a certain African American spiritual include lines such as "Gonna lay down my sword and shield", "Gonna put on my golden shoes", and "Gonna meet my dear old mother". What line, sung three times, follows each of these preceding lines, is a common title of the spiritual, and is the location where these activities will take place?

Answer: DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What type of dog, whose three breeds are "Standard", "Miniature", and "Giant", has a German name which colloquially means "mustache"—rather appropriate, given the dog's distinctive facial appearance?

Answer: SCHNAUZER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the fifteen current sovereign states that were republics of the Soviet Union, identify the one whose national flag has three equal horizontal stripes of white, blue, and red (from top to bottom).

Answer: RUSSIA

Q6.: ART - Five-year-old Margarita, the daughter of King Phillip IV of Spain, is surrounded by her ladies-in-waiting as they visit the atelier of the Spanish Court painter Diego Velázquez. This is the scene for a complex, influential, and variously interpreted painting from 1656 with what name (which translates to "The Maids-of-Honor")?

Answer: LAS MENINAS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the vast contributions to American culture and cuisine by Jewish immigrants from Romania in the 19th century is what spiced, smoked, and steamed delicacy and delicatessen staple, whose name comes from the Romanian verb for "to preserve"?

Answer: PASTRAMI

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Point guard and NBA All-Star Richie Guerin led the visiting New York Knicks with 39 points in a high-scoring affair played in the Hershey Sports Arena on March 2, 1962. What Warrior led all scorers that night?

Answer: WILT CHAMBERLAIN

Q3.: FILM - The Best Actor winner for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and The Best Years of Our Lives, the director of The Heartbreak Kid and Ishtar, and the writer/director of Me and You and Everyone We Know and Kajillionaire—these three individuals have last names that share what distinction, most notably?

Answer: MONTHS

Q4.: LITERATURE - One of the first American magazines targeted toward women (in 1884) and the first American magazine of any kind to reach one million subscribers ceased monthly print publication in 2014, with its last newsstand issue published in 2016. What was the three-word name of this "Seven Sisters" periodical?

Answer: LADIES' HOME JOURNAL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Chinese nationalist party founded and led by Sun Yat-Sen shortly after the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty in 1911, and still today a prominent party in the politics of Taiwan, is often referred to in the west by what three-letter abbreviation?

Answer: KMT

Q6.: SCIENCE - The two-empire system of biological classification divided all cellular life into prokaryota and eukaryota. The more current and prevailing three-domain system retains eukaryote and splits prokaryota into two domains. Name either of these two.

Answer: BACTERIA, ARCHAEA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Yogurt diluted with water and flavored (with fruit, cumin, mint, or numerous other options) and sometimes sweetened is a refreshing drink of Punjabi origin best known as what?

Answer: LASSI

Q2.: AMER HIST - Identify the university in New Jersey named after the first canonized native-born American and founder of the first order of nuns in the United States (the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph).

Answer: SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The mountain range known as the Lion Mountains, whose highest point is Picket Hill at just under 3,000 feet, is located on the Atlantic coast entirely within what nation?

Answer: SIERRA LEONE

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the two-word term, a phrase from Italian that idiomatically means "from the beginning" and is often abbreviated "D.C.", which indicates in musical notation that the previous section of music should be repeated?

Answer: DA CAPO

Q5.: SCIENCE - In 1958, a Swede named Arne Larsson became the first recipient of an implanted artificial device whose natural function is normally provided by a mass of muscle fibers called the sinoatrial node. This device is most commonly and colloquially referred to by what word?

Answer: PACEMAKER

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Which derived unit in the International System of Units would fit best in a particular list that includes a Latin word for "bird", the location of Davy Crockett's last stand, a certain fictional spacecraft, and a comic book/cartoon dalmatian-like dog?

Answer: HERTZ

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What was the last name of the brothers who operated a haberdashery for many years on the corner of 49th Street and Broadway in Manhattan, in a building they would come to own for decades (and name after themselves), and which would become a locus for American popular music?

Answer: BRILL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The October 1986 summit meeting between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, which defied expectations by nearly ending the Cold War arms race and bringing about nuclear disarmament, took place in what European capital city?

Answer: REYKJAVIK

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Until October 2018, the name of a famous bridge (originally the Narrows Bridge) was officially misspelled for more than fifty years due to a typo in a construction contract (as it properly has two double letters, not just one). What was this misspelled word (correct spelling not required)?

Answer: VERRAZZANO

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The best-selling American football video game is known by the shorthand "Madden"; the best-selling basketball series is "2K"; baseball's is "MLB the Show". What is the common short name for the best-selling soccer video game series of all time (and by far the biggest for any sport)?

Answer: FIFA

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the meteorological term for a brief, sudden, violent windstorm, lasting longer than a gust (at least a minute) but shorter than a sustained wind? (It is derived etymologically from a Nordic term—perhaps nautical, perhaps meaning to "cry out"—and is at the center of a 1996 Ridley Scott box office disappointment.)

Answer: SQUALL

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Nadine Gordimer novels *The Late Bourgeois World* (1966), *Burger's Daughter* (1979), and *July's People* (1981) were set in, and banned in, what country?

Answer: SOUTH AFRICA

Q1.: TELEVISION - Rent-a-Car Crash-up Derby, Alligator Tightrope, Shopping Cart Attack, Wasabi Snooters, and Golf Course Airhorn are a few of the dozens of segments from a 2002 film. Name that film, or the earlier television series from which it spun off.

Answer: JACKASS: THE MOVIE/JACKASS

Q2.: SCIENCE - Although mass and energy can be converted into one another, the total quantity of mass and energy in a system must remain constant. This conservation law in physics is reflected in Einstein's famous equation where $E=mc^2$ represents what?

Answer: SPEED OF LIGHT (IN A VACUUM)

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Unimak, Umnak, and Attu are among the largest islands in what island chain and volcanic island arc, known natively as Unangam Tanaa?

Answer: ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Prussian Johann Gottlieb Goldberg, an 18th century composer and harpsichordist to Russian Count Hermann Karl von Keyserlingk of the Duchy of Courland and Semigallia, died of tuberculosis at age 29 in 1756, and is most remembered today thanks to a 1741 composition by whom?

Answer: JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What is the term used for the underground burial galleries of the Roman Empire, used most often (but not always) for Christian burials? The word today is often used for any subterranean cemetery and sometimes for underground passageways in general.

Answer: CATACOMBS

Q6.: LITERATURE - In 1673, during his performance in the title role of a play he wrote while ill, Molière collapsed, and he died later that day. The play, perhaps ironically, has a title often translated into English as The _____ Invalid (provide the adjective—a direct cognate from the original French title—that fills in the blank).

Answer: IMAGINARY

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the two-word phrase for the property of a liquid where the molecules at its exterior edge show a strong inward attraction, with these cohesive forces forming an apparent outer membrane across the edge?

Answer: SURFACE TENSION

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Derived from the French verb meaning "to spin thread", what is the four-letter name of the herb-dried sassafras leaves reduced to powder—that can be used to thicken and flavor soups, stews, and, most notably, gumbo?

Answer: FILÉ

Q3.: LITERATURE - The Nereids, Naiads, Dryads, Oceanids, and Naiads were among the groups of minor divinities in Greek mythology who are collectively classified by what term, from the Greek for "bride" or "young wife"?

Answer: NYMPH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - With the christening of the Chiefs' home in March 2021 as GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium, there remain exactly three stadiums that are primary homes to NFL teams and are not named after a corporate entity. Give the full name (city and team name) of anyoneof the threeteamsthat play in these three stadiums.

Answer: CHICAGO BEARS, CINCINNATI BENGALS, GREEN BAY PACKERS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Although originally included in the 1963 establishment of the Federation of Malaysia, which of the country's fourteen states was forced to secede—and form its own nation—in 1965 due (at least in part) to fears that its largely Chinese population would challenge Malay political dominance?

Answer: SINGAPORE

Q6.: TELEVISION - Rose Marie, George Gobel, Vincent Price, and, most centrally, Paul Lynde were stars that appeared regularly on the classic version of what game show?

Answer: HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - H.R.3684, a \$1 trillion bill that was passed by the 117th Congress after a bipartisan vote in the US House of Representatives on November 5, 2021, is officially known as the [REDACTED] Investment and Jobs Act. What word has been redacted?

Answer: INFRASTRUCTURE

Q2.: LITERATURE - One of 20th-century author Mohammad-Ali Jamalzadeh's first successful short stories—a genre in which he is regarded as a master—was titled "Farsi shakar ast", which translates to English as "_____ is Sugar" (fill in the blank).

Answer: PERSIAN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The "city" of Nuuk (technically an illoqarfik and formerly known as Godthåb) is the most populous city on what island?

Answer: GREENLAND

Q4.: SCIENCE - Belfast-born physicist and mathematician William Thomson, who is widely credited with clarifying the thermodynamic concept of absolute zero and determining its correct value, was elevated to the peerage in 1892, becoming 1st Baron what?

Answer: KELVIN

Q5.: AMER HIST - What was the last name of the patriarch and self-made millionaire who was the first chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934, chair of the powerful US Maritime Commission in 1937, and the US Ambassador to the United Kingdom in 1938?

Answer: KENNEDY

Q6.: TELEVISION - Rebecca Rabbit, Suzy Sheep, and Danny Dog are among the close friends of what cheeky animated British ungulate? (Full name required.)

Answer: PEPPA PIG

Q1.: MATH - In math, a "multiplicative inverse" can be defined, for a number x , as the number which when multiplied by x produces the "multiplicative identity" (i.e., one). In most scenarios, the multiplicative inverse is much better known by what other term?

Answer: RECIPROCAL

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The name of what pencil model, produced by a company founded by American entrepreneur Joseph Dixon in 1827, comes from the discovery of a graphite ore in 1815 on Lead Mountain in upstate New York?

Answer: TICONDEROGA

Q3.: FILM - The title of a 1988 stylized documentary by Errol Morris, when shifted on the visible color spectrum, becomes an ambitious 1998 war epic by Terrence Malick. Give the title of either film.

Answer: THE THIN BLUE LINE/THE THIN RED LINE

Q4.: ART - In a mock-epic poem published in The New York Review of Books in 1984 titled "The SoHoiad", in which critic Robert Hughes pillories the commercialization and dishonesty of the New York art scene in that decade, he refers to two particular artists (rather unfairly) as "Keith Boring" and "Jean-Michel Basketcase". What were the actual last names of these two individuals?

Answer: HARING, BASQUIAT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, and Kent are generally identified as four of the seven kingdoms in England from the 5th century until the 8th century. The other three are named after what Germanic people (specifically, their West, East, and South tribes), who entered Britain with the Angles during the latter stages of the Roman occupation?

Answer: SAXONS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Coca, guano, jerky, poncho, and llama are among the words that originated in what language, which was spoken by the Incan tribes around Cuzco and today has official status in Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia?

Answer: QUECHUA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The association of doves with peace originates with the biblical story of the Great Flood, during which a dove—released by Noah after the rains stopped—returned holding what in its beak (a sign of life indicating that the waters had receded)?

Answer: OLIVE LEAF/BRANCH

Q2.: SCIENCE - Of the actual historical people after whom elements of the periodic table are named, two are women. One is Marie Curie, while the other was a Viennese-born Swedish physicist who was a co-discoverer of nuclear fission in 1938. What is her name, commemorated in element 109?

Answer: LISE MEITNER

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, which is known as COP26 (as it is the 26th "Conference of the Parties" to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change), convened on October 31, 2021, in what city?

Answer: GLASGOW

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - While all three claims are debatable, what mountain—a volcano that last erupted in 1707—is widely credited as the world's most visited mountain (credible given its proximity to a major world city), as the world's most climbed (possible as no experience is necessary during the summer months), and also as the world's most photographed (a fact that would not be its only association with photography)?

Answer: MT. FUJI

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Most races which are categorized as TT races (for "Tourist Trophy"), including the original Isle of Man TT which first took place in 1907 and the Dutch TT which is normally held each June, are races using what conveyance?

Answer: MOTORCYCLE

Q6.: AMER HIST - "Africa for Africans at home and abroad" was the slogan of an organization founded by what Jamaican in 1914, whose efforts in the US starting in 1916 focused on repatriation of Black people to a new African republic established from former German colonies?

Answer: MARCUS GARVEY

Q1.: FILM - In an enduringly popular 1994 film adaptation, the character played by Morgan Freeman was an Irishman in Stephen King's original story. What name is used for that character in both the movie and novella?

Answer: RED

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The ancient cities of Argos, Sparta, and Megalopolis were located on what Greek peninsula, connected to the mainland by the Isthmus of Corinth?

Answer: PELOPONNESUS/PELOPONNESE

Q3.: THEATRE - "Now and Forever" was the tagline for what musical, which, with 21 years in London and 18 on Broadway, did seem to run forever, figuratively speaking?

Answer: CATS

Q4.: LITERATURE - What publishing partnership, formed in 1857 between an established lithographer and his firm's bookkeeper, promoted its lithographs for many years as "Colored Engravings for the People"?

Answer: CURRIER & IVES

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The Hegira, which marks the beginning of the Muslim calendar, was Muhammad's secret migration in 622 from Mecca to escape persecution and live among the people of Yathrib, which is today better known as what?

Answer: MEDINA

Q6.: ART - Thousands of figures created in the third century BCE and discovered near the Chinese city of Xi'an were sculpted in what medium, which is included in the name by which the collection is regularly known?

Answer: TERRA COTTA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the German who won Wimbledon Singles championships in 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, and 1996, with the first of those a part of a historic "Golden Slam" (all four Grand Slams plus Olympic gold).

Answer: STEFFI GRAF

Q2.: WORLD HIST - At least 60 pharaohs of ancient Egypt's 18th to 20th dynasties, beginning with Thutmose I and famously including Tutankhamun, were buried in tombs in a narrow gorge in western Thebes known (quite accurately, in fact) as the _____ of the _____. (Fill in both blanks.)

Answer: VALLEY, KINGS

Q3.: MATH - What unit of measurement of angles is equal to approximately 57.296 degrees? Exactly $\pi/2$ of this unit equals a right angle.

Answer: RADIANS

Q4.: THEATRE - In the original 1955 Broadway run of the musical *Damn Yankees*, Gwen Verdon played what character, the devil's assistant who gets whatever she wants?

Answer: LOLA

Q5.: SCIENCE - American chemist Stephanie Kwolek developed the first liquid crystal polymer fiber, leading to the development of poly-paraphenylene terephthalamide, which has a myriad of applications (e.g., tires, cables, helmet, ballistic body armor). This polymer is better known by what brand name owned by DuPont (Kwolek's employer for 40+ years)?

Answer: KEVLAR

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Africa's third-largest lake by area (after Victoria and Tanganyika) covers 20% of its namesake country. What is the name that the lake and country share?

Answer: MALAWI

Q1.: LITERATURE - Of Athenian dramatist Sophocles's 123 plays, only seven remain intact, including three relating to Oedipus and his children: Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus, and what third, named after and centered on Oedipus and Jocasta's daughter?

Answer: ANTIGONE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - 1950's "Rollin' Stone" was the first single on the Chicago-based Chess record label by what artist, who was born McKinley Morganfield in (or around) 1915 and raised near Clarksdale, MS?

Answer: MUDDY WATERS

Q3.: FILM - According to on-screen text that opens the film, what 1999 movie is based on found footage shot five years prior by three student documentary filmmakers?

Answer: THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT

Q4.: AMER HIST - The policy with respect to Latin America during the early Franklin D. Roosevelt administration had what popular name, which today may be more associated with State Farm Insurance, but in the 1930s reflected America's intended hands-off approach and military withdrawal from the region?

Answer: GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - A border crisis and humanitarian crisis erupted in the summer of 2021 as tens of thousands of migrants, mostly from the Middle East and Africa, attempted to enter the European Union from what country, in an orchestrated act by that country in retaliation for the EU's economic sanctions against it?

Answer: BELARUS

Q6.: TELEVISION - Leland McKenzie, Douglas Brackman, Ann Kelsey, Arnie Becker, and Stuart Markowitz were among the large cast of characters on what acclaimed ensemble drama, which aired Thursday nights at 10:00 pm (ET) on NBC from 1986 to 1994?

Answer: L.A. LAW

Q1.: SCIENCE - What was the last name of the Scottish botanist who introduced the popular *Pseudotsuga menziesii* into cultivation in 1827, and thus after whom the tree is commonly named (or mis-named, as it is actually a conifer in the pine family)?
Answer: DOUGLAS

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The House of Hashim (a.k.a. Hashemites) is the ruling royal family of what country (as reflected in the country's full official name)?
Answer: JORDAN

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the country artist who released the 1987 album *Always and Forever*, which spent 40 weeks at #1 on the *Billboard Country* album chart and saw four of its songs (including "Forever and Ever, Amen") reach #1 on the Country Singles chart.

Answer: RANDY TRAVIS

Q4.: BUS/ECON - American businesswoman Marissa Mayer, who was an executive at Google for many years (where she was employee #20), served as president and CEO of what other company from July 2012 until its acquisition by Verizon in 2017?
Answer: YAHOO!

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the building, made of prefabricated glass and iron, that was constructed in Hyde Park, London, to accommodate the Great Exhibition of 1851? It was the birthplace (after its move to South London) and namesake of a still-extant English Premiership side.
Answer: CRYSTAL PALACE

Q6.: LITERATURE - A best-selling series of young adult mysteries by British author Holly Jackson begins with the 2019 novel (and is collectively known as) *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*.
Answer: MURDER

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Greatly influenced by Italian gastronomy (which makes sense given its proximity), one French city is most associated with a cooking style noteworthy for its prominent use of olives, anchovies, tomatoes, capers, and garlic, such as its famoussalade. What is the name of thiscity?

Answer: NICE

Q2.: TELEVISION - Connections between what series andThe Sopranosinclude creator Terence Winter (aSopranoswriter and producer), lead actor Steve Buscemi (who played a prominentSopranoscharacter), the New Jersey setting, and Sunday night broadcast on HBO?

Answer: BOARDWALK EMPIRE

Q3.: ART - The abstract art movement known assuprematism, which is characterized by basic, flat geometric shapes on plain backgrounds using a limited range of color, is most associated with what country, where it originated in 1913?

Answer: RUSSIA

Q4.: AMER HIST - While the Cabinet of the US President has expanded to fifteen executive departments, the original cabinet of George Washington consisted of just four: the Attorney General and the Departments of State, Treasury, and what other (the only original cabinet department that no longer exists in its original form)?

Answer: WAR

Q5.: POP MUSIC -Hybrid Theorywas an early name of—and also the 2000 nu and rap metal debut album from—what group, who were named ultimately after a recreational area in Santa Monica, California (with a spelling change for internet domain reasons)?

Answer: LINKIN PARK

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What is the name of the titular and central figure of the 2019 HBO documentaryThe Inventor(a label that, as it turns out, is dubious if not outright false)?

Answer: ELIZABETH HOLMES

Q1.: SCIENCE - What word refers most commonly to a solution consisting of resin secreted by a certain scale insect, in a solvent of ethanol, that has been used widely as a high-gloss varnish, as a protective coating for various surfaces, as a food glaze, in electrical insulation, and elsewhere?

Answer: SHELLAC

Q2.: TELEVISION - Idris Elba has portrayed the self-destructive and morose title character on what gritty BBC-produced crime drama series since its debut in 2010?

Answer: LUTHER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Way 2 Sexy" (featuring Future & Young Thug), "Knife Talk" (featuring 21 Savage & Project Pat), "Girls Want Girls" (featuring Lil Baby), and "Fair Trade" (featuring Travis Scott) are recent 2021 hit songs by what artist, who has served since September 2013 as global ambassador of the Toronto Raptors?

Answer: DRAKE

Q4.: FILM - The Outrage and A Fistful of Dollars, both from 1964, are among the successful Western films modeled on the work of legendary director Akira Kurosawa, but the most successful such film was what 1960 masterpiece directed by John Sturges?

Answer: THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - After an investigation revealed that the FBI and NYPD withheld vital evidence which would likely have led to their acquittal at trial, the Supreme Court of the State of New York in November 2021 vacated the convictions of Muhammad Abdul Aziz and Khalil Islam (the latter posthumously) for the February 1965 assassination of whom?

Answer: MALCOLM X

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In the 1730s, a British merchant captain told a story of torture at the hands of Spanish sailors, which was used to arouse public support in Britain for a war against their Atlantic trade rivals. This war was vividly named after what the captain allegedly lost while being tortured. What did he lose?

Answer: EAR

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What British pop act, while one of the most successful of the 1980s, only released a total of two studio albums during its formal five-year existence—1983's *Fantastic* and 1984's *Make It Big*?

Answer: WHAM!

Q2.: LITERATURE - *Love Medicine* (1984), *The Plague of Doves* (2008), *The Round House* (2012), and *The Night Watchman* (2020) are novels by what Pulitzer winner, a pre-eminent author of Native American fiction?

Answer: LOUISE ERDRICH

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The capital city and main port of French Guiana shares its name with a pepper native to the area. What is that name?

Answer: CAYENNE

Q4.: FILM - Harry Alonzo Longabaugh was the actual name of an outlaw, Wild Bunch member, title character of a 1969 Western movie, and film institute namesake who was known by what nickname?

Answer: THE SUNDANCE KID

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Olympic gymnastics are divided into three categories: artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, and a third introduced in 2000 and known as what? Belarus's Ivan Litvinovich and China's Xueying Zhu won gold in this category in Tokyo in 2021.

Answer: TRAMPOLINE

Q6.: THEATRE - What city was the birthplace of American playwright August Wilson, in its predominantly African American Hill District, which also served as the setting for many of his plays?

Answer: PITTSBURGH

Q1.: FILM - What military slang for an unspecified and obscenely early hour in the morning entered broader consciousness via a 2012 film thriller?

Answer: ZERO DARK THIRTY

Q2.: AMER HIST - While the Wright brothers' first flight famously took place in 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, they developed the technology in what Midwestern city, where the brothers lived and operated a bicycle shop?

Answer: DAYTON

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - 15 players per side vs. 13; five points for a try vs. four; three points for drop goals and penalties vs. one and two respectively; certain applications of post-tackle procedures, scrums, and lineouts—these are among the differences between rugby union and what other, quite similar sport?

Answer: (RUGBY) LEAGUE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - One word (or two homophones, as the spellings can vary) can be used both for a certain musical instrument in the lute family and for a certain kitchen julienner. What is that word?

Answer: MANDOLIN/MANDOLINE

Q5.: ART - The German architect Walter Gropius, a pioneer of the international modern style of architecture, served from 1919 to 1928 as the director of what school of design (which closed in 1933 under pressure from Nazi authorities)?

Answer: BAUHAUS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - 1985's Radio, with its breakout single and boombox paean "I Can't Live Without My Radio", was the debut LP from what rapper, who has achieved significant later-career success as a television actor and host?

Answer: LL COOL J

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The original and traditional version of the Viennese indulgence known as Sachertorte is a dense chocolate layer cake coated with dark chocolate and served with whipped cream, with the cake layers sandwiching a layer of jam made from what fruit?

Answer: APRICOT

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The "Pop-o-Matic" die container was an innovation introduced in 1965 with what board game, now produced by Hasbro?

Answer: TROUBLE/FRUSTRATION

Q3.: TELEVISION - What celebrity chef, who has hosted a myriad of eponymous shows on the Food Network (in addition to his appearances on Iron Chef America, Chopped, Worst Cooks in America, Food Network Star, The Best Thing I Ever Ate, and many others), has been on the network since its debut in 1994, and is set to celebrate his 30th anniversary on the channel after a new three-year contract was settled in November 2021.

Answer: BOBBY FLAY

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A large commercial truck that in the US might be called a "big rig", "18-wheeler", "tractor trailer", or "semi" would in Britain most likely be called a what, from an English dialect verb meaning to tug or drag?

Answer: (ARTICULATED) LORRY

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What term in dance is typically used to describe a turn around one leg, most commonly with the foot of the other leg touching the knee of the turning leg (inpassé)?

Answer: PIROUETTE

Q6.: SCIENCE - What word, derived in part from a term in Old Norse for "color", is used for a water-soluble mixture of various naturally occurring organic dyes extracted from lichens that is used to test materials for acidity?

Answer: LITMUS

Q1.: SCIENCE - In the "Markup Language" abbreviated XML, which provides greater flexibility over languages such as HTML with customized tags for the storage, organization, and presentation of data, what word is represented by the "X"?
Answer: EXTENSIBLE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - State College, PA, is home to the campus of Penn State University; College Park, MD, is home to the University of Maryland; and Southern Adventist University is in Collegedale, TN. What American university's home town is named College Station?

Answer: TEXAS A&M

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the word used for the type of freestyle skiing competition where competitors ski down a steep and bumpy path, and are scored based on turning, jumping, and speed? The word is also used for the bumps themselves.
Answer: MOGULS

Q4.: LITERATURE - She heaved a sigh and wiped her eye, And over the hillocks she raced; And tried what she could, as a shepherdess should, That each tail be properly placed. Who is the "shepherdess" in this nursery rhyme?

Answer: (LITTLE) BO-PEEP

Q5.: AMER HIST - The American military operation conducted in December 2003 that led to the capture of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein had what name, for some reason after a PG-13-rated 1984 teen heroism action film?

Answer: OPERATION RED DAWN

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the German translation of the Spanish word árbol and the Arabic shajara(شجرة)?

Answer: BAUM

Q1.: FILM - What is the two-letter title of the 1927 film starring quintessential "flapper" Clara Bow from which she earned her famous nickname?

Answer: IT

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a party game of teamwork and betrayal. Crewmates work together to complete tasks before one or more Impostors can kill everyone aboard. So says indie gaming studio Innersloth about what game, whose two-word name is redacted in the previous quote, and which was released in 2018 but became massively popular in 2020?

Answer: AMONG US

Q3.: LITERATURE - Merriam-Webster reported a spike in searches in its online dictionary on March 17, 2019, for what specific term for a lobster-like freshwater crustacean? They attributed the increase to a televised interview with novelist Delia Owens that was broadcast on that day. (Note, correct spelling is required; singular or plural is acceptable.)

Answer: CRAWDAD

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A commercial enterprise located on Weihenstephan Hill in the Bavarian town of Freising claims to be the oldest business in the world of what type?

Answer: BREWERY

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What Yiddish slang term is used in English for the fee or percentage taken by a bookmaker for accepting a gambler's wager?

Answer: VIGORISH/VIG

Q6.: ART - What term in art for a particular type of drawing stick, made with ground pigments, chalk, and a binder such as gum arabic, is also a general term for a soft, subdued color?

Answer: PASTEL

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The legendary New Orleans jazz pianist who recorded with his group the Red Hot Peppers in the 1920s and claimed (dubiously) to have invented jazz in 1902 was known by what sweet-seeming stage name? (Full name required.)

Answer: JELLY ROLL MORTON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What is famous for, among many other things, lasting from 1337 to 1453?

Answer: HUNDRED YEARS' WAR

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The French départements of Corrèze, Creuse, and Haute-Vienne constituted, until 2016, a former administrative région in southwest France that gave its name to a certain type of automobile (though the etymological link is long unknown). What is that vehicle?

Answer: LIMOUSINE

Q4.: TELEVISION - The Scranton branch of the Dunder-Mifflin Paper Company was managed for many years by Michael Scott. Who is his English equivalent, the long-time manager of the Slough branch of Wernham Hogg Paper Merchants? (First and last name required.)

Answer: DAVID BRENT

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What is the term most used in common law in the US for the physical written document conveying ownership of real property? It is the legal document that transfers property ownership (or "title") from one party to another.

Answer: DEED

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - There are three main forms of the sport of fencing, based on the weapon used. One is foil while another is sabre. What is the third?

Answer: ÉPÉE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In the town of Dawson City, in Canada's Yukon Territory, the Yukon River is met by what other river, which gives the broader geographic region its historically famous name?

Answer: KLONDIKE RIVER

Q2.: SCIENCE - There are various plausible etymologies for why two regions of the globe—at about 30 degrees north and south of the equator, where winds are generally calm and the weather is sunny, hot, and dry—are known as "latitudes" named after what animal?

Answer: HORSE

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - While others were available—including Scribble, Mother Nature, Hoverbot, and Rocky—the default and most common Office Assistant introduced in Microsoft Office 97 was an anthropomorphic character with what name?

Answer: CLIPPY (CLIPPIT)

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In August 2021, the account for the Australian musical trio Pnau tweeted, "We've just written a song with the biggest pop star of yesterday and the biggest pop star of today." The song's title is "Cold Heart"—name either of the pop stars subtweeted.

Answer: ELTON JOHN, DUA LIPA

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The French diplomat Ferdinand Marie, Vicomte de Lesseps, is remembered today in large part for his role in the successful 1859–69 construction of what?

Answer: SUEZ CANAL

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Bezukhovs, Bolkonskys, Rostovs, Kuragins, and Drubetskoys are central characters in what work of literature published in 1869?

Answer: WAR AND PEACE

Q1.: FILM - What character, who has appeared in major Hollywood films in 1998, 2014, 2019, and 2021, made its American debut in a 1956 movie co-directed by Terry O. Morse and Ishirō Honda and starring Raymond Burr?

Answer: GODZILLA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the type of boot, an ankle-high leather boot with two or three eyelets and a rounded toe, which takes its name from the sport of polo and its term for the seven-minute periods of play into which matches are divided?

Answer: CHUKKA

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Among the various West African empires that flourished during the early modern period (roughly 1500-1800 CE) are the Asante (in present-day Ghana), Mossi (present-day Burkina Faso), Oyo (western Nigeria), and Dahomey, which was located within what other present-day country in the region?

Answer: BENIN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Ragnarökkris is an Old Norse term that translates as "Twilight of the Gods". What word, popular in an operatic context, is a German translation of that phrase?

Answer: GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG

Q5.: ART - A specific and now-popular type of sculpture was developed by Alexander Calder beginning around 1931 and named by his friend Marcel Duchamp. What is that name?

Answer: MOBILE

Q6.: SCIENCE - The study of microscopic anatomy is histology. Its counterpart, macroscopic (i.e., visible) anatomy, is sometimes called macroanatomy or topographical anatomy, but is most often referred to as anatomy with what other descriptor (which, appropriately, means "large")?

Answer: GROSS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The phrase "...And I took that personally," a widely memed line from a 2020 documentary miniseries, is associated with what man? (He doesn't actually use that line at any point in the documentary, though he suggests the sentiment many many times.)

Answer: MICHAEL JORDAN

Q2.: SCIENCE - In chemistry, there are two major types of chemical bonds: one in which atoms are joined by an electrostatic charge, and another in which atoms share a pair of electrons. The former are ionic bonds; the latter are most commonly known as what?

Answer: COVALENT BONDS

Q3.: LITERATURE - Gertrude Stein's modernist novel, completed in 1911 but not published until 1925 (perhaps because it had little commercial interest, approaching 1,000 pages and containing neither plot, nor action, nor dialogue), is titled *The Making of What?* The missing word describes the characters in the book as well as the members of Stein's family after whom the characters are based.

Answer: AMERICANS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Driving for 25 minutes west-northwest from the European city of Malmö, one would arrive in what other city?

Answer: COPENHAGEN

Q5.: AMER HIST - The Report of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Vietnam Task Force, an official study of US defense policy commissioned in 1967 to examine American involvement in Southeast Asia, is today (and since 1971) more commonly known by what name?

Answer: THE PENTAGON PAPERS

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - A roasted poblano pepper stuffed with cheese (and also perhaps diced meat, nuts, and/or cinnamon), then dipped in eggs and flour and deep-fried in oil—this is a basic recipe for what delectable dish that originated in the Mexican city of Puebla?

Answer: CHILE RELLENO

Q1.: THEATRE - The legendary Cypriot king who carved a statue of a woman so beautiful that he fell in love with it (and eventually married her, after Aphrodite turned it into an actual woman) gives his name to what 1913 play?
Answer: PYGMALION

Q2.: LITERATURE - What was the title of author Vikram Seth's 1986 novel, written entirely in metered, rhyming 14-line stanzas, about the popular culture and activities of a group of "Yuppies" in San Francisco (hence the name)?
Answer: THE GOLDEN GATE

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - What is the common name (in English) for the head of government of a Canadian province that is roughly equivalent to a US state's "governor"?
Answer: PREMIER

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The word for the part of a pistil in a flower that receives pollen grains during pollination can also be defined as a mark of shame or disgrace. What is that word?
Answer: STIGMA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Detroit-born brothers Brian and Eddie Holland played a sizeable role in defining the Motown sound in popular music, most famously in close collaboration with what third songwriter and producer?
Answer: LAMONT DOZIER

Q6.: BUS/ECON - What Chevrolet model, named after a bovid and first introduced in 1958 (and re-introduced in 1994 and re-re-introduced in 2000), was the best-selling automobile in the United States during the 1960s?
Answer: IMPALA

Q1.: TELEVISION - Who was hired away from NBC's Today show in 1976 to serve as co-anchor, with Harry Reasoner, on ABC's flagship nightly news program, becoming the first woman to serve in such a role in American television history?

Answer: BARBARA WALTERS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What World War II battle, part of the Allied effort to retake the Philippines, is widely considered the largest naval engagement in history and recorded the first planned use of Japanese kamikaze attacks?

Answer: BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - With the exception of its first year during the 2014 season (when Ohio State defeated Oregon), every instance of the College Football Playoff National Championship Game has featured one of two teams (and on three occasions, both of these teams). Identify these two teams (only school names are required).

Answer: ALABAMA, CLEMSON

Q4.: POP MUSIC - What pop group, who had hits in 2009 with "1901" and "Lisztomania", has a name that would fit in a list with the names of the bands who recorded "More than a Feeling" and "Feelin' Stronger Every Day"?

Answer: PHOENIX

Q5.: SCIENCE - CBC is the abbreviation for a standard diagnostic laboratory test used to detect anemia, infections, and various other medical disorders. What do the letters in CBC stand for?

Answer: COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Eighteen largely barren volcanic isles (along with hundreds of islets and skerries) situated in the North Atlantic between the Shetland Islands and Iceland make up, since 1948, what self-governing region of Denmark?

Answer: FAROE ISLANDS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - "Abenomics" is a nickname that has been used widely for a set of economic policies adopted in what country?

Answer: JAPAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the fourteen current territories formally administered by the United States, five have a permanent non-military population. Which of these territories' populations is the largest among the group?

Answer: PUERTO RICO

Q3.: SCIENCE - In physiology, it's the expansion and contraction of artery walls; in botany, it's a common name for the edible seed of plants in the Leguminosae or Fabaceae family. What is the word in question?

Answer: PULSE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Of the chansons de geste, a set of epic poems of medieval France, the oldest existing and best known is the chanson of what military leader, composed around the year 1100?

Answer: ROLAND

Q5.: TELEVISION - What CBS procedural drama, currently in its 19th season, has ranked in the top five in Nielsen broadcast ratings every year since the 2008-2009 television season?

Answer: NCIS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - In 1981, Warner Bros. released an eponymous album by Minneapolis band The Time, with production, recording, engineering, and mixing credited to Jamie Starr—an early pseudonym for whom?

Answer: PRINCE

Q1.: LITERATURE - What is the title character's name in DuBose Heyward's lyrical 1925 novel, which describes the adventures of a disabled African American street beggar (and his mistress) living among the tenements of Catfish Row in Charleston, South Carolina?

Answer: PORGY

Q2.: AMER HIST - Colonel John T. Thompson was an inventor whose best-known creation is associated most closely with American gangsters of the Prohibition era. What is the common name used for this invention?

Answer: TOMMY GUN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The principal religious structure in Ancient Rome was a temple on Capitoline Hill dedicated to what Roman god, who was referred to generally (and in the name of this temple) as "Optimus Maximus"?

Answer: JUPITER (JOVE)

Q4.: FILM - A character played by Tom Hanks repeatedly and desperately yells the last name of Hanks's real-life wife during a poignant scene in what film?

Answer: CAST AWAY

Q5.: SCIENCE - British pathologist Michael Anthony Epstein is credited with discovering the virus (of the family Herpesviridae and genus *Lymphocryptovirus*) that is associated with several human cancers and causes infectious mononucleosis. He made this discovery along with B.G. Achong and what Irish-born virologist?

Answer: YVONNE BARR

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The folk tale character Henny Penny is also known (particularly in the United States) by a different two-word name that is also the name of a menu item at most KFC locations. What is that name?

Answer: CHICKEN LITTLE

Q1.: LITERATURE - In The Waste Land, what superlative does T. S. Eliot famously use to describe the month of April?

Answer: CRUELLEST

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Luciano Pavarotti was not considered the "King of" a certain fruit-flavored drink brand (though it's a homophone), but rather of what particular operatic feat of strength for tenors, of which nine appear in only two minutes in the aria "Pour mon ame" from Donizetti's La Fille du régiment?

Answer: HIGH C

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In American parlance, the simple cocktail known as a "Boilermaker" contains two ingredients: whiskey, and what other?

Answer: BEER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What is the present name (or the standard three-letter abbreviation) of the political party of which every Mexican president was a member from the party's founding in 1929 through the end of the 20th century, and again from 2012-2018 with the election of Enrique Peña Nieto?

Answer: INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY / PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO INSTITUCIONAL / PRI

Q5.: FILM - "Be seated. Now, I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country." So begins the famous opening monologue from what 1970 biopic?

Answer: PATTON

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 1981 song "Talkin Baseball" by Terry Cashman includes in its refrain "Willie, Mickey, and The Duke", referring to three players who starred as center fielders for the three New York City-based teams of the 1950s. The former two are Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle; what was the last name of the third?

Answer: SNIDER

Q1.: FILM - The fictional small town of Haddonfield, Illinois, is the primary setting for what film series, which kicked off in 1978, and whose convoluted course of sequels continued in 2021 and is scheduled to end in 2022?

Answer: HALLOWEEN

Q2.: SCIENCE - What early high-level computer programming language, an all-purpose symbolic instruction code aimed at beginners, was developed in 1964 at Dartmouth College by John Kemeny and Thomas Kurtz?

Answer: BASIC

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - American Flo Hyman was considered one of the greatest players in the world in what sport when she was tragically felled by a ruptured aorta caused by Marfan Syndrome, during a match in Japan in January 1986?

Answer: VOLLEYBALL

Q4.: ART - An Italian poet born in 1783 with the first name of Gabriele gave his last name to his famous English-born children Dante Gabriel (who helped found the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood), Christina Georgina (among the most prominent poets of her day), and William Michael (an acclaimed critic and editor). What was that last name?

Answer: ROSSETTI

Q5.: LITERATURE - US airmen pursuing release from active duty during WWII claiming mental instability are deemed ineligible, as such a request demonstrates their mental fitness. This scenario is central to what 1961 novel?

Answer: CATCH-22

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The "Imperial Cities of Morocco"--the country's four historical capitals--are Rabat (the current capital), Meknes, Fez, and what fourth, which, in fact, is the name of the country itself in some languages?

Answer: MARRAKESH

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the common name for the weedy herb of the genus *Solidago*, with small yellow flowers that grow along a narrow stem? Its name is often used for a color, a strong shade of yellow, notably in paper and in a particular Crayola crayon.

Answer: GOLDENROD

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Identify the last name missing from this list of individuals, who first appeared as a complete set of five in 1994: Chisholm, Bunton, Adams, Halliwell, _____.

Answer: BROWN

Q3.: FILM - Barad-dûr and Orthanc are names that could plausibly be the titular pair in what 2002 blockbuster film?

Answer: THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS

Q4.: THEATRE - Jason Robards, James Earl Jones, Brian Dennehy, Kevin Spacey, Nathan Lane, and Denzel Washington are among the actors who have performed the role of salesman Theodore "Hickey" Hickman in acclaimed productions of what tragic play?

Answer: THE ICEMAN COMETH

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - 18th-century British politician John Montagu is often credited as the inventor of an innovation known as what? He allegedly developed it while playing around the clock at a gaming table, and it takes its name from his noble title, which is itself associated with a town in the county of Kent.

Answer: SANDWICH

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - One could reasonably argue that American mathematician Marion Tinsley was better at what board game than any other person has ever been at any game? He lost only a handful of official games to humans from 1950 to 1995, never lost a championship match (in either two-move-ballot or three-move-ballot schemes), and in 1990 defeated the Chinook computer program (which would ultimately "solve" the game) 4 wins to 2, with 33 draws. Note, the game's familiar name in either the US or the UK is acceptable.

Answer: CHECKERS/DRAUGHTS

Q1.: FILM - An Isaac Bashevis Singer short story subtitled "The Yeshiva Boy" was turned into what 1983 movie musical (the directorial debut of the film's star)?
Answer: YENTL

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the name in biochemistry for the pyrimidine base, part of the genetic code of RNA, that pairs with adenine during the process of transcription and is replaced by thymine in DNA?

Answer: URACIL

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Among the dumb challenges that went viral on TikTok and other social media in 2021, one of the more dangerous emerged in August, in which a brave (or foolish) soul would attempt to traverse an arrangement of what precariously stacked objects, with the clips often ending in group laughter and personal injury?

Answer: MILK CRATES

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What colloquial term for a metaphorical dessert, the eating of which means to apologize or be submissive to the point of humiliation, dates from around 1830 and was used for the name of an English rock band in 1969?

Answer: HUMBLE PIE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A Latinized word for the former European kingdom in which the German cities of Dortmund and Mönchengladbach were once located lives on in the names of professional football (soccer) clubs in these two cities. What is that Latinized name?

Answer: BORUSSIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Montreal-born jazz legend Oscar Peterson was a virtuoso on what instrument, and was duly voted the best at this instrument by DownBeat magazine every year from 1950 to 1962?

Answer: PIANO

Q1.: AMER HIST - The Preamble to the Declaration of Independence contains an uncommon adjective, which the Oxford English Dictionary defines (with a slightly different prefix) as "...cannot be...transferred from its present ownership or relation." What is that word—either as it appears in the Declaration, or as it is defined in the OED?

Answer: UNALIENABLE/INALIENABLE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The autonomous region in Northwest China with the short name of Xinjiang is home to numerous ethnic groups, but the two most populous are the Han people (who make up over 90% of the total population of China) and what Turkic ethnic group, after whom the region is formally named?

Answer: UYGHUR

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What slang term is used most often for the bar, pub, or clubhouse at a golf course (in many cases, the literal name of the business itself)? The phrase was used in a similar sense in the title of a documentary on the making of the movie Caddyshack.

Answer: THE 19TH HOLE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the roughly 300,000-square-mile fertile grassland that is essentially the South American equivalent to the South African veldt? (The singular or the more common plural are both acceptable.)

Answer: PAMPA(S)

Q5.: FILM - Confessions, Love, Romance, Lies—what modifier do these words share, with respect to films released in 1981, 1989, 1993, and 1994 respectively?

Answer: TRUE

Q6.: ART - What is the term in photography for the aesthetic effect of out-of-focus points of light or background in an image, coming from the Japanese for "blur"?

Answer: BOKEH

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What dynasty, whose name is now a common surname worldwide among individuals of Indian descent, existed on the subcontinent from the 300s CE until the late 500s, during what is widely regarded as the Golden Age of India?

Answer: GUPTA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics to Alanis Morissette's "You Learn", what titular three-word object does she say to "swallow it down", as it "feels so good swimming in your stomach"?

Answer: JAGGED LITTLE PILL

Q3.: SCIENCE - The majority of the ocean floor is made up of what dark, finely grained, igneous rock, which consists mostly of pyroxene and plagioclase feldspar, and is also the most common type of lava?

Answer: BASALT

Q4.: TELEVISION - Television shows based off of TV commercials include the 2007 ABC series Cavemen (from the Geico ads), the 2002 CBS sitcom Baby Bob (based on a talking six-month-old in ads for FreeInternet.com), and what Apple TV+ series, based on a series of 2013 promos for NBC Sports?

Answer: TED LASSO

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The wedding dress worn by Meghan Markle at her wedding in May 2018 was designed by Clare Waight Keller, who was serving at the time as Artistic Director of what French luxury house? She was the first woman to hold the position at the company, which was founded by its namesake designer in 1952.

Answer: GIVENCHY

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What word, from the Latin for "not any", is defined in a legal sense as having no binding force, and in mathematics is associated with the value or concept of zero?

Answer: NULL

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - Name the man who served as Germany's vice-chancellor and finance minister from 2018 until December 2021, when he replaced Angela Merkel to become the country's ninth post-World War II chancellor.

Answer: OLAF SCHOLZ

Q2.: BUS/ECON - A synonym for "hats" is the name of what retailer and shopping mall staple, which has over 1,000 locations in North America specializing in officially licensed and branded headwear for pro and college sports teams?

Answer: LIDS

Q3.: SCIENCE - What unit of length, historically defined as the meridian arc length corresponding to 1/60 degrees of latitude (i.e., one minute), is today defined as precisely 1,852 meters?

Answer: NAUTICAL MILE

Q4.: TELEVISION - A song by The Rembrandts that reached the top 20 on the Billboards singles chart in 1995 was an extended version (at just over three minutes) of the 45-second theme song to what television series?

Answer: FRIENDS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The demonym for an individual from the United States is American; for Egypt, it's Egyptian; for Argentina, it's Argentine. The proper demonym for an individual from Madagascar is not Madagascan but rather what other term, which is also a former name for the republic as well as one of the country's official languages?

Answer: MALAGASY

Q6.: ART - Identify the light and lively artistic style of the late baroque era, dominated by elaborate ornamentation, intricate detail, and pastel colors, which was principally used for interior decoration, and whose name comes from a French word for a method of decorating using pebbles and fancy shells.

Answer: ROCOCO

Q1.: ART - What is the first name adopted in the 1980s by the prolific African American designer and fiber artist born Sherilyn Bailey? It's taken from the name of a 3rd-century queen of Palmyra, making Bailey today arguably the most successful artist in history whose first name begins with "X" (in place of the "Z" with which her royal namesake's name is usually rendered)?

Answer: XENOBIA

Q2.: AMER HIST - In every US presidential election starting 1952 and ending in 2004, there was either a Bush, a Dole, or a Nixon on the GOP ticket, except for one year. Give the name of either of the Republicans on the national ticket in that exception year. (Note, answer with a name, not the year.)

Answer: BARRY GOLDWATER, WILLIAM MILLER

Q3.: SCIENCE - 19th-century German anatomist Paul Langerhans spent the most significant period of his career conducting pioneering research into what organ?

Answer: PANCREAS

Q4.: TELEVISION - The Bull, the Banana Split, the Skunk, the Caterpillar, and the Mallard were the last five eliminated (with the Queen of Hearts earning the victory) on the most recently completed season of what reality competition television series?

Answer: THE MASKED SINGER

Q5.: LITERATURE - What term was coined by Mark Twain in the title of his 1873 novel, which satirized the materialism and loosened business and political morals in the decade following the American Civil War?

Answer: THE GILDED AGE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Completed in 2012, a 2,080-foot-tall structure known as Skytree—currently the tallest tower in the world and second-tallest structure after the Burj Khalifa—dominates the skyline of what city?

Answer: TOKYO

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The ruins of Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztec Empire, are located within what modern-day city, which is appropriately also home to Estadio Azteca, about ten miles to the south of the ruins.

Answer: MEXICO CITY

Q2.: THEATRE - "Walk Like A Man", "Who Loves You", "Working My Way Back to You", and "December 1963 (Oh, What A Night)" are songs from what Broadway musical, which won the Tony Award for Best Musical in 2006?

Answer: JERSEY BOYS

Q3.: SCIENCE - In computing, there are various basic database model types, including hierarchical, network, and object-oriented databases. Another model, long and likely still the most popular, is a database in which data is organized as a collection of linked tables of rows and columns. What is the term most used for this database type?

Answer: RELATIONAL DATABASE

Q4.: LITERATURE -House Made of Dawn(1968), a Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, is the first novel and best-known work of what Oklahoma-born Native American author of Kiowa heritage?

Answer: N. SCOTT MOMADAY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What Montreal-born hockey Hall of Famer is the only person to have his name on the Stanley Cup both as a player and an owner, and was the only player to win the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player in the 1980s other than Wayne Gretzky?

Answer: MARIO LEMIEUX

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC -Pianica, blow-organ, key harmonica, and clavietta are some of the names of a particular hybrid musical instrument that has a set of keys on the top with a tube connected to an open port on the side, through which air is blown. By what name is this instrument best known, as dubbed by its inventor Hohner in the 1950s?

Answer: MELODICA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - San Francisco-born Olympian Eileen Gu won her first gold medal representing China at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing in the women's competition of what freestyle skiing event, which gets its appropriate and evocative two-word name from the fact that its competitors achieve extreme height while performing tricks?

Answer: BIG AIR

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the fossil-rich ravine in northern Tanzania, at the southeast corner of the Serengeti plain, where an ancient river cut deep through the underlying strata to reveal millennia of early human activity.

Answer: OLDUVAI GORGE

Q3.: LANGUAGE - In English grammar, what is the term for a word which is a noun formed from a present participle (a verb ending in -ing)? An example would be "Thinking" in the sentence Thinking is useful in trivia.

Answer: GERUND

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A silicone wristband/gel bracelet fad was sparked around 2004 in part by yellow bracelets produced by the Lance Armstrong Foundation that were embossed with what term, a compound word neologism that would eventually be used for the name of the foundation itself (after Armstrong's downfall)?

Answer: LIVESTRONG

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1958's Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter (Mémoires d'une jeune fille rangée) is the first of a four-volume autobiography by what philosopher, novelist, and feminist?

Answer: SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

Q6.: POP MUSIC - In response to the massive popularity (and virality) of the country music hit "Fancy Like" by Walker Hayes, what restaurant chain in August 2021 brought back its Oreo Cookie Shake, which is mentioned in a famous line in the song along with the restaurant's Bourbon Street Steak?

Answer: APPLEBEE'S

Q1.: SCIENCE - What is the term (or common abbreviation) for the method invented by American engineer Edwin Howard Armstrong by which radio waves are altered for broadcast signal transmission, which provided an advantage over its (still-common) predecessor due to its better signal-to-noise ratio?

Answer: FREQUENCY MODULATION (FM)

Q2.: TELEVISION - What satirical title character from an early 1990s Disney animated comedy television series was the superheroic alter ego of unremarkable suburban avian Drake Mallard?

Answer: DARKWING DUCK

Q3.: ART - One of the best-known (and perhaps quintessential) works of modern video art, which has been met with wildly divergent critical and public opinion, is what seven-hour, five-film "Cycle" by American artist Matthew Barney?

Answer: THE CREMASTER CYCLE

Q4.: AMER HIST - As published in the New York Charities Directory of 1917, what organization-incorporated six years prior-conceived as its mission to "make 12 million Americans physically free from peonage, mentally free from ignorance, politically free from disenfranchisement, and socially free from insult"?

Answer: NAACP

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Khao San Road, a 1,345-foot-long travel hub that reportedly hosts the largest transient backpacker population in the world, is located in what city?

Answer: BANGKOK

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - One player states a word and a number and nothing else (e.g. "breakfast, three"), and their partner subsequently begins pointing at cards lying on the table between them in a 5x5 grid. They are likely playing what popular game, designed by Czech game designer Vlaada Chvátil and published in 2015?

Answer: CODENAMES

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - When ground into a paste and served with sushi, Japanese horseradish is better known by what name?

Answer: WASABI

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - The Office that serves the US Congress and was founded in 1921 as the General Accounting Office was renamed in 2004, remaining the GAO but replacing the first two words in its name. What is that new, current name?

Answer: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What cosmetics company, a subsidiary of Estée Lauder, was founded in 1984 in Toronto by Frank Angelo and Frank Toskan as Make-Up Art Cosmetics, as their products were geared initially toward makeup professionals and fashion models?

Answer: MAC

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Tripolitania, Tunis, and Algiers were three city-state-like provinces of the Ottoman Empire in North Africa that were known collectively as what "States"? The term originated from the name of an ethnic group indigenous to the region, and was also used for the coastal territory where these provinces existed.

Answer: BARBARY STATES

Q5.: SCIENCE - Despite the familiar story, it is unlikely that a bell was often used as a tool by what 1904 Nobel winner (it was more likely a buzzer, metronome, electric shock device, or other stimuli)?

Answer: IVAN PAVLOV

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What massively influential electro-funk and hip hop song, whose familiar bassline has appeared on hundreds of subsequent recordings, was recorded by Afrika Bambaataa and the Soulsonic Force and released on the fledgling Tommy Boy Records label in 1982?

Answer: PLANET ROCK

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In auto mechanics, the abbreviation TDC refers to the position of an engine's piston on the compression stroke in which it is farthest from the crankshaft below. What do the letters in TDC stand for?

Answer: TOP DEAD CENTER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What language, widely cited as the only spoken language ever to be revived from extinction, is now one nation's official language and is spoken by over nine million people worldwide?

Answer: HEBREW

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Bridgestone, Canon, Trend Micro, Rakuten, Softbank, ANA Holdings, Sharp, and Olympus are among the 225 components of what stock market index, named for the economics newspaper that has calculated it since 1950?

Answer: NIKKEI

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A new wave album named Trans, which prominently features electronic sound and use of a Sennheiser Vocoder VSM201, and whose current availability on streaming services is limited, was a polarizing 1982 release by what Canadian-born rock music artist?

Answer: NEIL YOUNG

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The most exceptional thing about a set of feminine singular Spanish nouns that includes agua("water"), alma("soul"), águila("eagle"), and hambre("hunger") can be definitely articulated using what two letters?

Answer: EL

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - While no longer used, floating barrels and paddles were equipment integral to the gameplay of what sport when it originated in Great Britain in the 1870s?

Answer: WATER POLO

Q1.: FILM - The lead character in the 2016 biographical film *The Founder*, played by Michael Keaton, represents himself as the founder of what corporation? (He wasn't actually, though—that would be the company's namesake founding brothers, who were bought out in 1961, and were played by Nick Offerman and John Carroll Lynch in the film.)

Answer: MCDONALD'S

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Prince Boun Oum, Prince Souvanna Phouma, and Prince Souphanouvong were the "Three Princes" selected to form a government in 1961 by the king of what country, following its independence in 1953? The latter of the three became president (though essentially a puppet) when the kingdom was abolished in December 1975.

Answer: LAOS

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What is the dress style, dating to the late 18th century, in which the dress gathers at the narrowest part of the torso and drapes out under the bustline, and has a name that refers to a period in French history?

Answer: EMPIRE (WAIST)

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the four-word name of the company, arguably the foremost American dance company of the 20th century, that was founded by George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein in 1948, and has been resident in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts since 1964?

Answer: NEW YORK CITY BALLET

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the paste originating in the Provençal region of France that consists of black olives, capers, and anchovy fillets, and is commonly spread on toasted bread or canapés?

Answer: TAPENADE

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The early Teutonic alphabet known as the futhorc is so-named from its first six letters (f,u,th,a,r, and k). What word is used generally for the letters in the futhorc and other related languages? The word in question is also used (in adjective form) to describe the broad family of languages that use these letters.

Answer: RUNES/RUNIC

Q1.: TELEVISION - Janice Pennington, Dian Parkinson, and Holly Hallstrom became famous for their daily appearances from the late 1970s into the early 1990s on what daytime television program?

Answer: THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Q2.: ART - Early 1960s works of English painter Bridget Riley including Fall, Fission, and Hesitate are archetypes of what contemporary art style, the term for which was coined in 1964 in Time magazine to describe a form of art that utilizes patterns and designs deceiving to the eye?

Answer: OP ART

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - A standard set of 2 1/16" full-size snooker balls comes with 22 balls, 15 of which are what color? This is also typically the color of the #3 ball in regular 8-ball pool.

Answer: RED

Q4.: THEATRE - The title of Paula Vogel's bold and powerful 1998 Pulitzer-winning play pertains to the metaphor that provides the framework for its complex, empathetic story of pedophilia, sexual trauma, and victim-blaming. The title begins How I Learned to—what is that last word?

Answer: DRIVE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The drupe of a certain small, shiny shrub within the genus Zizyphus originally provided the flavor—and still provides the name—for a certain gummy confection of flavoring (now violet, lilac, lime, wild cherry, or lemon) and sugar syrup. What is the name of that candy, or its similarly named (and similarly produced) sibling, both of which were introduced by the Heide Candy Company in 1920?

Answer: JUJUBE/JUJYFRUIT

Q6.: LITERATURE - The most successful work of Austrian author Heinrich Harrer is a fast-paced travel and adventure story from 1953 that settles on his seven years spent where?

Answer: TIBET

Q1.: TELEVISION - The plot of the BBC drama series *Poldark*, which has achieved a degree of popularity in the US via its broadcast on PBS's Masterpiece series, centers on the title character and his tribulations upon returning home after serving in the British army during what war?

Answer: AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A small group of advisors who served Charles II of England between 1667 and 1673—The Earl of Arlington, The Lord Ashley, The Duke of Buckingham, The Lord Clifford of Chudleigh, and The Duke of Lauderdale (in alphabetical order)—were referred to by what five-letter word (which did not actually originate with them, though it fit them perfectly)?

Answer: CABAL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What rock band, which formed in 1976 and is still active today, has won more Grammys, sold more albums, and grossed more on concert tours than any other band that also shares its name with an actual aircraft?

Answer: U2

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What is the Mexican equivalent of Indonesia's Pertamina, Malaysia's Petronas, Ukraine's Naftogaz, Venezuela's PDVSA, and Brazil's Petrobras?

Answer: PEMEX

Q5.: SCIENCE - Identify the celestial object whose mean distance from the Sun is approximately 36 million miles (58 million kilometers, 0.39 AU).

Answer: MERCURY

Q6.: FILM - A 2002 film begins with the title character floating in the Mediterranean Sea, sixty miles south of Marseilles, where an Italian fishing boat crew rescues him. This film is the first in an action movie franchise named after that main character. What is his name? (Last name is required, and last name alone is acceptable.)

Answer: JASON BOURNE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - From 1993 until 2019, the present-day country of North Macedonia was known (and formally recognized by the United Nations) by what five-letter abbreviation?

Answer: FYROM

Q2.: FILM - Judy Garland introduced the now-standards "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" in a 1944 film set in 1903 and 1904 in what US city?

Answer: ST. LOUIS

Q3.: SCIENCE - Concrete is a material produced by mixing sand and crushed stone with air, water, and a binder. What word is most commonly used to refer to that binding substance?

Answer: CEMENT

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In games such as Pokémon TCG and Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG, what do the letters inTCGstand for (the 'G' is Game)? The phrase could also be used to describe and categorize other games such as Keyforge, Flesh and Blood, and the original TCG, Magic: The Gathering.

Answer: TRADING CARD GAME

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - In what modern Japanese martial art, which is descended from the fighting techniques and swordmanship of the ancientsamuraiand whose name translates as "way of the sword", do practitioners use bamboo swords calledshinaiaand protective armor calledbōgu?

Answer: KENDO

Q6.: AMER HIST - In the 1980s, US officials attempted to use proceeds from covert arms sales to Iran as a means of financing support for what anti-government group?

Answer: CONTRA REBELS

Q1.: LITERATURE - The prolific English journalist, editor, and author G.K. Chesterton, a staunch conservative and fervent defender of the Catholic faith, is remembered for, among his many other works, a series of short stories featuring what gumshoe cleric?

Answer: FATHER BROWN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 1962, what became the first Pacific small-island nation to gain independence from colonial powers? Its initial, directional two-word name was officially shortened to its current name in 1997 (either name is acceptable).

Answer: (WESTERN) SAMOA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In Johnny Cash's Folsom Prison Blues, he sings about shooting a man in what city "just to watch him die"? While this city is about a two-hour drive from Folsom State Prison outside Sacramento, it's not in the same state (raising questions about jurisdiction or other possible crimes).

Answer: RENO

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the online alias of YouTuber and entrepreneur Jimmy Donaldson, whose expensive stunt videos have helped him become one of the platform's highest earners, and whose virtual burger brand is sold from hundreds of locations in North America?

Answer: MRBEAST

Q5.: SCIENCE - In physics, an apparent force arising for an observer moving with a rotating system, and a reaction force that acts radially inwards on the object moving in the curve, are known by two similar terms. What is either of these standard terms?

Answer: CENTRIFUGAL FORCE, CENTRIPETAL FORCE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the professional sports franchise that relocated from Syracuse, New York, in 1963, becoming—with a name change—the third active team (at the time) among the four major North American sports leagues to have a number as part of its name. (Note, full post-1963 team name including city is required.)

Answer: PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - What neologism was the name of the digital encyclopedia published by Microsoft beginning in 1993 (originally on physical media) until the company closed its online version in late 2009?

Answer: ENCARTA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Thanksgiving Day is observed on October 25 on what island, celebrating events that took place there on that day in 1983?

Answer: GRENADE

Q3.: LITERATURE - In Edward Gorey's *The Gashlycrumb Tinies* (1963), while M is for Maud (who was swept out to sea), N is for Neville. Neville perished from what normally non-fatal emotional state?

Answer: ENNUI

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - What returned (most notably) to the city of Indio, California, on April 15, 2022, for the first time in three years?

Answer: COACHELLA (VALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL)

Q5.: SCIENCE - The planet Neptune, named after the Roman god of the sea, has 14 known moons, all of which are also named for sea deities. The first-discovered and largest of these moons, named for the son of Poseidon, is known by what name (which it shares with the fictional ruler of the kingdom of Atlantica)?

Answer: TRITON

Q6.: FILM - There are many examples of the aesthetic popularized on TikTok and Instagram in April 2022 dubbed "Coastal Grandmother", but maybe none more suitable than the 2003 movie *Something's Gotta Give*. Name either the top-billed woman in the film, or the woman who directed it.

Answer: DIANE KEATON, NANCY MEYERS

Q1.: FILM -The Way of Water is the subtitle to a release scheduled for December 2022 (but initially targeted for 2014) that is a sequel to what film?

Answer: AVATAR

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The board game invented in 1962 by University of Illinois sophomore John Spinello as The Box That Sparked and Made Noise is now a popular game known by what other name?

Answer: OPERATION

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the field of study whose subject area is the utilization of the mechanical properties of water (and other liquids)—particularly the way it flows and transmits pressure—and the application of these properties in engineering?

Answer: HYDRAULICS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The Kiel Canal, which connects the North Sea with the Baltic Sea, runs for roughly 60 miles in what country?

Answer: GERMANY

Q5.: AMER HIST - In July 1945, between V-E Day in May and V-J Day in August, a total of 14 people died when a US Army B-25 Mitchell bomber, after getting lost in fog, tragically crashed into what?

Answer: EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

Q6.: LANGUAGE - One example of heteronyms (words that are spelled identically but have different meanings when pronounced differently) is a word for a certain alcoholic drink and a word some dictionaries define as "end" or "purpose". What is those words' shared spelling?

Answer: SAKE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Produced starting in the 1950s by the manufacturing company Lesney Products & Co. Ltd., a diesel road roller, dump truck, cement mixer, Massey Harris tractor, London bus, Dennis fire engine, ERF petrol tanker, and Land Rover were among the first in what line of toys, named for the containers in which they were originally sold?

Answer: MATCHBOX

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - "Troubadour", "fallen woman", "pirate", and "masked ball" are English translations of words and phrases found in the titles of major works by whom?

Answer: GIUSEPPE VERDI

Q3.: WORLD HIST - A hill in eastern South Africa known as Isandlwana was the site in January 1879 of a battle that saw British-led forces defeated by warriors from what other empire?

Answer: ZULU

Q4.: SCIENCE - A cave site near the village of Les Eyzies in the Dordogne region of France gives its name to fossils found there in 1868 of hominids, dating from about 30,000 years ago, that are considered representative of early modern humans. What is the name shared by that cave site and those prehistoric *Homo sapiens*?

Answer: CRO-MAGNON

Q5.: LITERATURE - The honorees at Oprah Winfrey's 2006 Legends Ball, celebrating 25 living African American women for their contributions to civil rights, entertainment, and the arts, included what poet and educator, who reflects on the nuanced and nonstereotypical realities of her youth (and of the youths of all Black people) in the personal and self-referentially titled 1968 poem "Nikki-Rosa"?

Answer: NIKKI GIOVANNI

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Kiwi Strawberry, Mango Madness, Watermelon Lemonade, and Peach Tea are among the more popular drink flavors produced by what beverage company, which was founded in New York in 1972 and was itself named after an offering in its original beverage line?

Answer: SNAPPLE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In 2010, Kentucky became the first (and so far the only) US state to declare an official "state sports car". What are themakeandmodelof that car, which is assembled at a plant in the state in the city of Bowling Green (which is also the home of a museum dedicated to the vehicle)?

Answer: CHEVROLET CORVETTE

Q2.: ART - The work of the ancient Roman architect Vitruvius, and the man's name itself, are most remembered today via the work of what other man?

Answer: LEONARDO DA VINCI

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What word is the first word in the titles of popular songs recorded by Stevie Wonder (1973), Judas Priest (1980), James Brown (1985), and Bon Jovi (1988)?

Answer: LIVING

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Riced or mashed potatoes and flour are the main ingredients of what Norwegian flatbread, whose dough is rolled into thin, flat circles before being cooked on a griddle using a long wooden stick?

Answer: LEFSE

Q5.: LANGUAGE - In the famous pangram first mentioned in an 1885 article inThe Boston Journal, what, precisely, jumps over the lazy dog?

Answer: (A/THE) QUICK BROWN FOX

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The corps of royal bodyguards of the British monarch known as Yeomen of the Guard and a garrison of ceremonial guardians of the Tower of London known as the Yeoman Warders are separate groups both sometimes referred to colloquially by what name? A picture of the former is used in a famous English spirit with this name.

Answer: BEEFEATERS

Q1.: LITERATURE - While there is virtually no presence or even much mention of women in a particular 19th-century novel, its first film adaptation (in 1926) presented quite a change: it gave the story's main (human) character a female love interest who was central to the plot. And in another departure, it made her rejection of him (due to his amputation) the source of his animus and raison d'être. What is that novel?

Answer: MOBY-DICK

Q2.: BUS/ECON - "Disemvowelling" is a term for a once-popular custom in the naming of tech companies, as evidenced by Tumblr, Scribd, Grindr, twttr (the original name of Twitter), and what image-hosting service owned by Yahoo from 2005 to 2017?

Answer: FLICKR

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What innovation (or abomination, to some) was introduced within Major League Baseball in 1973 and adopted league-wide in 2022?

Answer: DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)

Q4.: FILM - Zanjeer is the title of the 1973 film widely regarded as the one that launched what superstar as the "angry young man" of 1970s and '80s Bollywood cinema?

Answer: AMITABH BACHCHAN

Q5.: SCIENCE - A substance known as royal jelly, which is sometimes used in alternative medicine or as a dietary supplement (both despite limited evidence of efficacy), is produced by what arthropods?

Answer: BEES

Q6.: MATH - The surface area for what shape is typically expressed by the formula $4\pi r^2$?

Answer: SPHERE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In September 2008, video game maker Activision's CEO, Bobby Kotick, made the unverified claim that the Aerosmith-specific installment of what video game franchise generated far more revenue than any of the band's actual album releases?

Answer: GUITAR HERO

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Name the Egyptian who appeared in numerous news stories of international interest, along with Englishman Howard Carter, beginning in late 1922.

Answer: TUTANKHAMUN (KING TUT)

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In Northern Ireland's 2022 Stormont assembly election, 29% of the first preference vote was won by what republican party, the first non-unionist party to win a plurality of seats since the constituent country's establishment in 1921?

Answer: SÍNN FÉIN

Q4.: ART - The ornamentation-less Bauhaus style of the 1920s began with architecture but its influence extended into various other design fields, with one example being a neutral, sans-serif typeface developed in 1957 in Switzerland. What is the name of this now-ubiquitous typeface?

Answer: HELVETICA

Q5.: FILM - What 1960 film is often (incorrectly) credited with the trivial distinction of being the first ever to feature a flushing toilet on-screen, though events in the bathroom shortly afterwards are much more famous?

Answer: PSYCHO

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the common name (in English) of the waterway, the longest in the world of its kind, which runs for over 1,100 miles starting at Beijing in the north and terminating at Hangzhou in the south?

Answer: GRAND CANAL

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Music producer Finneas O'Connell won six awards at the Grammy ceremony held in January 2020, while his sister won five (including what are considered the four major award categories). By what name is she known?

Answer: BILLIE EILISH

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The very early days of commercial radio in the United States were dominated by patent pooling agreements in the early 1920s that saw a handful of companies cross-licensing the hundreds of patents necessary for the manufacture of radio receivers and transmitters. These agreements led to receivers being manufactured by GE and Westinghouse, and sold exclusively by what GE subsidiary, which would come to dominate the industry for decades?

Answer: RCA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Heart, star, horseshoe, clover, blue moon, rainbow, balloon, and unicorn are among the shapes associated with what General Mills product?

Answer: LUCKY CHARMS

Q4.: SCIENCE - Keratin proteins are the primary constituent of a filtering hair plate inside the mouths of nontoothed whales that has what name, which derives from the Latin term for "whale"?

Answer: BALEEN

Q5.: LITERATURE - The name of the title character in the H.T. Webster comic strip The Timid Soul, which was also later the name of a cockroach in Berkeley Breathed's Bloom County, introduced what word into English vernacular?

Answer: MILQUETOAST

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In the 14th century, a Turkish clan, heirs to the Seljuks, drove Byzantine forces out of Asia Minor. What is the common name for this clan, whose empire began in 1299 and who took Constantinople in 1453?

Answer: OTTOMANS

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - Benjamin Britten's choral symphony Opus 44, Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 1, and Darius Milhaud's Little Symphony No. 1 all have common names that refer to what time of year?

Answer: SPRING

Q2.: FILM - Ving Rhames has appeared in every installment of a popular film series that debuted in 1996, including those scheduled for release in July 2023 and June 2024. Name the only other actor to appear in every film in this particular series.

Answer: TOM CRUISE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Helen Graham, in flight from her dashing dipsomaniac husband Arthur Huntingdon, is the title character of the epistolary 1848 novel *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, by what English novelist? (Either full name or full pseudonym are acceptable.)

Answer: ANNE BRONTË/ACTON BELL

Q4.: AMER HIST - The US ended its Space Shuttle program in July 2011 upon the safe landing of what craft, which joins the other three surviving shuttles (Discovery, Endeavour, and Enterprise) on display in various air, space, and science museums?

Answer: ATLANTIS

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The popular breed of dog that was known—mostly due to political or discriminatory reasons—in some locations for a period of time as Alsatian is best-known today by what other name?

Answer: GERMAN SHEPHERD

Q6.: SCIENCE - The sulfide cinnabar, until modern times a primary source for the pigment vermilion, is the main ore of what metallic element of the zinc group?

Answer: MERCURY

Q1.: SCIENCE - What word for a certain type of body of water is a homonym for a pigment made by combining an organic dye with an inorganic, inert binder (typically an oxide, hydroxide, or salt)?

Answer: LAKE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Dallas's Trevon Diggs, Miami's Xavien Howard, New England's Stephon Gilmore, Kansas City's Marcus Peters, and Seattle's Richard Sherman are among the NFL players who have led the league at season's end over the last nine seasons in what statistical category?

Answer: INTERCEPTIONS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The predominant international organization for the facilitation of financial transactions and payments between banks is known by what acronym, which is also an adjective that (probably not coincidentally) one might use to positively describe the transactions themselves?

Answer: SWIFT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The phrase "cult of personality" as it is defined today was coined during a 1956 "Secret Speech" denouncing Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (who had died three years earlier) given by what man?

Answer: NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

Q5.: MATH - The P versus NP problem, the Hodge conjecture, the Poincaré conjecture, the Riemann hypothesis, the Yang-Mills existence and mass gap problem, the Navier-Stokes existence and smoothness problem, and the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture: when this classic heptad was published by the Clay Mathematics Institute in May 2000, each of the problems was unsolved and each carried a \$1 million award for its solution. This set is known collectively as what?

Answer: MILLENNIUM (PRIZE) PROBLEMS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of a song released in 1999 by TLC, what term can be defined as a guy that thinks he's fly and is also known as a busta?

Answer: SCRUB

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - A city named Cairo is famous, perhaps above all else, for its location at the confluence of two major rivers. What are the names of those two rivers?

Answer: MISSISSIPPI, OHIO

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Gatorade High School Basketball Player of the Year Award winners from 2017 (Megan Walker), 2018 (Christyn Williams), 2019 (Azzi Fudd), and 2020 (Paige Bueckers) all went on to play basketball at what university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Evergreen trees bear leaves throughout the year. What term, originating from the Latin for "fall off", is most commonly used to describe the opposite: plants that shed all their leaves at the end of each growing season?

Answer: DECIDUOUS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Illyria is the setting for what Shakespeare comedy, which ends with Olivia betrothed to Sebastian, Orsino announcing that he will marry Viola, and self-righteous Malvolio taking a powder? The play is believed to have been written for entertainment on the Feast of the Epiphany (hence the name).

Answer: TWELFTH NIGHT

Q5.: ART - Pablo Picasso named his sole contribution to 1916's Salon d'Antin Le Bordel d'Avignon, but exhibition organizer André Salmon renamed it with the title by which the famous painting is best known today, replacing "Le Bordel" with what other French term?

Answer: LES DEMOISELLES

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - William George Spencer Cavendish, sixth Duke of Devonshire, eighth Baron Clifford, formerly the Marquess of Hartington and Lord Chamberlain of the Household during the reigns of George IV and William IV, is an important figure in the history of what fruit?

Answer: BANANA

Q1.: SCIENCE - In physics it's the oscillation of a system at its natural frequency. In particle physics, it's a particular, very-short-lived state of a subatomic particle. In chemistry, it's the representation of a molecule's structure by multiple conventional formulas. In acoustics, it's a phenomenon in which a system amplifies sound waves with a frequency matching that system's natural frequency. What is the word in question?

Answer: RESONANCE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - California University was a fictional school attended by characters from the TV series Beverly Hills, 90210, but the real California University exists (until July 2022) in what other US state?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The grizzly bear species no longer exists in California despite its presence on the state flag and despite the name of what park and valley, which was mistakenly believed by its namer, L.H. Bunnell, to mean "grizzly bear" in the Miwok language?

Answer: YOSEMITE

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - On April 25, 2022, President Joe Biden nominated Bridget Brink to serve as ambassador to what country, in a position that had been unfilled since the departure of Marie Yovanovitch in 2019?

Answer: UKRAINE

Q5.: MATH - The sets of numbers {3,4,5}, {5,12,13}, {8,15,17}, and {7,24,25} are all associated most commonly with whom?

Answer: PYTHAGORAS

Q6.: LITERATURE - Many of the experiences of a Polish-born author and mariner's 1890 appointment to a traumatic four-month command of a Congo River steamboat were recorded in what enigmatic and influential 1902 novella?

Answer: HEART OF DARKNESS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What dish, consisting of deep-fried wontons filled with the meat of a crustacean (or quite likely an imitation thereof) and cream cheese, has a name (referring to its dubious Burmese provenance) whose first recorded use was at a Trader Vic's restaurant in 1956?

Answer: CRAB RANGOON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The small port of Gravelines, located in what is now the extreme north of France between Calais and Dunkirk, gave its name to a late-16th-century battle that saw the defeat of a famous force best known by what name?

Answer: SPANISH ARMADA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Charles Francis Adams, James E. Norris, Lester Patrick, Conn Smythe, Clarence Campbell, and Edward, Prince of Wales, are all individuals with a related association (perhaps more accurately, a related former association) with what sport?

Answer: ICE HOCKEY

Q4.: SCIENCE - A study from July 2020 concluded that a formation by the name of Pūhāhonui is now believed to be the world's largest what?

Answer: (SHIELD) VOLCANO

Q5.: LITERATURE - A famous historical love tragedy occurred in the 12th century between philosopher and theologian Peter Abelard and what early feminist and philosopher in her own right, whose relatives eventually attacked and castrated Abelard (complicating the relationship considerably)? Their letters and religious correspondence (collected after they became a monk and an abbess, respectively) have become classic medieval literature.

Answer: HÉLOÏSE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "La Cumparsita", which was written and first performed in the 1910s in Montevideo and popularized via a musical in Buenos Aires in the 1920s, is widely regarded as the most famous and recognizable song written in what musical and dance style?

Answer: TANGO

Q1.: SCIENCE - Reindeer moss, velvet moss, oakmoss, beard moss, and canary moss are examples of a certain type of composite organism that is not a moss in any way but is formed as an association between a fungus and an algae or blue-green bacterium. This type of symbiotic organism is known by what name?

Answer: LICHEN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - An adorned Doric column known simply as The Monument, designed by Christopher Wren and situated 202 feet west of a small street named Pudding Lane, was erected to commemorate what tragic event?

Answer: GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Q3.: THEATRE - Forms of staging in theatre includetheatre in the round(the stage surrounded by the audience on all sides), a thrust stage(surrounded by the audience on three sides), and what classic form, dating from Greek and Roman theatres and with a Latin name, in which a vertical plane—often surrounded on the sides and top by an arch—acts as the "fourth wall" between the stage and the audience?

Answer: PROSCENIUM

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The 1992 song "Deep Cover", from the movie of the same name, was the first collaboration of two rap music icons who would go on to work together on their respective debut solo releases which were among the most successful rap albums in 1993. Name either of these two artists, who hail from the neighboring California cities of Compton and Long Beach.

Answer: DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG

Q5.: LITERATURE - Identify the mythical herb, described by Homer as having milk-white blossoms and a black root, which, while not exactly holy per se, did have magical powers, as Hermes gave it to Odysseus to counteract Circe's spells.

Answer: MOLY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Cimarron, Texas, and Beaver are the names of counties in the state of Oklahoma that make up an area best known as what?

Answer: PANHANDLE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Known affectionately as "The King", what driver, in his 1966 Plymouth Belvedere, won (among his 200 career wins) 27 of the 48 races on the NASCAR circuit in 1967, including 10 in a row?

Answer: RICHARD PETTY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The word "gumbo" is widely believed to come from a Central Bantu dialect term for what vegetable, which was brought to America by enslaved Africans and is in fact an essential ingredient in most gumbo recipes?

Answer: OKRA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The city of Spanish Town, so-named by English conquerors in 1655, is today the third most populous city in what Caribbean island nation (and was, until 1872, that nation's capital)?

Answer: JAMAICA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Herpestidae is a taxonomic family of small, carnivorous mammals that may be best known (and are very likely best known in a literary sense) for their skill at killing snakes. What is the common name for an animal in this family?

Answer: MONGOOSE

Q5.: AMER HIST - Irish architect James Hoban, born in 1755, famously designed (and later supervised the reconstruction of) what 132-room neoclassical mansion?

Answer: THE WHITE HOUSE

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Grab your weapons, citizens! Form your battalions! Let us march! Let us march! May impure blood water our fields! This is an English translation of the refrain from a popular (and lyrically rather graphic) song, which was written in 1792 and achieved its current status in 1795 (and again in 1879). What is that song's name?

Answer: LA MARSEILLAISE

Q1.: BUS/ECON - One of the most fashionable jewelry houses in Europe before World War I was that of what Russian family of Huguenot descent, whose brand remains well-known today (especially because of its indirect association with Easter)?
Answer: FABERGÉ

Q2.: AMER HIST - A registered National Historic Landmark that is advertised as the only official royal palace in the United States is located in what city, at the corner of King St. and Richards St.?

Answer: HONOLULU

Q3.: FILM - Sports-themed films from 1985 (cycling), 1988 (baseball), 1989 (baseball), 1996 (golf), 1999 (baseball), 2014 (American football), and 2015 (cross-country) all star what actor?

Answer: KEVIN COSTNER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In what video game—an "endless runner" platformer reminiscent of the arcade game Frogger and the Atari 2600 game Freeway, and popular on iOS and Android since its launch in 2014—do players move their character (by default, a chicken) through progressively more difficult levels as obstacles stand in its way and intersect its path?

Answer: CROSSY ROAD

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Parsi (or Parsee) is a fitting name given to Indian followers of what ancient religion?

Answer: ZOROASTRIANISM

Q6.: LANGUAGE - Late-19th- and early-20th-century poet and lyricist Steingrímur Thorsteinsson is best remembered today as a translator of numerous literary works—including King Lear (Lear konungur), The Arabian Nights (þúsund og ein nótt – Arabiskar sögur), Robinson Crusoe (Róbínson Krúsoe), and Hans Christian Andersen's tales (e.g., Ljóti andarunginn and Litla stúlkan með eldsspýturnar)—into what language?

Answer: ICELANDIC

Q1.: LITERATURE - Little Nell Trent and the villainous dwarf Quilp are among the characters in a Charles Dickens novel—published serially in 1840–41, enormously popular in its day, and arguably his most sentimental—that centers on actions concerning what sort of retail establishment, which gives the novel its name?
Answer: (THE OLD) CURIOSITY SHOP

Q2.: SCIENCE - When wheat flour is mixed with water and kneaded, certain proteins bond to each other and form long strands of what composite protein, which gives bread dough structure, elasticity and extensibility?

Answer: GLUTEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - What is the name typically used for the small, nimble, and highly mobile military forces, handpicked from the elite soldiers of local militias, that formed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony beginning in the mid-17th century?

Answer: MINUTEMEN

Q4.: ART - "It is easy now to communicate with people through abstraction, and particularly so in _____. " This 1962 quote, by British abstract artist Barbara Hepworth, is missing what word, which is the branch of visual arts with which Dame Barbara is most closely associated?

Answer: SCULPTURE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Name the television sitcom whose titular Missourian family's net worth increases in the pilot episode from around \$0 (as viewers are led to believe) to around \$25 million (which is approximately \$232 million today)?

Answer: THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Two Southwestern US cities separated by a roughly seven-and-a-half hour drive (via Interstates 10 and 25) have names that are also models of vehicles manufactured by what automaker?

Answer: HYUNDAI

Q1.: TELEVISION - The region of ocean depth that ends where rays from the sun cannot reach is sometimes known as the "middle pelagic" and is also known by a name it shares with what unrelated television series?

Answer: THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Q2.: THEATRE - The grim middle play of Irish playwright Seán O'Casey's Dublin Trilogy, first produced in 1924, centers on the Boyle family, headed by the parents Juno and her husband Jack, whom Juno has nicknamed after what bird (hence the play's title)?

Answer: PAYCOCK (PEACOCK)

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the straightforward name, in German, given to the policy initiated in the 1960s in West Germany that sought to normalize relations with communist countries and reduce hostility between the country and its neighbors to the east?

Answer: OSTPOLITIK

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Belinda Carlisle's self-titled mainstream pop album from 1986, which featured the hit song "Mad about You", was her solo debut after her band's (first) breakup in May of the previous year. What was the name of that band?

Answer: THE GO-GO'S

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Agelding is a male horse that has been castrated, and astallion is an uncastrated male horse over four years old. What is the word most commonly used for an uncastrated male horse aged one to four years?

Answer: COLT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The name of what game, which was launched in the early 1980s and remains popular today, is derived from a Swahili word meaning "to build", although the gameplay is essentially the opposite of that?

Answer: JENGA

Q1.: FILM - What 2008 romantic musical is the highest-grossing film worldwide, by far, in the illustrious 46-year career of Meryl Streep?

Answer: MAMMA MIA!

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Philosopher Johannes Clauberg described this as "first science", Christian Wolff defined it as the "science of being in general", and Martin Heidegger called it "the analysis of existence". What is the term in question, which is derived directly from the Greek for "being" and "study"?

Answer: ONTOLOGY

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Paprika, celery salt, red pepper, and black pepper are among the many ingredients in the secret blend that makes up the mix produced by McCormick & Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and sold under what brand name?

Answer: OLD BAY SEASONING

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A fielder in the game of cricket wearing gloves and external leg guards must be, by rule, playing what position?

Answer: WICKET-KEEPER

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Locals of what nation refer to their homeland as Crna Gora, which translates to English as "black mountain"?

Answer: MONTENEGRO

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Throughout the late 1970s and into the 80s, before VHS won the battle to become the dominant home-video format of the tape-media era, it fought for market share in Japan and North America primarily against what other, Sony-developed standard, which had higher video quality and used a smaller physical cassette but offered shorter recording time?

Answer: BETA(MAX)

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What state in Northern India is the country's most populous, and is in fact the world's most populous country subdivision? With over 230 million residents, it has more people than all but four countries.

Answer: UTTAR PRADESH

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Despite leaving the Twitch platform in August 2019 to stream exclusively on Microsoft's Mixer platform (before returning in September 2020), a professional gamer named Tyler Blevins currently owns the most-followed Twitch channel, with over 18 million followers. By what name is Blevins, and his channel, known?

Answer: NINJA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Old Mortality and Noon Wine are two of the three short novels in a 1939 collection by American author Katharine Anne Porter. What is the name of the third—a name that is used for the collection itself and that employs the rhetorical device of repetition with the word "pale"?

Answer: PALE HORSE, PALE RIDER

Q4.: POP MUSIC - 4-1-1 (directory assistance) operator was one of the former jobs of what American music legend and "Queen of Hip Hop Soul", who referenced that job in the title of her 1992 debut album?

Answer: MARY J. BLIGE

Q5.: AMER HIST - Using technology from a company formed by American engineer Willis H. Carrier, Detroit's J. L. Hudson department store became, in the 1920s, the first such store with what customer-friendly feature?

Answer: AIR CONDITIONING

Q6.: BUS/ECON - A particular measure of an economy's output can be calculated as the sum of the consumption of goods and services, investment, governmental purchases of goods and services, and net exports within a country's borders and within a specified time period (usually a year). By what name is this measure commonly known?

Answer: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What cocktail—consisting of gin, jus de citron, and sirop simple, shaken and poured into a flute and then topped with champagne—is named after a roughly three-inch bore diameter field artillery gun used during World War I?
Answer: FRENCH 75 (SOIXANTE QUINZE)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Yasser Arafat was the first head of the Palestinian National Authority. Who is the second, having been elected to the position in January 2005, after Arafat's death the previous November?

Answer: MAHMOUD ABBAS/ABU MAZEN

Q3.: SCIENCE - The biceps are an example of what type of muscle, which causes a limb or other body part to bend by bringing its two parts together (working antagonistically with extensors)?

Answer: FLEXOR

Q4.: FILM - The actor who played the title character in director Tim Burton's first box-office hit (from 1985) and the Flemish Baroque artist who painted Elevation of the Cross and The Descent from the Cross very nearly share a last name, and the artist's middle name is the actor's first name. Give the last name of either of these individuals.

Answer: REUBENS/RUBENS

Q5.: TELEVISION - What television series ended its 11-season run in 2001—mostly in syndication, with its first season on NBC in the US—having never won an Emmy award (or even been nominated for one, unsurprisingly)? Entertainment Weekly magazine proclaimed in a 1993 cover story that the show was "The Most Popular Television Series in the History of the Planet" while also calling it the show "everyone (else) is watching"?

Answer: BAYWATCH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Before starting their own companies, modern dancers Merce Cunningham, Erick Hawkins, and Paul Taylor all trained with, and danced in the company of, what American modern dance pioneer? The founder of her own school in 1926 (still in existence), she was the first dancer and choreographer to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom and was in the inaugural group of recipients for the National Medal of Arts in 1985.

Answer: MARTHA GRAHAM

Q1.: SCIENCE - Paul A.M. Dirac's 1930 theory of electrons and protons hypothesized a particle that is a mirror image of the electron, exactly the same but with an opposite charge. When discovered two years later, this antiparticle was given what name?

Answer: POSITRON

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The Jewish New Year holy day is Rosh Hashanah, the Day of Atonement is Yom Kippur, and Passover is Pesach. What other holy day, set on the 14th day of Adar, is the Feast of Lots, when the defeat of Haman is celebrated?

Answer: PURIM

Q3.: LITERATURE - A Pale View of Hills (1982) was the debut novel of what Nagasaki-born English author, who is probably best known for the Booker Prize-winning 1989 novel The Remains of the Day?

Answer: KAZUO ISHIGURO

Q4.: ART - A certain style, taken from silks, porcelain, and lacquer that were admired (and imitated) in Europe, was used in the decorative arts, furniture, garden design, and elsewhere, peaking in the 18th century. This decorative aesthetic is known by what French term, referring to a country of its origin in the Far East?

Answer: CHINOISERIE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - "Creepers" are hostile NPCs (non-player characters) that appear in what video game, whose logo has a creeper face integrated within it?

Answer: MINECRAFT

Q6.: TELEVISION - In a beloved book and television series, Edward is #2, Henry is #3, Gordon is #4, James is #5, Percy is #6, and Toby is #7. Who is #1?

Answer: THOMAS

Q1.: LITERATURE - Collections titled Sea Garden and Hymen are the works of American poet and Imagist Hilda Doolittle, who typically signed her works with what simpler pen name?

Answer: H. D.

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the river that is the world's deepest and that also, in carrying nearly 1.5 million cubic feet of water per second into the Atlantic Ocean, has the second-highest flow of any river in the world after the Amazon (as it, like the Amazon, drains a basin where heavy rainfall occurs most of the year).

Answer: CONGO RIVER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Northfield College in Minnesota was founded in 1866 and renamed what in 1871, in honor of a Massachusetts businessman who in that year greatly assisted the college's survival with a \$50,000 donation?

Answer: CARLETON COLLEGE

Q4.: FILM - 1966's The Fortune Cookie was the first of 12 films over a 32-year period in which two beloved Hollywood legends appeared—often as antagonists, though they were dear friends in real life. Name either of these two men.

Answer: JACK LEMMON, WALTER MATTHAU

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Catherine, Anne, Jane, Anne, Catherine: What sixth entry should be added to this list to complete a famous historical first-name hexad?

Answer: CATHERINE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - An upper-class London epithet relating to the numbers two and three is the source, passing through lower-class New Orleans, of the name for what game now popular in American casinos?

Answer: CRAPS

Q1.: SCIENCE - What flowering plant, popular in gardens and landscapes, possessing sweetly scented purple, blue, or white blossoms, and toxic to some animals, takes its name from the notion that it turns its flowers to face the sun?

Answer: HELIOTROPE

Q2.: TELEVISION - De Gouden Kooi(The Golden Cage) was the working title of a Dutch television series that premiered in 1999 and was inspired by the Biosphere 2 research facility in Arizona and the works of George Orwell. This series is now known by what name, which is also used for its US and UK versions (and many of the 60+ other versions across the globe)?

Answer: BIG BROTHER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 1993 album Stone Free, which featured Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Buddy Guy, Slash, Pat Metheny, and many others, was a tribute album celebrating what rock musician? This musician wrote a song with that album's name and recorded it with his namesake band in 1966.

Answer: JIMI HENDRIX

Q4.: WORLD HIST - 1697's Treaty of Rijswijk formalized the transition from Spain to France of a possession that the French renamed Saint-Domingue, located on what island?

Answer: HISPANIOLA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Ajman, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah, and Umm Al Quwain are five members of a certain set of seven. Give the name of either of the other two members of this particular set.

Answer: ABU DHABI, DUBAI

Q6.: LITERATURE - Architect Howard Roark, a resolute individualist struggling against collectivist standards and mediocrity, is the protagonist of what 1943 bestseller?

Answer: THE FOUNTAINHEAD

Q1.: POP MUSIC - A performance at Motown Records' 25th Anniversary Special in 1983 spawned a concert tour that was billed as "T'N'T" and featured two of Detroit's legendary musical groups. One was The Temptations—what was the other, who performed their hits "It's the Same Old Song", "Reach Out I'll Be There", and "I Can't Help Myself"?

Answer: THE FOUR TOPS

Q2.: MATH - Name the Swiss-born mathematician whose *Introductio in analysin infinitorum* was the preeminent mathematics text of the late 18th century, and who is responsible for the wide usage of much of the mathematical notation that is standard today—including π , e , i , Σ , and $f(x)$.

Answer: LEONHARD EULER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - A foundry in the Northern French commune of Fresnoy-le-Grand has been, since its founding in 1925, the manufacturing location for the trademark colorful, high-end, enameled cast iron cookware (including its original "Volcanique") produced by what company?

Answer: LE CREUSET

Q4.: SCIENCE - The first recognition of the carcinogenic properties of workplace hazards was identified in 1775 by Englishman Percivall Pott, with his identification of cancer's prevalence among individuals in what occupation, portrayed most famously on screen probably by Dick Van Dyke in 1964?

Answer: CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - In ancient Egypt, a cross with a loop for its upper vertical arm was an emblem of life known today by what name?

Answer: ANKH

Q6.: LITERATURE - I have forgot much, Cynara! _____ is the most famous line from Ernest Dowson's poem *Non sum qualis eram bonae sub regno Cynarae*, not least because the four words redacted from this line form the title of what Pulitzer-winning novel from the 1930s (and its subsequent film adaptation)?

Answer: GONE WITH THE WIND

Q1.: FILM - The stage play Everybody Comes to Rick's by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison was adapted for the screen to become what film?

Answer: CASABLANCA

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Identify the Dravidian language, particularly associated with the Southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, whose over 80 million speakers make it the fourth most spoken in India after Hindi, Bengali, and Marathi?

Answer: TELUGU

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Statue of Liberty National Monument, located in New York Bay, encompasses two islands. One is Liberty Island—what is the other?

Answer: ELLIS ISLAND

Q4.: TELEVISION - Four fictional television-cartoon heroes fell into a pool of radioactive mud, emerged human-sized, and learned the morality and techniques of the shinobi. Give any one of their names.

Answer: MICHELANGELO, LEONARDO, DONATELLO, RAPHAEL

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A cognate of an Old English word for a flexible leather cord is in common use today for what garment, originally worn by men but nowadays predominantly by women, either as an undergarment or in certain settings?

Answer: THONG

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Heavyweight boxing legend Muhammad Ali lost three of his last four fights to finish with a record of 56 wins and five losses. Prior to those final fights, all of which took place when Ali was 36 or older, Ali lost to Joe Frazier in March 1971 and to what other boxing Hall of Famer in March 1973?

Answer: KEN NORTON

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Every US state has recorded temperatures in the triple digits (F), but two states' highest recorded temperatures are exactly 100 degrees. One is Alaska; what is the other, which also holds the distinction of being the only state with a lowest recorded temperature above zero?

Answer: HAWAII

Q2.: TELEVISION - Rogers, Jones, Blake, and Dinkley were the last names of four members of a group dubbed "Mystery Incorporated". What was the name of the fifth (and only non-human) member of the group?

Answer: SCOOBY-DOO

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The people known as the Ainu were the earliest to live in what is today what country, predominantly on its northern islands?

Answer: JAPAN

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Some of the most stunning and explosive testimony given during the 2022 hearings conducted by the US House committee investigating the Capitol attack of January 6, 2021, were allegations made at a surprise hearing on June 28 by what 26-year-old former aide to White House chief of staff Mark Meadows?

Answer: CASSIDY HUTCHINSON

Q5.: SCIENCE - The common name of a poisonous and addictive alkaloid, derived from pyridine and having the chemical formula C₁₀H₁₄N₂, comes from a 16th-century French ambassador to Portugal who allegedly sent home seeds of the nightshade that produces the compound. What is that common name?

Answer: NICOTINE

Q6.: ART - The Greek sculpture Winged Victory of Samothrace, in the permanent collection of the Louvre in Paris, has an alternate name that replaces the term "Winged Victory" with another name, that of a goddess of victory. What is that name, familiar today in a different context?

Answer: NIKE

Q1.: THEATRE - The Israeli actor Chaim Topol is perhaps most familiar to some as Dr. Hans Zarkov from the 1980 film Flash Gordon, but surely his most celebrated role is as what pious Russian dairyman and patriarch?

Answer: TEVYE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Kathleen Hanna, co-founder and lead singer of the punk band Bikini Kill, allegedly (and inspirationally) once wrote with a Sharpie on a hotel room wall, "Kurt smells like" what?

Answer: TEEN SPIRIT

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't" was an advertising jingle line for two candy bars produced by the Peter Paul candy company. What are these two bars, in order (for when one feels nut-like, and for when one doesn't)?

Answer: ALMOND JOY, MOUNDS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Victor is the first name of the titular doctor in what Gothic novel from 1818?

Answer: FRANKENSTEIN: OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The Houston Astros and Tampa Bay Rays both play home games in stadiums named after companies that produce what commodity as their flagship product?

Answer: ORANGE JUICE

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - An arrow with a line through it is the traditional symbol for what sign of the zodiac in western astrology?

Answer: SAGITTARIUS

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What word for a small round ornamental napkin or mat, made of linen or paper with a lace pattern and often placed under a bowl or dish, comes from the surname of a 17th-century London clothier and dry goods dealer?

Answer: DOILY

Q2.: AMER HIST - A geographical feature known as Cemetery Ridge runs in a north/south direction for around two miles just south of what Pennsylvania municipality?

Answer: GETTYSBURG

Q3.: SCIENCE - What base unit was, until 2018, formally defined as the amount of substance of a system which contains as many fundamental units as there are atoms in 0.012 kg of carbon-12?

Answer: MOLE

Q4.: FILM - "The Bare Necessities" is the signature song of the easy-going, fun-loving, laid-back Baloo in what animated 1967 film?

Answer: THE JUNGLE BOOK

Q5.: LITERATURE - What literary term, from Greek and a diminutive of "picture" or "form", is used for a typically short poem or prose with a pastoral theme that evokes a mood of tranquility and peace, often expressing a scene of country life or rustic charm? This word is arguably more common in English in adjective form.

Answer: IDYLL

Q6.: TELEVISION - Jim: What does a yellow light mean? Bobby: Slow down. Jim: Ok. What... does...a...yellow...light...mean? This sequence (which continues like this for awhile) comes from a September 1979 episode of what classic sitcom?

Answer: TAXI

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The lowest score that a player could shoot if they were to birdie every hole on a par-72 course is, reportedly and in part, the inspiration for the name of what professional golf tour?

Answer: LIV GOLF

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - For the period from August 2020 to August 2021, the top-selling breakfast cereal in the United States (per one particular market research company) was a General Mills product whose mascot is an anthropomorphic bee, and which is a variation of a classic brand which was itself #3 on this list in that period. What is this #1 seller?

Answer: HONEY NUT CHEERIOS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - During the period of the German Empire beginning in 1871, the new federated nation consisted of various constituent kingdoms, Grand Duchies, Duchies, Principalities, and an Imperial Territory. Apart from all these were the cities of Bremen, Hamburg, and Lübeck, which were described officially as "Free" and what other adjective (in reference to a medieval confederation to which they belonged)?

Answer: HANSEATIC

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The name of the band who recorded the mid-90s hits "Don't Speak", "Spiderwebs", and "I'm Just a Girl" is an expression synonymous with the title of a song from that same era by the R&B group Blackstreet. What is the name of that Blackstreet song?

Answer: NO DIGGITY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Canandaigua, Keuka, Seneca, Cayuga, and Owasco are among a group of eleven that are known collectively by what two-word term?

Answer: FINGER LAKES

Q6.: SCIENCE - Femur, tibia, fibula, _____. What diminutive form of the Latin term for a broad, shallow dish completes this list?

Answer: PATELLA

Q1.: SCIENCE - Unlike regular ice, the refrigerant known as "dry ice" is not solid water, but rather what other chemical compound?

Answer: CARBON DIOXIDE

Q2.: FILM - Real-life corporate mascots Bibendum (the Michelin Tire Man) and Poppin' Fresh (the Pillsbury Doughboy) were reportedly (and obviously) influences for what other, fictional, and ultimately much more monstrous brand ambassador, who first appeared on film in 1984?

Answer: STAY-PUFT MARSHMALLOW MAN

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The long-branched Ceiba is the national tree of what country, in whose Tikal National Park the Ceiba is abundant, and whose name itself is believed to come from the Nahuatl for "place of many trees"?

Answer: GUATEMALA

Q4.: LITERATURE - Name the Pulitzer-winning American poet whose collections include *To Bedlam and Part Way Back*(1960), *All My Pretty Ones*(1962), *Live or Die*(1966), *Transformations*(1971), and *The Death Notebooks*(1974), and who struggled with depression much of her life until tragically succumbing to suicide in October 1974 after multiple previous attempts.

Answer: ANNE SEXTON

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Hindu-Buddhist empire that dominated Southeast Asia until the 15th century, ruling what is now Cambodia and parts of Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam, was founded in 802 by a people known by what name?

Answer: KHMER

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Ballroom dance, German word, "to revolve", fittingly.

Answer: WALTZ

Q1.: FILM - Films from 1968 (starring Henry Fonda), 1984 (starring Robert De Niro), 1991 (starring Jet Li), and 2019 (starring Leonardo DiCaprio) all have titles that begin with what phrase?

Answer: ONCE UPON A TIME

Q2.: SCIENCE - What word for the internal diameter of a bore or pipe can also be defined as the degree of an individual or entity's quality or importance?

Answer: CALIBER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What was the primary occupation shared by Mexican revolutionaries and national heroes Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and José María Morelos, who were executed by royalist authorities in 1811 and 1815, respectively?

Answer: (CATHOLIC) PRIEST

Q4.: ART - Columns, high-relief decoration, wall projections, and elaborate rooftops are among the trademarks of what architectural style, exemplified by the Boston Public Library and New York's Grand Central Terminal? The name comes from theécolein Paris where the style's classical forms were taught.

Answer: BEAUX-ARTS

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What musical instrument, a portable reed organ, is similar to the accordion (and has largely been superseded by it), but typically has a hexagonal cross-section and no keyboard?

Answer: CONCERTINA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the trademarked portmanteau for the Starbucks line of blended frozen coffee drinks introduced by the chain in 1995?

Answer: FRAPPUCCINO

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The Houston Oilers, Dallas Texans, and New York Jets were among the teams that won championships in the 1960s in what professional sports league?
Answer: AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Denpasar is the capital of what Indonesian island province, east of Java and west of Lombok, which produces significant agricultural output but is likely best known internationally as a tourist mecca?

Answer: BALI

Q3.: LANGUAGE - One custom in ancient universities was to present to graduates in poetry and rhetoric a wreath made of a certain plant, which carries forth today etymologically in a particular term of distinction. What is that plant?

Answer: LAUREL

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The "Penny Farthing", created in Coventry, England, in 1870 and suitably named for two coins that differed in size, was a type of machine that is best known today as what?

Answer: BICYCLE

Q5.: LITERATURE - What short story, published in the 1819 collection *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*, is likely the most famous literary work in the "Colonial Layabout" microgenre, if there is such a thing?

Answer: RIP VAN WINKLE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What is the title of the hit song from Nicki Minaj that reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in August 2022, and which samples a similarly titled song by Rick James from 1981?

Answer: SUPER FREAKY GIRL

Q1.: SCIENCE - As the butterfly is to a caterpillar, a fly is to a maggot, and a frog is to a tadpole, a scarab beetle is to a what?

Answer: (WHITE) GRUB

Q2.: TELEVISION - What CBS drama series, which finished as the fourth-highest rated prime-time non-sports television program in the US for the 2020-21 rating season, is a reboot of another CBS series with the same name that finished its fourth and final season in August 1989?

Answer: THE EQUALIZER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - One of the few successes of the post-WWI League of Nations involved the Åland Islands, and the organization's mediation of an arrangement by which the islands maintain their cultural and linguistic association with one country while possessing a self-governing autonomy within another country. What are those two countries?

Answer: SWEDEN, FINLAND

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the most popular first name given to boys in the United States in every decade from the 1960s through the 1990s?

Answer: MICHAEL

Q5.: FILM - "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend", "Like a Virgin", "Lady Marmalade", and "Roxanne" are all songs featured prominently in what 2001 movie musical, the third in the "Red Curtain" trilogy?

Answer: MOULIN ROUGE!

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - "Game cards do not actually talk" was a seemingly unnecessary disclaimer in ads for what board game, whose contents include 48 "face cards" (24 per player) with names like Joe, Rachel, Leo, and Farah?

Answer: GUESS WHO?

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Safavid Empire, which existed from the beginning of the 16th century until the 1730s, is widely considered to mark the beginning of the modern history of what present-day nation, over whose area the empire was centered?

Answer: IRAN

Q2.: THEATRE - Simon was the middle name of what American journalist and playwright, from 1917 to 1930 a drama critic at the New York Times, who is celebrated for his successful collaborations of the 1920s and 30s with Marc Connally, Ira Gershwin, Edna Ferber, Howard Teichmann, and Moss Hart (among others)?

Answer: GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name (or the three-letter abbreviation) for the energy-yielding nucleotide molecule, found in all living cells, that fuels the myriad of biological processes that sustain life?

Answer: ADENOSINE TRIPHOSPHATE (ATP)

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In 1969, former Cream members Ginger Baker and Eric Clapton teamed with former Spencer Davis Group/Traffic member Steve Winwood to form what short-lived supergroup, whose one chart-topping self-titled album is famous for songs such as "Can't Find My Way Home" and "Well All Right"?

Answer: BLIND FAITH

Q5.: LITERATURE - The heart of the wise is in the [redacted one word] of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the [redacted three words]. The title of a 1905 Edith Wharton novel completes the preceding passage (i.e., is the second redaction) from Ecclesiastes Chapter 7. What is that title?

Answer: HOUSE OF MIRTH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Though sometimes inaccurate and becoming obsolete, the "Big Four" gemstones—diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires—were traditionally categorized and classified using what adjective, with all other gemstones being "semi—" this (based on the word "valuable" by the Romans)?

Answer: PRECIOUS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the ruling family, still in power today, that was established in the 15th century in a town called Diriyah within a geographic area known as the Nejd, and whose fortunes grew after its alignment with theologian Muhammed ibn Abd al-Wahhab in 1745?

Answer: HOUSE OF SAUD

Q2.: TELEVISION - If you've ever spent any time working in restaurants, you know the kind of recurring anxiety dream [REDACTED] immediately conjures: packed tables, malfunctioning equipment, orders piling up so fast that the kitchen can't process them, frayed nerves, incipient breakdown. Thus begins a positive review by Sophie Gilbert in *The Atlantic* for what 2022 series, whose title is redacted in the quote?

Answer: THE BEAR

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Individual investors ("names"), as part of "syndicates", provide cash funds and accept unlimited liability for insurance policies via their membership in a London-based institution with what name?

Answer: LLOYD'S

Q4.: ART - What rapper, successful both as a solo artist and a member of the trio Migos, has a professional name which is also the name of a method used in printing where the orientation of an original image is reversed (so that the copy is oriented properly)?

Answer: OFFSET

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In July 2022, Droupadi Murmu took office in what role, the second woman and—as a Santal—the first person from a Scheduled Tribe to hold the position?

Answer: PRESIDENT OF INDIA

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the mid-1800s, French physicist Léon Foucault publicly demonstrated the rotation of the Earth using a mechanical system that is best known (especially in association with this experiment) as a what?

Answer: PENDULUM

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 2021, UNESCO officially inscribed as a World Heritage site a transnational "Great Spas of Europe", consisting of eleven spa towns across seven countries. What city in central France—very much well known (and notorious) historically for something other than its holiday appeal—is that country's only representative on the list?

Answer: VICHY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - While it is now sponsored by vacation rental marketplace Vrbo, the Fiesta Bowl, played every January in the Phoenix metro area, was title-sponsored from 1996 to 2014 by what snack brand?

Answer: TOSTITOS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Many countries of the world, including France, Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom, have flags comprising red, white, and blue. What is the only United Nations member whose famous and distinctive flag contains none of those three colors (or any arguable shades thereof)?

Answer: JAMAICA

Q4.: MATH - What adjective, used in mathematics, probability, and other fields (frequently to describe variables, processes, matrices, etc.), comes from the Greek for "guess" and is often used essentially as a synonym for "random"?

Answer: STOCHASTIC

Q5.: LITERATURE - Chevalier René d'Herblay, the Count de la Fère, and the Baron du Vallon de Bracieux de Pierrefonds are the title characters (though not necessarily the best-known names of those characters) from what 1844 novel?

Answer: THE THREE MUSKETEERS

Q6.: ART - Among the most notable works of contemporary British artist Jenny Saville are large-scale paintings featuring voluminous and sometimes arguably grotesque depictions of what? A prime example is her 1992 painting *Proposed*, which sold in 2018 for £9.5 million, the most ever at auction for a living female artist.

Answer: HUMAN FORM/(NUDE) WOMEN

Q1.: AMER HIST - Name the American evangelist who was the inspiration and prototype for the character Sharon Falconer in Sinclair Lewis's *Elmer Gantry* (1927) and Mrs. Melrose Ape in Evelyn Waugh's *Vile Bodies* (1930), as well as Sister Alice in the 2020 HBO *Perry Mason* reboot.

Answer: AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON

Q2.: ART - What word, common in nephology (the study of clouds), is also used for the halo that surrounds the heads of sacred individuals in religious artwork?

Answer: NIMBUS

Q3.: LITERATURE - What literary term, originally used in the Middle Ages for tales of chivalry and adventure before taking on its modern connotation, is derived from the vernacular languages in which these popular tales were written?

Answer: ROMANCE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The Castilian ballads, Andalusian fandangos, and Galician panpipes in the 1955 installment of folklorist Alan Lomax's *World Library Of Folk And Primitive Music* inspired what 1960 jazz masterpiece by Miles Davis, who kicked off the album with the sixteen-minute "Concierto de Aranjuez"?

Answer: SKETCHES OF SPAIN

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The multinational risk advisory and insurance brokerage Willis Group (Willis Towers Watson as of 2016) is famous for, in an edificial sense, supplanting in 2009 what American corporation?

Answer: SEARS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The port and military station Ceuta, famous as one of the world's territorial exclaves, is located at the eastern end of what strait?

Answer: STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Brumaire, Germinal, Ventôse, and Thermidor were, for around 12 years beginning in 1793, names used for what?

Answer: MONTHS (OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY CALENDAR)

Q2.: THEATRE - Hair, A Chorus Line, and Hamilton are among the many Broadway shows that got their start off-Broadway at what venue, on New York's Lafayette Street, opened by Joseph Papp in 1967 and so named for its founding principle that "art and culture belong to everyone"?

Answer: PUBLIC THEATER

Q3.: SCIENCE - A pale face with dark rings around large eyes is among the distinctive features of what primate native to forests of South and Southeast Asia, three types of which are the "slender", the "slow", and the "pygmy slow"?

Answer: LORIS

Q4.: MATH - $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$ – This equation produces a curve known typically as what?

Answer: ELLIPSE

Q5.: LITERATURE - A two-word nickname for the witch Nannie in Robert Burns's 1791 poem Tam O'Shanter was used as the name of what famed British clipper ship that first launched in 1869, and then subsequently for the blended Scotch whiskey created in 1923 that uses the ship as its logo?

Answer: CUTTY SARK

Q6.: TELEVISION - Among the successful series produced by the Canadian animation studio Nelvana is a show based on books by Rosemary Wells that features an energetic and playful 3-year-old bunny in blue overalls named Max, and his responsible and protective older sister named what?

Answer: RUBY

Q1.: FILM - In a 2017 film, Matt Damon's character undergoes a procedure that could be described by a word in the title of a 1957 science fiction classic starring Grant Williams. What is that word—a procedure that the man played by Williams also undergoes, incredibly?

Answer: SHRINKING

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - When Emmanuel Macron defeated Marine Le Pen in the French presidential election of 2022, he became the first incumbent to win re-election as the country's head of state since what other man did so twenty years prior?

Answer: JACQUES CHIRAC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What piquant, golden Italian liqueur made from herbs and spices is familiar as an ingredient in a Harvey Wallbanger, and distinctive for its very tall, Roman-column-shaped bottle?

Answer: GALLIANO

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The most successful and decorated partnership in the history of professional beach volleyball is that of two American women, whose many championships include gold medals at the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Summer Olympics. Name either of these two women.

Answer: MISTY MAY-TREANOR, KERRI WALSH JENNINGS

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Odissi, and Manipuri are classical Indian forms of what?

Answer: DANCE

Q6.: SCIENCE - What is the name, derived from Latin and originating from a Greek word for "to throw", for the scientific study, within mechanics, of the motion and impact of projectiles such as missiles, rockets, and bullets? The word, as an adjective, has also come to be used as a synonym for "extremely excited and angry".

Answer: BALLISTIC(S)

Q1.: FILM - The virtually plotless 1968 musical comedy filmHead, directed by Bob Rafelson and written by Rafelson and Jack Nicholson, starred what foursome, whose TV show had been canceled earlier that year?

Answer: THE MONKEES

Q2.: THEATRE - "If you look on every exit being an entrance somewhere else" is a quote from Act I—and the essential foundational premise—of what 1966 play by Tom Stoppard?

Answer: ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What 2021 All-WNBA First Teamer was also the leading scorer for UMMC Ekaterinburg during their successful run for the 2020-21 EuroLeague Women Championship?

Answer: BRITTNEY GRINER

Q4.: ART - Name the building whose construction was begun in 1560 for Florentine Duke Cosimo de' Medici to house magisterial and administrative offices. The building's top floor was used to display the family's extensive art collection, and that usage for the building was expanded and famously endures to this day.

Answer: UFFIZI

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What dessert, distinctive with its unique frosting containing coconut and pecans, is deceptively named, as it has nothing to do with its namesake country, but rather is named after the man (first name Samuel) who developed a sweet ingredient called for in its original 1957 recipe? (Note, the dessert's full name is required.)

Answer: GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

Q6.: AMER HIST - A US municipality known as Boulder City, which still exists today, was established in 1931 specifically to house workers hired for the construction of a structure that is now known by what name?

Answer: HOOVER DAM

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - A peace agreement was signed in South Sudan in August 2020 aiming to end 17 years of conflict between the government of Sudan and a coalition of rebel groups from what region in western Sudan?

Answer: DARFUR

Q2.: SCIENCE -SETI, which originated in an organized manner in the 1960s, collectively includes an experiment in 1960 called Project Ozma, later studies and efforts by NASA and Soviet scientists, and a vast distributed campaign using CPU downtime. These activities all involve the search for what, exactly, per the precise phrase abbreviated by this acronym?

Answer: EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the individuals involved in what is perhaps the most famous event in history referred to as a "bed-in", which occurred in Amsterdam in 1969.

Answer: JOHN LENNON, YOKO ONO

Q4.: LITERATURE - In a well-known heroic legend, the feasting hall of King Hrothgar of the Danes, Heorot, is under nightly attack by a monster who kills the kingsmen as they sleep, until the Prince of the Geats comes to defend Heorot and slay the monster. What is this prince's name?

Answer: BEOWULF

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What term, Hindi for "teacher" and from the Sanskrit for "heavy", is applied in Sikhism to any of the first ten leaders of that religion?

Answer: GURU

Q6.: BUS/ECON - In the US Model Penal Code, larceny is the unlawful taking of someone else's property without their consent and with intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property. Larceny becomes what more serious crime when, per that Code, it involves the taking of property by force or threat of imminent force?

Answer: ROBBERY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1992, twelve members of the European Economic Community signed a treaty to form the European Union in what Dutch city, by whose name the treaty is commonly known?

Answer: MAASTRICHT

Q2.: FILM - "In space no one can hear you scream" was the tagline for what singular 1979 sci-fi horror movie, which won an Academy Award for Best Visual Effects?

Answer: ALIEN

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The stock market index known as the Dow Jones Composite Average is composed of 65 companies: the 30 that constitute the main Dow Jones Industrial Average, and the remaining 35 from two other Dow Jones indices that gauge specific sectors of the US economy. Identify either of these two sectors, as named in these other respective stock indices.

Answer: TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A widely exported deepwater commercial fish that is sometimes known as "deep sea perch" or "slimehead" is most commonly known by what other name, referring to the color and the texture of its skin?

Answer: ORANGE ROUGHY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Penhold, shakehand, Seemiller, and v-grip are different grips used (with varying frequency) in what competitive sport?

Answer: TABLE TENNIS/PING-PONG

Q6.: SCIENCE - Lemurs, fossas, vangas, tomato frogs, and two-thirds of the world's chameleon species are among the thousands of creatures endemic to what nation?

Answer: MADAGASCAR

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The term derived from the name of the late 18th/early 19th-century German physician Franz Mesmer has been broadly usurped in the English vernacular (thanks to a Scottish doctor named James Braid) by what now much more common synonym, a word that itself is derived from ancient Greek?

Answer: HYPNOTISM/HYPNOSIS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The original version of the game Wii Sports that shipped with the Nintendo Wii in 2006 had five different game options. Three were golf, baseball, and tennis. Name either of the other two.

Answer: BOXING, BOWLING

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Santa Ana, San Diego, Santa Monica, Antelope Valley, Ventura, Hollywood, Harbor, Ronald Reagan, Golden State, and Glenn M. Anderson (or Century) are all names in Southern California of what, precisely (per their respective full names)?

Answer: FREEWAYS

Q4.: LITERATURE - Ernest J. Gaines's 1971 historical narrative of a former enslaved woman who lives to see the inception of the civil rights movement of the 1960s was published as a fictional woman's "Autobiography". What was her name, which was also used for the Emmy-winning television adaptation starring Cicely Tyson?

Answer: (MISS) JANE PITTMAN

Q5.: POP MUSIC - "A wop bop a loo bop a lop bom bom" (or something along those lines) is a lyric to one of the most seminal songs in rock and roll history (almost surely one of the most seminal with a non-English title). What is that song, recorded by Little Richard in 1955?

Answer: TUTTI FRUTTI

Q6.: SCIENCE - What base unit defined by the International System of Units (SI) is equal to 6.24×10^{18} electrons per second (or one coulomb per second)?

Answer: AMP/AMPERE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Name the primary Acropolis building of white Pentelic marble that was reduced to a shell via a 1687 explosion while housing a powder magazine during the concurrent Ottoman-Venetian war.

Answer: PARTHENON (TEMPLE OF ATHENA)

Q2.: TELEVISION - On the US version of the sitcom *The Office*, for most of the series's run, the accounting department at the Scranton branch of Dunder Mifflin Paper Company consisted of three people. Give the first name of any one of these three characters.

Answer: ANGELA, KEVIN, OSCAR

Q3.: SCIENCE - Though the use of a specific aerial apparatus probably does carry a greater than average risk of broken bones, that is not the reason why the apparatus shares an etymology with two different bones in the human hand. What is the name of that apparatus, or either bone?

Answer: TRAPEZE/TRAPEZIUM/TRAPEZOID

Q4.: LITERATURE - Feuding families named Montecchi and Cappelletti (in reality, probably more like political factions than actual families) are today most closely associated, at least in a literary sense, with what Italian city (though they may not necessarily have existed there)?

Answer: VERONA

Q5.: LANGUAGE - An immediately post-homicide scene from Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" is the source for a cliché that was used during Watergate to describe a tape where Richard Nixon, in a conversation with H.R. Haldeman, essentially reveals a conspiracy to obstruct justice. What is that cliché?

Answer: SMOKING GUN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Tiraspol is the largest city in a Russian-backed breakaway republic that borders Ukraine and is officially recognized as a part of Moldova. This enclave is best known by what name, after the river that it mostly borders to the east?

Answer: TRANSNISTRIA

Q1.: ART - It's widely held that modern art was introduced to America in 1913 at an exhibition formally and straightforwardly named the International Exhibition of Modern Art. This show is informally (and probably better) known by a name that refers to the type of building where it was held, in New York City. Per that informal name, what type of building was that?

Answer: ARMORY

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What airline, a current Oneworld alliance member and flag carrier of Hong Kong, uses in its name an ancient name for China? (Note, the name of the airline is required.)

Answer: CATHAY PACIFIC

Q3.: FILM - The 1939 Frank Capra film that received 11 Oscar nominations and was the breakout performance for star James Stewart, as country bumpkin Jefferson Smith, was set primarily in what city?

Answer: WASHINGTON, DC

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Give the last names of all of the women who have served as prime minister of the United Kingdom.

Answer: THATCHER, MAY, TRUSS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - "Holy warriors" is a translation of what term used for Muslim guerrilla fighters who resisted Soviet occupation after the invasion of Afghanistan in late 1979?

Answer: MUJAHIDEEN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Songs by Frankie Avalon (1959), Carly Simon (1982), Bronski Beat (1984), Annie Lennox (1992), Jadakiss (2004), and Jason Aldean (2005) all have the same one-word title, which is what?

Answer: WHY

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Befitting a cold-weather sport played in the Sunshine State, the punny name of the minor-league ice hockey team in Orlando imagines the existence of what fanciful ursine species?

Answer: SOLAR BEARS

Q2.: FILM - What WWII icon had previously made her acting debut at age 12 as an uncredited chorus girl in the 1929 film Happy Days before later starring in Pigskin Parade (1936) and Million Dollar Legs (1939)?

Answer: BETTY GRABLE

Q3.: AMER HIST - What is the name (not abbreviation) for the short-range two-way radio communication system that originated in the US in the 1940s and remains associated most closely with long-distance truck drivers, who were primary users of the system?

Answer: CITIZENS BAND RADIO

Q4.: TELEVISION - Drive to Survive is the subtitle of what popular and acclaimed series that launched on Netflix in 2019 and starred Sebastian Vettel, Daniel Ricciardo, Max Verstappen, and Lewis Hamilton, among others?

Answer: FORMULA 1

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the lyrical mush made from yellow legumes that has been consumed (and liked) in Britain for centuries whether hot, cold, or in the pot over a week old.

Answer: PEASE PORRIDGE/PEASE PUDDING

Q6.: MATH - There are three poles and several discs of different sizes, all initially on one of the poles in size order with the smallest at the top. The object is to transfer the discs to one of the other poles by moving them individually, with a disc never placed above a smaller one. This is a mathematical toy commonly named a "Tower of" what Asian city?

Answer: HANOI

Q1.: TELEVISION - What are the names (first names acceptable) of the villainous duo of dastardly spies from the television land of Pottsylvania?

Answer: BORIS (BADENOV), NATASHA (FATALE)

Q2.: LITERATURE - 1889's Three Men in a Boat is a classic by an English novelist, playwright, and humorist whose first and last names are the same. His middle initial is K--what is that first/last name?

Answer: JEROME

Q3.: SCIENCE - Aspirin, ibuprofen, codeine, and morphine are drugs used to relieve pain in a class known by what name (from the Greek for "without pain")?

Answer: ANALGESIC

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name of the song, first published with this title in The Atlantic Monthly in 1862, whose lyrics contain the line "He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored" and repeat three times in its chorus the line "Glory, glory, hallelujah!"?

Answer: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In the classic standard version of the game Monopoly, what is the color of the \$1 note?

Answer: WHITE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - East of the Ashanti Plateau, the River Volta is dammed as it approaches the Gold Coast and the Atlantic Ocean, forming Lake Volta, the largest body of water in what nation?

Answer: GHANA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The Autonomous Region of Bougainville, located in the western South Pacific Ocean, is scheduled to become independent by 2027 from what country, which itself gained autonomy from Australia in 1975?

Answer: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Name the location in Greece which is the basic equivalent in Greek mythology to the Norse Asgard.

Answer: MOUNT OLYMPUS

Q3.: BUS/ECON - While it may evoke an abstract representation of the sun, or a flower, or an asterisk, the six yellow dashes on what company's logo are meant, per that company, to represent a spark (with each of the six parts called a "sparklet")?

Answer: WALMART

Q4.: AMER HIST - Who was declared legally dead in January 1939 in a probate court in Los Angeles, California, probably over 4,000 miles from the actual location where the death sadly occurred?

Answer: AMELIA EARHART

Q5.: POP MUSIC - In 1967, Birmingham, England teenagers John Osbourne, Tony Iommi, Terry Butler, and Bill Ward formed a band named the Polka Tulk Blues Band. The band was renamed Earth and then ultimately named what (after one of their songs, which would also be their debut album title)? The foursome would go on to release eight albums in the 1970s with this original lineup.

Answer: BLACK SABBATH

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Liberty City, San Fierro, and Vice City are fictional cities (based on New York, San Francisco, and Miami, respectively) that appear as settings in what series of games?

Answer: GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)

Q1.: FILM - What voracious, predatory, and aggressive South American flesh-eater was the inspiration (and namesake) for a horror film series that began in 1978?
Answer: PIRANHA

Q2.: LITERATURE - Novelists Anne Tyler and Laura Lippman are most closely associated with what US city, which provides the setting for the majority of their respective novels as well as Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*?
Answer: BALTIMORE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What citrus, an orange hybrid developed in France in the late 18th century and possibly named for a city in the Lombardy region of northern Italy, has a rind that produces an essential oil used in pharmaceuticals, perfumes, confectionery, and Earl Grey tea?

Answer: BERGAMOT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The American-born singer Selena, who died tragically in Corpus Christi at the age of 23, has been called the "Queen of" what music style, which is also associated with the music of Grupo Mazz, Emilio Navaira, Ramón Ayala, and Freddy Fender, and whose trademark sound draws from norteño (a musical style of Northern Mexico) and brass music of Czech and German immigrants?

Answer: TEJANO

Q5.: TELEVISION - What is the word missing from the following Cockney expression, which was used in the title of a beloved British sitcom that debuted in the early 80s: "Only fools and [BLANK] work."?

Answer: HORSES

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Uruk, Ur, Lagash, Kish, Eridu, and Nippur were all city-states located within an ancient, historical, pre-Akkadian, pre-Babylonian region of southern Mesopotamia known by what name?

Answer: SUMER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - A 10-dollar note used in the 19th century by a bank in New Orleans's French Quarter is considered a possible source for what geographical name?

Answer: DIXIE

Q2.: THEATRE - The song "Love and Marriage" was first introduced in a 1955 television production of what 1938 play? This TV production starred Frank Sinatra as the Stage Manager, Eva Marie Saint as Emily, and Paul Newman as George.

Answer: OUR TOWN

Q3.: SCIENCE - Owing to the fact that it can create sparks when struck against a metal, the chemical substance FeS₂ is sometimes known by what name?

Answer: PYRITE/FIRESTONE

Q4.: FILM - The fictional tire brand used by the protagonist of the movie Cars (voiced by Owen Wilson) has the name of what other Pixar character?

Answer: (BUZZ) LIGHTYEAR

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Castello, Cheshire, Cashel, Devon, Maytag, Shropshire: these names all become names of cheeses when accompanied by what other word?

Answer: BLUE

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the metaphorical title character of the 1983 Maya Angelou poem who "sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still"?

Answer: CAGED BIRD

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Princess, Trimline, and Sculptura were once all names for popular models of what?

Answer: TELEPHONE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Who was sworn in at the Quirinale Palace on October 22, 2022, as Italy's premier, becoming the first woman to serve in the office and country's first far-right premier since the end of World War II?

Answer: GIORGIA MELONI

Q3.: TELEVISION - While there are dozens of actual real-life bars across the United States named Paddy's Pub, the best-known Paddy's Pub on television is located in what city (where one local reviewer calls it the city's worst bar)?

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What is the common name of the system that, in 1958, replaced the Wade-Giles system for transliterating Chinese into the Roman alphabet (resulting in "Beijing" replacing the Wade-Giles "Peking")?

Answer: PINYIN

Q5.: SCIENCE - Dionaea, which means "daughter of Dione" (i.e., Aphrodite), is the genus name of the Dionaea muscipula, an insectivore native to the bogs of the Carolina savannas that is more commonly known as what?

Answer: VENUS FLYTRAP

Q6.: LITERATURE - During his three trips up the Beanstalk in the famous fairy tale, Jack stole from the giant a sack of gold coins, a hen that lays golden eggs, and what musical instrument, which happened to be magical?

Answer: HARP

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - When a basketball referee has their right hand on the back of their head and their left hand pointing opposite the direction of play, they are indicating a specific type of foul known as what?

Answer: CHARGE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What word provides the first word in the titles of hit songs by Lady Gaga, Billie Eilish, and Steve Lacy, and is also used in the name of the rapper who recorded "Moscow Mule" and "Tití Me Preguntó"?

Answer: BAD

Q3.: MATH - "Every even natural number greater than 2 is the sum of two prime numbers" is a (still-unproven) Conjecture associated with and named after what 18th-century Prussian-born mathematician?

Answer: CHRISTIAN GOLDBACH

Q4.: FILM - The title of what 2009 Pixar adventure comedy fits a pattern set by the titles of a 1998 Darren Aronofsky neo-noir thriller, a Stephen King adaptation from 2017, and a 2019 Jordan Peele horror film?

Answer: UP

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What East African city, broadly considered the diplomatic and political capital of Africa, is home to the headquarters for the UN Economic Commission for Africa as well as the African Union, and has served as its nation's capital beginning shortly after the city's founding in 1887?

Answer: ADDIS ABABA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Gaming company DraftKings, travel company Virgin Galactic, and real estate platform Opendoor Technologies are among companies that are listed publicly due to their merger with certain type of shell company—one formed solely to raise capital through an IPO for the purposes of the merger. This type of company, which is sometimes known as a "blank check company" and whose popularity has risen sharply in the last few years, is best known by what four letter acronym?

Answer: SPAC

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Dude Perfect member Coby Cotton, Survivor: Samoa contestant Jaison Robinson, and NFL Hall-of-Famer Michael Strahan are among the individuals who have traveled into space over the past year on missions operated by what company?
Answer: BLUE ORIGIN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Which of the 31 states of Mexico is, perhaps ironically, the country's largest in area?

Answer: CHIHUAHUA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The addition of the Boehm key mechanism (inspired by a similar system for the flute) was a major development in the history of what solo and orchestral instrument, which evolved from the chalumeau (a term still used today for the instrument's lowest register)?

Answer: CLARINET

Q4.: AMER HIST - Catherine Stebbins, Margaret Pryor, Amy Post, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott were all present in what New York city on July 19 and July 20, 1848?

Answer: SENECA FALLS

Q5.: SCIENCE - The toxic blistering agent and chemical weapon 1-Chloro-2-[(2-chloroethyl)sulfanyl]ethane has an odor resembling horseradish, garlic, or what other plant, hence its common name?

Answer: MUSTARD

Q6.: FILM - Identify the actor who portrayed the character on film in 2013 previously played by Warner Baxter (1926), Alan Ladd (1949), and Robert Redford (1974).

Answer: LEONARDO DICAPRIO

Q1.: SCIENCE - What five-letter word, taken directly from Latin where it is a third declension noun meaning "likeness" or "appearance", is used in biology for the adult mature stage in the life cycle of an insect after metamorphosis?

Answer: IMAGO

Q2.: ART - Earthworks, an art form popular in the late 1960s and 1970s using natural elements *in situ*, is represented quintessentially by a formation of rock and salt crystal in Utah's Great Salt Lake by sculptor Robert Smithson that has what shape, per its title?

Answer: SPIRAL

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - "Nun" (always red), "can" (always green), and "junction" (both red and green) are different types of what important navigational aids?

Answer: BUOYS/CHANNEL MARKERS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Diced chicken served in a rich cream sauce with sherry, mushrooms, peppers, and pimentos—a dish first introduced (per one origin story) at Delmonico's restaurant in the 1880s—is, per its name, said to be served in what "franglais" manner?

Answer: À LA KING

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Who made history in October 2022 as the first artist to occupy the entire top ten of the Billboard Hot 100 in the same week?

Answer: TAYLOR SWIFT

Q6.: LITERATURE - "If we do not dare everything, the fulfillment of that prophecy, recreated from the Bible in song by a slave, is upon us: God gave Noah the rainbow sign, No more water, the fire next time!" This is a quote from *Down at the Cross: Letter from a Region in My Mind*, included in a 1963 collection of works by what Harlem-born intellectual and literary giant?

Answer: JAMES BALDWIN

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Avellaneda, Olivos, San Isidro, Tigre, and La Boca are neighborhoods or suburbs of what city, once capital of the Spanish viceroyalty of La Plata?

Answer: BUENOS AIRES

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the one-word job title shared (though not necessarily in the same capacity) by the television characters Dwayne Schneider, Nathan Bookman, and Gary Chalmers?

Answer: SUPERINTENDENT

Q3.: THEATRE - The works of Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov include Uncle Vanya, The Three Sisters, The Cherry Orchard, and what 1896 play, his first major work, which, despite its title, is actually set somewhere inland in present-day central Russia or Ukraine?

Answer: THE SEAGULL

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the common name of the wild, arching, thorny shrub which is the source of dewberries, raspberries, and blackberries (and in some countries is used as a name for the common blackberry itself)?

Answer: BRAMBLE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What are the most famous and most remembered four words spoken from the steps of West Germany's Rathaus Schöneberg in June 1963?

Answer: ICH BIN EIN BERLINER

Q6.: SCIENCE - Name the Italian engineer and inventor, born in 1903, whose name lives on today via the hydrotherapeutic pump he developed to alleviate the arthritis pain suffered by his infant son.

Answer: CANDIDO JACUZZI

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - In sheet music, the F clef is nearly always placed on the fourth line of the staff (second line from the top), where it is known as the "bass clef". When the F clef is placed on the third line, what other name is it known by?
Answer: BARITONE CLEF

Q2.: FILM - Identify the animated film whose plot centers on a 13-year-old witch who takes a job in the fictional Japanese oceanside city of Koriko transporting goods to customers of a local bakery.

Answer: KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the creamy paste made from toasted ground sesame seeds that is used extensively in Eastern Mediterranean and North African cuisines—both as a dip and as a primary ingredient in such dishes as baba ghanoush, Lebanese tarator, and hummus?

Answer: TAHINI

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - From 1942 to 1967, the National Hockey League operated with six franchises. Five were the Boston Bruins, Chicago Black Hawks, Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers, and Toronto Maple Leafs. What was the sixth (full team name required)?

Answer: DETROIT RED WINGS

Q5.: ART - Beheading was a frequent thematic element in the works of what late-16th/early-17th-century Italian Baroque artist, with St. John the Baptist, Medusa, Goliath, and Holofernes among those losing (or having recently lost) their heads?

Answer: CARAVAGGIO

Q6.: AMER HIST - Like many other people in the particular rural areas of the United States where she was born into slavery around 1797, the preacher, women's rights activist, and abolitionist Sojourner Truth was a native speaker of what language, whose accent she retained as she learned fluent English later in life?

Answer: DUTCH

Q1.: LANGUAGE - While colloquially it has come to mean any needless repetition in speech or text, in philosophy it is a term for a statement that is true solely by virtue of its form, not its content. What is the word in question, in part from the Greek for "same"?

Answer: TAUTOLOGY

Q2.: SCIENCE - The alloy of iron known as stainless steel, so-called for its resistance to corrosion, discoloration, and rusting, is produced through the addition of what other element, which must be introduced at a concentration of at least 11%?

Answer: CHROMIUM

Q3.: LITERATURE - The phrase "ma mère l'Oye" in the titles of the 1911 Maurice Ravel piano suite Ma mère l'Oye and the 1697 Charles Perrault collection Contes de ma mère l'Oye is most typically translated into English as what two-word phrase?

Answer: MOTHER GOOSE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "At Last", "I'd Rather Go Blind", "A Sunday Kind of Love", and "Something's Got a Hold on Me" (the latter of which was heavily sampled on Avicii's "Levels" and Flo Rida's "Good Feeling") are popular songs from what soul and R&B legend, whose real last name was Hawkins and whose stage name (first and last) was her given first name reversed?

Answer: ETTA JAMES

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Network radio began in the United States in earnest in September 1926 with the formation of what company, led by chairman David Sarnoff, and jointly owned by RCA (50%), GE (30%), and Westinghouse (20%)?

Answer: NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC)

Q6.: WORLD HIST - It's broadly agreed that the peak of Indo-Islamic architecture occurred during the 17th-century reign of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, marked by his buildings in the capital city of Delhi and the shrine to his wife in what other Northern Indian city?

Answer: AGRA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was located farthest to the east, until it was destroyed by the 1st century CE (if in fact the Wonder ever actually existed at all)?

Answer: HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON

Q2.: THEATRE - In the first Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical to be produced publicly, the show's eponymous dreamer is, early in the first act, given what as a gift from his father (a gift that provides the remainder of the title)?

Answer: A COAT (AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT)

Q3.: LANGUAGE - In the NATO phonetic alphabet (A=Alpha, B=Bravo, C=Charlie, etc.), one letter is represented by a word that is the name of a national capital city.

What is that city?

Answer: LIMA

Q4.: FILM - The title of a 1977 classic rock staple by Eddie Money, when its titular subject matter is halved, could become the title of a Julia Roberts-George Clooney rom-com. What is that movie's title?

Answer: TICKET TO PARADISE

Q5.: SCIENCE - A geological process known as orogeny refers, per the term's Greek root, to the formation of what?

Answer: MOUNTAINS

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the sports history made by the "Mighty Macs" of what small college (at that time a women's-only school) in suburban Philadelphia? The team won the first women's college basketball national championship (before defending their title in 1973 and 1974).

Answer: IMMACULATA

Q1.: SCIENCE - Name the geological period of the Mesozoic era, between approximately 145 and 65 million years ago, during which the dinosaurs and other giant reptiles, as well as many invertebrates, became extinct.

Answer: CRETACEOUS

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 1713 Treaty of Utrecht stipulated the transfer from France to Britain the island of Newfoundland, the Hudson Bay territory, and what former French colony centered on present-day Nova Scotia and New Brunswick? The name of the colony is also used today for a certain protected area in the United States, and is the etymological source for the name of a certain group of Americans of French descent.

Answer: ACADIA

Q3.: FILM - While Shelley Duvall famously appeared in Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* in 1980, that same year she also starred (and was widely regarded as perfectly cast) in a role as what cartoon character?

Answer: OLIVE OYL

Q4.: POP MUSIC - "Oh Boy" and "Not Fade Away" are the first two tracks from the self-titled 1957 album *The Chirping Crickets*, which featured a band led by what rock and roll pioneer?

Answer: BUDDY HOLLY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of the third-most populous city in Colombia is the first four letters of the name of a US state and also the first four letters of the name of a Roman emperor. What is that city?

Answer: CALI

Q6.: LITERATURE - Name the multiple-prize-winning novel written by Colson Whitehead in 2019 that is a fictionalized account of the notorious Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, a reform school in Florida that was finally closed in 2011 after decades of abuse and murder allegations (much of which was confirmed in subsequent investigations).

Answer: THE NICKEL BOYS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Two consecutive integers for which the sums of the prime factors of each integer are equal (such as 714 and 715) are a mathematical pair named in 1974 by University of Georgia mathematician Carl Pomerance after what two baseball legends?

Answer: BABE RUTH, HENRY AARON

Q2.: TELEVISION - "Spanish 101", "Introduction to Film", "Home Economics", and "English as a Second Language" are titles of episodes from the first season of what sitcom, which aired on NBC beginning in 2009 (with a final season on Yahoo! Screen in 2015)?

Answer: COMMUNITY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the landlocked country that is bordered, going clockwise, by Sudan to the northeast, South Sudan to the east, DR Congo to the south, the Republic of the Congo to the southwest, Cameroon to the west, and Chad to the north.

Answer: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Q4.: ART -Arrangement in Gray and Black, No. 2: Portrait of Thomas Carlyleis a famous work (but probably the second-most famous "arrangement in gray and black") by what American-born painter?

Answer: JAMES MCNEILL WHISTLER

Q5.: SCIENCE - "Leatherback" is often used as the name of the largest living species of what animal, with some specimens weighing in at over 1,000 lbs.?

Answer: (SEA) TURTLE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The period of political and social unrest on the Italian peninsula that began in the 1820s and resulted in the formation of the Kingdom of Italy in 1861 is known by a word in Italian that has been translated to English as "resurrection" or "rebirth". What is that word?

Answer: RISORGIMENTO

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What Ford Motor Company brand, created originally to offer a premium vehicle to Ford's customers, was in existence for over 70 years before ending production early in the first quarter of 2011?

Answer: MERCURY

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The "Authorized Version" of the Bible, which was published in 1611, was an English translation of the Bible produced by a panel of the era's leading scholars and commissioned by whom?

Answer: KING JAMES (VI AND I)

Q3.: TELEVISION -The Jeff Corwin Experience;Weird, True & Freaky;Untamed & Uncut; andCrikey! It's the Irwins are all television series that have been broadcast on what network?

Answer: ANIMAL PLANET

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name, from the Hindi for "to lick", for the array of popular savory street-food snacks sold at roadside stalls and food carts across the Indian subcontinent?

Answer: CHAAT

Q5.: WORLD HIST - A famous commentary by Julius Caesar begins with the statement, "[REDACTED] est omnis divisa in partes tres, quarum unam incolunt Belgae." What region's name is redacted in the quote? (English or the original Latin is acceptable.)

Answer: GAUL/GALLIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Tom Verlaine, Richard Lloyd, Billy Ficca, and Richard Hell were founding members in 1973 of what cult-favorite punk rock band and CBGB regular that was named after a technology invented a few decades prior?

Answer: TELEVISION

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - The world's oldest active sports-car endurance-racing event, first held in 1923 and organized by Automobile Club de l'Ouest, is run annually in what city?

Answer: LE MANS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The Behavior of Organisms and Verbal Behavior, along with his namesake "Box" for facilitating experimental observations, are works of what psychologist and proponent of operant conditioning?

Answer: B. F. SKINNER

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Tagus, Ebro, and Douro Rivers are the three longest rivers on what peninsula?

Answer: IBERIAN PENINSULA

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Different types of affixes in English include the prefix (e.g., "dis" in "dislike"), suffix (e.g., "able" in "fixable"), and a third type that is exemplified by the third "s" of "passersby". What is the name for this latter type of affix?

Answer: INFIX

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Dried leaves of the holly shrub *Ilex paraguariensis*, native to Paraguay and Brazil, are roasted, powdered, and infused with water to make a greenish tea-like beverage. What is the name shared by this shrub and the resulting beverage?

Answer: (YERBA) MATE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Many home-mortgage borrowers have an account in which the mortgage lender retains money for property taxes and homeowners insurance, allowing these payments to be split over 12 months. This type of account, sometimes known as an impound account, is most commonly known by what other term, which can be used generally for any funds or assets held by a third party as part of a transaction?

Answer: ESCROW

Q1.: SCIENCE - For many years, until forbidden by law, fuel manufacturers produced gasoline that avoided engine knock by adding a certain antiknock agent that was a tetraethyl with what chemical element?

Answer: LEAD

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Bammy, a fried flatbread made from grated cassava and often served with fried fish, and descended from the food of the native Arawak culture, is a traditional dish of what nation?

Answer: JAMAICA

Q3.: LITERATURE -It was [REDACTED]; the rain fell in torrents, except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the house-tops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness.What phrase fills in the redacted section in this first line of the 1830 novelPaul Clifford?

Answer: A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

Q4.: AMER HIST - The Hopi and the Zuni are among the Native Americans distinctive for their settlements of multistory housing that are known by what Spanish term? The word is also used for the tribes themselves, as well as for a city and county in the state of Colorado.

Answer: PUEBLO

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What word, which is sometimes used generally as a synonym for "newspaper" and is specifically a part of the name of some newspapers, originates from the name of a Venetian coin whose value at one time was the cost of one Venetian newspaper?

Answer: GAZETTE

Q6.: ART - "Superflat", a term used to describe a unique form of contemporary Japanese pop art based on historical Japanese flat art aesthetics, manga, and anime, was coined in 2000 by what artist, who founded the movement?

Answer: TAKASHI MURAKAMI

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The Thames River runs through the campus of the University of Western Ontario, also known as Western University, which is located in what city?
Answer: LONDON

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - A man peeling a banana, opening a car door, opening a glass door, and drinking a glass of water are among the most-liked videos on the social media service TikTok. What is the name of the man performing these extremely straightforward tasks?

Answer: KHABY LAME

Q3.: BUS/ECON - Three of the four motorcycle manufacturers in Japan regarded as the "Big Four" are Honda, Kawasaki, and Suzuki. What is the fourth?

Answer: YAMAHA

Q4.: FILM - The 1996 Spike Lee film *Get on the Bust* tells the fictional story of a group of 15 who are traveling to a real-life historical event best known by what name?

Answer: MILLION MAN MARCH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Identify the town in Eastern South Africa, besieged for four months by Boer forces during the Second Boer War, that was named after the noblewoman wife of a one-time British governor of the Cape Colony. The name became internationally familiar due to a popular South African singing group that hailed from (and was partially named after) the town.

Answer: LADYSMITH

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the compound word, taken directly from German and closely identified with the works of Richard Wagner, for a recurring musical theme or phrase associated with an object, person, or emotion in opera and program music? A contemporary example is Darth Vader's "Imperial March" in the *Star Wars* films.

Answer: LEITMOTIF

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Englishman James Hargreaves is widely credited as the inventor of a machine in the 1760s that massively advanced the technology for textile manufacturing and was a catalyst for the Industrial Revolution. What was the name of this machine, which apocryphally (but probably not actually) is named after his wife or one of his daughters, whose action inadvertently inspired the machine's development?

Answer: SPINNING JENNY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Name any one of the three women who won a Singles Grand Slam tennis major in the year 2022.

Answer: IGA SWIATEK, ELENA RYBAKINA, ASHLEIGH BARTY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What are, in correct order, the most populous and least populous of the seven countries in Central America (both by significant margins)? Note: two answers are required, they must be in correct order, and the seven countries of Central America do not include Mexico or Colombia.

Answer: GUATEMALA, BELIZE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of his country smash released in April 1987, due to the fact that all his exes live in Texas, where does George Strait hang his hat?

Answer: TENNESSEE

Q5.: AMER HIST - Vice-presidential incumbent Dick Cheney was the running-mate of fellow incumbent George W. Bush in the 2004 US presidential election. What fellow senator was Democratic nominee John Kerry's running mate during that election?

Answer: JOHN EDWARDS

Q6.: TELEVISION - The fictional and colossally popular metal band Dethklok (sometimes stylized as Dëthkløk for maximum brutality) was the centerpiece of the animated series Metalocalypse, which debuted in 2006 on a late-night programming block that is aimed at a more mature audience than the daytime network with which it shares channel space. What is the name of this programming block?

Answer: ADULT SWIM

Q1.: LITERATURE - The mythological character Jocasta is notable, in part, for being the wife of what Corinthian-raised Greek King of Thebes (who himself was, among other things, her second husband)?

Answer: OEDIPUS

Q2.: MATH - "May I have a large container of coffee right now?" is a popular mnemonic for what?

Answer: PI

Q3.: SCIENCE - What moon of Jupiter is, with near constant volcanic activity, the most geologically active body in the Solar System? This intense geological activity results from tidal heating produced by its orbital eccentricity, which in turn is caused by the gravitational pulls of Jupiter and the other three Galilean moons (Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa).

Answer: IO

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - Thanks in no small part to the subreddit r/wallstreetbets, what company's stock increased in price from \$2.57 in April 2020 to \$483 at one point on January 28, 2021?

Answer: GAMESTOP (GME)

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The two most prominent sacred sites of the Pitjantjatjara people are known natively as Kata Tjuta and what?

Answer: ULURU

Q6.: WORLD HIST - A certain stage in Chinese history began in the 5th century BCE, when the Zhou kingdom had split into various territorial kingdoms and fiefs that fought for dominance, and ended in 221 BCE, when the Qin dynasty took control and unified the kingdoms. This stage of Chinese history is known in English as what (two words) "Period", after a Chinese text compiled during the Han dynasty that chronicled the era?

Answer: WARRING STATES

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - "Players start the game with a farming couple living in a simple two-roomed hut. During the course of the game, these families have abundant possibilities to improve their quality of life by building up their home, improving their fields and breeding their animals." So begins the official "Object of the Game" for what board game, whose name quite appropriately translates to English as "farmer"?

Answer: AGRICOLA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term used in the US Navy for the rank of students attending the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, before promotion to the rank of Ensign or Second Lieutenant after graduation?

Answer: MIDSHIPMAN

Q3.: ART - American contemporary artist Mickalene Thomas's giant (10 x 24 foot) and bold painting *Le déjeuner sur l'herbe: les trois femmes noires*, which was commissioned by New York's Museum of Modern Art in 2010, is a take on an 1863 piece by what other artist?

Answer: ÉDOUARD MANET

Q4.: WORLD HIST - "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an [REDACTED] has descended across the continent." What two-word term is redacted in this quote from a speech given at Missouri's Westminster College in 1946?

Answer: IRON CURTAIN

Q5.: LITERATURE - It Ends with Us, published in 2016, is one of the many bestsellers by what American author, who at one point in 2022 held six of the top 10 spots on the New York Times paperback fiction bestseller list and is by far 2022's bestselling novelist in the United States?

Answer: COLLEEN HOOVER

Q6.: FILM - While Amy Heckerling may be best known for her debut feature *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, her many other credits include a film series (she directed the first two and coproduced the third) that began in 1989. What was the first film of that particular series, a film which featured the voice of Bruce Willis?

Answer: LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Q1.: ART - The first major work of a certain 17th-century French architect, an innovator of a simplified Baroque style, was the north wing of the Château Royal de Blois, which featured the double-angled, high-pitched roof style named after him. What is that style?

Answer: MANSARD

Q2.: AMER HIST - Scotsman John Boyd Dunlop, the founder of the Dunlop Rubber Company, invented the pneumatic tire in 1888. What other man, namesake of another prominent (and competing) company, discovered the process for the vulcanization of rubber around 50 years prior?

Answer: CHARLES GOODYEAR

Q3.: FILM - The first two releases by the Criterion Collection, which publishes "important classic and contemporary films from around the world", were LaserDisc releases in 1984 of legendary American films from 1941 and 1933. Name either of these films, both of which chronicle the downfall of their larger-than-life main characters.

Answer: CITIZEN KANE, KING KONG

Q4.: TELEVISION - Bandit, Chilli, and Bingo are the parents and younger sister of what colorful puppy, who is the title character of a popular Australian children's television series available in the United States on the Disney Channel, Disney Junior, and Disney+?

Answer: BLUEY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - While its contemporary German name is Siebenbürgen (for the "seven towns" that existed at its founding), in medieval times, a historical region in Eastern Europe was known in German as Überwald. Correspondingly, by what English (and for that matter, Latin) name is this famous geographic and literary region known?

Answer: TRANSYLVANIA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Bitter herbs; a roasted lamb or chicken bone; a roasted egg; a vegetable; and a honey, apple, almond, and wine paste are foods prescribed to be served at a meal known by what name?

Answer: SEDER (PASSOVER SEDER)

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - England defeated Pakistan on November 13 at the Grand Final of the 2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, held at a cricket ground known locally as "the 'G". In what country (which was also that tournament's defending champion) is this iconic and enormous cricket ground located?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q2.: LITERATURE - What words are missing from the title of the acclaimed 1989 Oscar Hijuelos novel[BLANK] Play Songs of Love, a rich and rhythmic immigrant story reflecting on the lives of two Cuban brothers and musicians? The missing words are the name of the brothers' band in the story and were used for the book's 1992 film and 2005 musical adaptations.

Answer: THE MAMBO KINGS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Approximately 500,000 people were killed during a war between two countries that began in September 1980 and ended in a stalemate after a UN-brokered ceasefire in August 1988. Name either of the two countries that were the primary combatants in this war.

Answer: IRAN, IRAQ

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - While most of the attention around vaccines in 2021 pertained to COVID-19, in October of that year the World Health Organization approved the first vaccine for the prevention of what other disease, which kills nearly half a million people each year, including over a quarter million under the age of five?

Answer: MALARIA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What roughly 3,000-kilometer-long river passes through or borders 10 different countries (including four capital cities), more than any other river in the world?

Answer: DANUBE

Q6.: SCIENCE - The distance between two marks on a platinum-iridium bar; 1/10,000,000th of the length of the quadrant of the Earth's meridian through Paris; the length of the path traveled by light in a vacuum in 1/299,792,458th of a second: all of these have historically been used to define what unit?

Answer: METER

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Both the gospel-trained duo consisting of Izora Armstead and Martha Wash, who recorded "It's Raining Men" in 1982, and the jazz ensemble that emerged from the Miles Davis groups of the late 1960s featuring Josef Zawinul and Wayne Shorter and that released the retrospective setForecast: Tomorrow in 2006 had names that refer to what phenomenon?

Answer: WEATHER

Q2.: MATH - "Chord" is a term used for any straight line segment whose ends are on the perimeter of a circle. When a chord's two endpoints (where it meets the circle) are extended out to infinity, it becomes a line known as what?

Answer: SECANT

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - In the 1960s, Red Bow was a high-end, gourmet brand of a particular food product, named by its cofounders after themselves. In the 1970s, the name was changed to refer to just one of the men, who became the face of the product, and by whose name the market-leading product is still well-known today. What is the food product in question, or its current brand name? (The two possible answers are, respectively, Indiana's official "state snack" and a person largely responsible for that accolade)?

Answer: POPCORN, ORVILLE REDENBACHER

Q4.: AMER HIST - A confederacy of five Iroquoian groups, known to themselves as Wendat or Wyandotte ("people of the peninsula"), was referred to by French explorers beginning in the early 17th century by what other name, which is also used for a certain body of water in the confederacy's native region?

Answer: HURON

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Elisabeth Söderström, Birgit Nilsson, Anna Moffo, Montserrat Caballé, and Lily Pons were women who, in a professional sense, could all be accurately described by what word from the title of an acclaimed pay cable TV series that debuted in January 1999?

Answer: SOPRANOS

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The DC Comics superheroes Kid Flash, Robin, Aqualad, and Wonder Girl were the four original members of what superhero team, which has included countless other members over the years including (recently) Cyborg, Starfire, Raven, and Beast Boy?

Answer: TEEN TITANS

Q1.: FILM - What 1962 film adaptation of the book *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* belongs on a list that includes the films *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Doctor Zhivago*, and *A Passage to India*?

Answer: LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What name was shared by the Grand Prince of Moscow—who, after renouncing allegiance to the Tatars in 1480, was the first Russian monarch to call himself "tsar"—and his grandson, who became the first "tsar of all Russia" in 1547?

Answer: IVAN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The state in Southwest India once known as Mysore, which was given its current name of Karnataka in 1973, was formed in 1956, bringing together the populations of five predecessor states whose inhabitants spoke what language, which now has over 50 million speakers? The name of the language looks like it could be—but is not actually—a homophone of the name of an unrelated country.

Answer: KANNADA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - There are exactly three letters of the alphabet that are the first letter of the name of one (and only one) capital city of a US state. Name any one of those three capital cities.

Answer: FRANKFORT, INDIANAPOLIS, NASHVILLE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - In the game of chess, the king and rook can move simultaneously along the back rank during a unique and specific move known by what name?

Answer: CASTLING

Q6.: TELEVISION - Name the woman who, since 2016, has served in a television hosting role previously held by Charles Osgood (from 1994 to 2016) and Charles Kuralt (from 1979 to 1994).

Answer: JANE PAULEY

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Prospero Lambertini, Giacomo della Chiesa, and Joseph Alois Ratzinger have all been known more familiarly by what other proper first name?
Answer: BENEDICT

Q2.: THEATRE - An incident from 1810 in which a student accused two headmistresses of a Scottish boarding school of having a lesbian relationship, along with the ensuing scandal and libel case, was the basis for the play *The Children's Hour*, a drama from 1934 by what American playwright, screenwriter, and memoirist?
Answer: LILLIAN HELLMAN

Q3.: LITERATURE - What 1898 novel, famous in its own right, is also famous for its presentation in the October 30, 1938 installment of the CBS radio series "Mercury Theater on the Air"?

Answer: THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Early-19th-century New Orleans apothecary Antoine Amédée Peychaud is remembered (and widely appreciated) today by tipplers for his development of what aromatic product?

Answer: BITTERS (PEYCHAUD'S BITTERS)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - "SDCIWC" is an initialism common to many players of the roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons. Per the game's original 1974 rules, the first four letters stand for Strength, Dexterity, Constitution, and Intelligence. What do either of the final two letters stand for?

Answer: WISDOM, CHARISMA

Q6.: SCIENCE - What word, German for "shape" or "form", is defined in English as something that, as a whole, has qualities greater than the sum of its parts? The word is used in psychology to name a type of psychotherapy in which individuals are best viewed as whole entities and best understood in terms of their own perspective on what is happening in their lives at the current moment (vs. what happened in the past).

Answer: GESTALT

Q1.: FILM - A meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, of world leaders and individuals hostile to the United States (Fidel Castro, Idi Amin, Ayatollah Khomeini, Mikhail Gorbachev, Pahpshmir, et al.) is disrupted by a Los Angeles police lieutenant at the beginning of what 1988 movie?

Answer: THE NAKED GUN: FROM THE FILES OF POLICE SQUAD!

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In a musical story from 1871, Radamès, a captain in the Egyptian Army, is the love interest of both the king's daughter, Amneris, and what enslaved Ethiopian princess?

Answer: AIDA

Q3.: SCIENCE - Between the atmosphere above and the asthenosphere (the part of the mantle "without strength") below are the solid, outermost layers of the Earth—the rigid, upper part of the mantle, and the crust. This firm planetary shell is known by what name, derived in part from the Greek for "stone"?

Answer: LITHOSPHERE

Q4.: LITERATURE - The "Beginner Books" series, published by Random House beginning in 1957, had contributions from Helen Palmer, P.D. Eastman (the series' art director), and Bennett Cerf, but is most associated with the works of what other author?

Answer: DR. SEUSS (THEODOR GEISEL)

Q5.: ART -Sakuntala, The Mature Age, and The Waltz are among the popular works by what late-19th/early-20th-century French sculptor? She was not famous in her own time, but posthumously gained acclaim for her works and talent later in the 20th century, especially via numerous biographies and films about her life that were produced beginning in the 1980s (and which often focused on her association with Auguste Rodin and her mental health struggles later in life).

Answer: CAMILLE CLAUDEL

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - From Susan Rice, beginning in 2009, to Linda Thomas-Greenfield, currently in the role, the last five individuals to hold the office of Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Nations (on a non-interim basis) have been women. Name any one of the three women who served in the position on a permanent basis between Ambassadors Rice and Thomas-Greenfield.

Answer: SAMANTHA POWER, NIKKI HALEY, KELLY CRAFT

Q1.: BUS/ECON - "A multicolor tri-pipped bone" would oddly but accurately describe the logo for what American company founded in Michigan in 1960?

Answer: DOMINO'S PIZZA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The Latin word for "sieve" is the appropriate root for the name of what common kitchen item?

Answer: COLANDER

Q3.: TELEVISION - On the game show Family Feud, what is the name of the show's bonus round, played after the main family-vs.-family game, where two family members attempt to combine for 200 points to win the ultimate cash prize?

Answer: FAST MONEY/BIG MONEY

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - It is widely regarded that the musical form known as the English oratorio was developed around 1720 not by a natural-born Englishman, but rather a German-born composer (who did become a naturalized British subject in 1727). Who is this composer, whose most famous English oratorio (by far) was first performed in 1742?

Answer: GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL

Q5.: LITERATURE - 1977's How to Save Your Own Life continues the first-person narrative of Isadora Wing—and her various exploits and tribulations, libidinous and otherwise—that was introduced in what groundbreaking 1973 novel by the same author? (Note, name the 1973 novel.)

Answer: FEAR OF FLYING

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Wagner, Mathewson, Johnson, Ruth, [BLANK]. What last name is missing from this inaugural fivesome?

Answer: COBB

Q1.: FILM - J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring, Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," and Schubert's "Ave Maria" are among the classical works featured in what animated 1940 film?

Answer: FANTASIA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The most violent and radical phase of the French Revolution began with the creation of the Committee of Public Safety on September 5, 1793, and largely ended with the guillotining of Maximilien Robespierre in late July 1794. By what specific name (in English) is this period best known?

Answer: REIGN OF TERROR

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A 1994 MTV Unplugged performance titled Unledded and an album from that same year titled No Quarter featured the reunion of what two rock and roll icons?

Answer: ROBERT PLANT, JIMMY PAGE

Q4.: SCIENCE - The ideal gas law states that under constant pressure and temperature, the volume of a gas depends solely on the number of moles of its molecules. The law is commonly expressed by the formula $PV = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$. What three letters (in order) fill in the blanks, representing the number of moles, the gas constant, and the absolute temperature, respectively?

Answer: NRT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The soccer kit of what three-time Men's FIFA World Cup runner-up is closely associated with the color orange?

Answer: NETHERLANDS

Q6.: MATH - What is the binary number 1011111 when converted to Roman numerals?

Answer: XCV

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What is the common one-word name for the large and complex (and massively labor-saving) modern farming machine that incorporates the harvesting activities of reaping, threshing, and winnowing into one process?

Answer: COMBINE

Q2.: THEATRE - The first solo woman to receive a Tony award for playwriting was Wendy Wasserstein, who won the honor in 1989 for her Pulitzer-winning, multi-decade *Chronicles of* what woman (last name Holland)?

Answer: HEIDI

Q3.: AMER HIST - The indigenous peoples of North America known as the Tlingit developed as a society and culture primarily in territory that is now a part of what US state?

Answer: ALASKA

Q4.: SCIENCE - A perennial creeping plant with short spikes of purple or blue flowers of the genus Ajuga and a military signaling instrument that dates back to the 18th century share what name?

Answer: BUGLE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What American food processing company fittingly identified the 2023 Super Bowl, which featured the Kansas City Chiefs vs. the Philadelphia Eagles, as a uniquely marketable opportunity to teach consumers about Roman numerals?

Answer: HEINZ

Q6.: LITERATURE - "A landmark publication...full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief" is what its publisher, Random House Books, calls *Spare*, a memoir written by whom?

Answer: PRINCE HARRY, THE DUKE OF SUSSEX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The most notable and newsworthy event that began on November 4, 1979, and ended 444 days later on January 20, 1981, took place in what city?

Answer: TEHRAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Macaronesia, a collection of volcanic islands in the North Atlantic off the coast of northwest Africa, consists of four archipelagoes: one of which constitutes the independent nation of Cape Verde, two of which are Autonomous Regions of Portugal (the Azores and Madeira), and what fourth, which is an Autonomous Community of Spain?

Answer: CANARY ISLANDS

Q3.: TELEVISION - Mathematically speaking, actor Angus T. Jones portrayed 20% of the titular cast of what popular television sitcom?

Answer: TWO AND A HALF MEN

Q4.: SCIENCE - Iron(III) oxide, Fe₂O₃, occurs naturally as what mineral, which is typically red (hence its Greek-derived name) or reddish-brown, and is mined as a primary ore of iron (along with magnetite)?

Answer: HEMATITE

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What word, which is the title of a Best Picture Oscar winner, is also likely the best-known item that fits in a list which includes Appassionata, Waldstein, Pathétique, Pastoral, Tempest, and Cuckoo?

Answer: MOONLIGHT

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A Georgian-era village lock-up sometimes referred to as "Prince Rupert's Tower", which is located not far from the River Mersey (and very near what was once Mother Noblett's Toffee Shop), is the centerpiece of the crest for what English soccer club? The crest also features the phrase "nil satis nisi optimum" ("nothing but the best is good enough"), which somewhat belies the recent performance of the club's men's side.

Answer: EVERTON F.C.

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The letter of the Greek alphabet which, in uppercase form, looks similar to the Latin letter "A" without the horizontal line (or alternatively, an upside-down "V") has what name?

Answer: LAMBDA

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - Tom Frieden, Brenda Fitzgerald, Robert Redfield, and Rochelle Walensky are past and present directors of what US federal agency?

Answer: THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Q3.: LITERATURE - Rayuela is an experimental, stream-of-consciousness novel written by Argentine author Julio Cortázar in 1963 that invites readers to proceed through the novel in a normal linear fashion or by jumping around through its 155 chapters per the author's instructions. The name Rayuela translates to English as what game, which is the name by which the novel is known in the Anglosphere?

Answer: HOPSCOTCH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In November 2022, former heavyweight champions Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield teamed up as business partners to sell small edible cannabis sweets in the shape of what body part?

Answer: EAR

Q5.: ART - What, most notably, is located within the refectory of the Chiesa di Santa Maria delle Grazie in the heart of Milan, Italy?

Answer: THE LAST SUPPER (BY LEONARDO DA VINCI)

Q6.: SCIENCE - Considered to be a planet until 2006 (and still today by some), the dwarf planet Pluto is officially considered a KBO—an object located where, per that initialism?

Answer: KUIPER BELT

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Tysons, a census-designated place and commercial hub in Northern Virginia's Fairfax County, has been known officially by that name since the summer of 2016, after dropping what word from its previous name?

Answer: CORNER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 794 CE, the emperor of Japan moved his capital to what city, located in present-day Kyoto? The city gave its name to the period of Japanese history from 794 to 1185, which saw (among other advancements) a flourishing of Japanese poetry and literature, including Sei Shōnagon's Pillow Book and Murasaki Shikibu's The Tale of Genji.

Answer: HEIAN

Q3.: FILM - Most of the top-billed actors in the 1939 movie The Wizard of Oz played multiple roles in the film. The two exceptions were Judy Garland (Dorothy), and Billie Burke, who played what character in the movie (and no one else)?

Answer: GLINDA

Q4.: BUS/ECON - The first names of the famous entrepreneurial duo with the last names of Gates and Allen are Bill and Paul, the first names of Jobs and Wozniak are both Steve, and the first names of Procter and Gamble were William and James. What are the first names of the entrepreneurial pair with the last names Cohen and Greenfield?

Answer: BEN, JERRY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - While one could argue that Detroit was the center of American pop/soul music upon the ascent of Motown Records in the early 1960s, what other US city is well represented in the genre, particularly in the 1970s, by groups such as The Stylistics, The O'Jays, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, and MFSB?

Answer: PHILADELPHIA

Q6.: MATH - In mathematics, while $21 \div 10$ equals 2 with a remainder of 1, likewise the expression $21 \% 10$ would evaluate to 1 (because 1 is the remainder of 21 divided by 10). In this latter expression, the % symbol represents an operation known by what term, which comes from the Latin word for "a small measure"?

Answer: MODULO (MOD)

Q1.: FILM - Hangman, Phoenix, Payback, Fanboy, Rooster, Coyote, and Bob are characters in what 2022 film?

Answer: TOP GUN: MAVERICK

Q2.: SCIENCE - C₈H₁₀N₄O₂is the chemical formula for a bitter, white substance, present in numerous beverages and foods, that can act as a mild stimulant, and, in excessive doses, may cause insomnia and delirium. What is the common name of the substance?

Answer: CAFFEINE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Slalom, jump, and trick, are the three events in competitions in what sport, invented in 1922 by Ralph Samuelson in Lake City, Minnesota?

Answer: WATER SKIING

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The 15th-century voivode of pre-Romanian Wallachia named Vlad III, also known commonly as Vlad the Impaler, had what patronymic last name? It was used for an iconic character of literature, introduced in 1897, whose creation is said to have been inspired by Vlad.

Answer: DRACULA

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith are the seven principles celebrated on what holiday?

Answer: KWANZAA

Q6.: LITERATURE - American author Bonnie Garmus's bestselling and critically acclaimed 2022 debut novel presentsLessons inwhat subject (per the title), as the revenge story's pioneering heroine confronts casual and systemic misogyny as a former research scientist and host of a television cooking show?

Answer: CHEMISTRY

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the most common Italian translation of the English word "clowns" (especially as they pertain to Ruggero Leoncavallo)?

Answer: PAGLIACCI

Q2.: ART - Among the many career highlights of Danish architect Arne Jacobsen, perhaps his most timeless is a chair, commissioned by the SAS Royal Hotel Copenhagen, that had what shape, by which name the chair is still manufactured and sold today? It's not to be confused with the similar, and probably even more literal, name of a chair designed by fellow Dane Henrik Thor-Larsen.

Answer: EGG

Q3.: AMER HIST - The most enduring legacy of the American freighting company Russell, Majors, and Waddell was a subsidiary that remains famous today despite operating for just 18 months beginning in April 1860, before declaring bankruptcy. This subsidiary's service has always been best known by what name?

Answer: PONY EXPRESS

Q4.: TELEVISION - One of television's most famous portrayals of the position of medical examiner was Jack Klugman's performance as what character, on that character's eponymous NBC series from 1976 to 1983?

Answer: QUINCY

Q5.: THEATRE - In the Best Musical category at the 2022 Tony Awards, the subject (deceased since 2009) of one nominee shares a name (first and last) with the writer of the book, music, and lyrics of another nominee, the eventual winner. What are the first and last names that these two individuals share?

Answer: MICHAEL JACKSON

Q6.: SCIENCE - What colorless, odorless, gaseous, nonmetallic element, which is totally inert and has no known compounds, has the lowest boiling point of all the elements (269° below zero on the Celsius scale)?

Answer: HELIUM

Q1.: BUS/ECON - An economic cycle in which high unemployment is accompanied by a large general increase in prices (counter to the Phillips-curve concept, which asserts an inverse relationship between unemployment and the rate of increase in prices), such as what occurred in the United States at the end of the Nixon administration, is often referred to by what portmanteau, a neologism coined in 1965 by British politician Iain Macleod?

Answer: STAGFLATION

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The character King Koopa, who first appeared in a video game from 1985 as the leader of the turtle-like Koopas, is also well-known by what other name?

Answer: BOWSER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the ancient Greek hedonist (341–270 BCE) whose ethics were based on the pursuit of individual pleasure and personal satisfaction and whose name is the source of a word for a person with discriminating taste in food and wine.

Answer: EPICURUS

Q4.: LITERATURE - 1962's *The Golden Notebook*, which concerns the struggles of a writer coming to terms with her identity and attempting to overcome her mental breakdown through her writing, is a feminist classic by what celebrated British novelist?

Answer: DORIS LESSING

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the region in the eastern part of the Indian subcontinent that was divided during the partition of India? Its easternmost section became East Pakistan and its western section became (and remains today) a state in India that retains the region's original name (preceded by "West")?

Answer: BENGAL

Q6.: POP MUSIC - English guitarist Mick Jones (born 1944) is a founding member of Foreigner and English guitarist Mick Jones (born 1955) cofounded The Clash. English guitarist Brian May and drummer Roger Taylor (born 1949) are founding members of Queen. English guitarist Andy Taylor, bassist John Taylor, and drummer Roger Taylor (born 1960) were members of Duran Duran. English guitarists Brian Jones and Mick Taylor are former members of what band?

Answer: THE ROLLING STONES

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What city in southwestern Sweden is that country's second-largest city and chief seaport, as well as a commercial center for shipbuilding, food processing, chemicals, and its namesake heavy metal subgenre?

Answer: GOTHENBURG/GÖTEBORG

Q2.: SCIENCE - "Forest person" is the English translation (from Malay) of the name of what primate, which is fitting because it is both the most arboreal of all primates and the largest arboreal mammal?

Answer: ORANGUTAN

Q3.: MATH - In geometry, "explementary angles" is the term for a pair of angles that add up to 360° . What are the corresponding terms, in order, for angles that add up to 90° and 180° ?

Answer: COMPLEMENTARY, SUPPLEMENTARY

Q4.: FILM - A classic 1990s movie about a wish-granting genie with the title Shazaam never existed, and it definitely didn't star what comedian who got his start as a finalist on the show Star Search before featuring in A Different World and his own namesake sitcom, as well as numerous actual films?

Answer: SINBAD

Q5.: LITERATURE - The 1978 poetry collection The Black Unicorn and the groundbreaking memoirs Zami (1982), and The Cancer Journals (1980) are among the celebrated works of what American author, who often introduced herself at public engagements as a "Black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet"?

Answer: AUDRE LORDE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - A kingdom known as Silla existed for nearly one thousand years, much of that time as one-third of a "Three Kingdoms" period, on what peninsula?

Answer: KOREA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What two-word phrase meaning "the common people" or "the masses" is often preceded by "the", though this word is technically unnecessary because the first of the two words in the phrase is "the" in Greek?

Answer: HOI POLLOI

Q2.: ART - The stately and historic (and perhaps controversial) Pergamon Museum is located on the Museum Island within what city?

Answer: BERLIN

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In 1976, 23-year-old Provençal businessman and entrepreneur Olivier Baussan founded what luxury beauty product and fragrance retailer, whose name is a term for a woman from a certain historical region encompassing southern France, extreme northern Spain, and far northwest Italy?

Answer: L'OCCITANE (EN PROVENCE)

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Eleven of the thirteen states of Malaysia are on the Asian mainland, on the Malay Peninsula. The other two (Sabah and Sarawak) are located on what island?

Answer: BORNEO

Q5.: TELEVISION - "Any TV, any LCD, any iPhone, any iPad—something like that—if you just stare at it, it looks like a [REDACTED], and there's something cold and horrifying about that, and it was such a fitting title for the show." What television series' title has been redacted from this 2014 declaration by the show's creator, Charlie Brooker?

Answer: BLACK MIRROR

Q6.: AMER HIST - What is the name commonly applied to the settlers who illegally entered the Unassigned Lands of the Indian Territory before they were formally opened to settlement at noon on April 22, 1889?

Answer: SOONERS

Q1.: SCIENCE - October 23 (in particular the period between 6:02 am and 6:02 pm) is an unofficial holiday for chemistry devotees in commemoration of the work of what Turinese scientist born in 1776?

Answer: AMEDEO AVOGADRO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Starcourt Mall, located in Indiana's fictional Roane County above a secret Soviet lab, is a key location for parts of what television series?

Answer: STRANGER THINGS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Identify the rock 'n' roll star of song and dance (and songs about dances), born Ernest Evans in South Carolina in 1941, who was noted at a young age for his ability to imitate other acts' styles, and also for his resemblance to a teenage Fats Domino.

Answer: CHUBBY CHECKER

Q4.: LITERATURE - An international association of writing professionals—e.g., novelists, essayists, editors, playwrights, poets—was founded in London in 1921, and has the expressed goals of promoting cooperation among writers and fighting for freedom of expression and against censorship. By what three-letter name is this association customarily known?

Answer: PEN

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What word pair, now commonly used in English vernacular to refer to particular (and simplistic) opposite personality types, was introduced into the language in this usage by psychologist Carl Jung in the early 1900s?

Answer: INTROVERT/EXTROVERT

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The ancient civilizations of Kerma and Kush were located in a region along the Nile in Africa known by what name? It begins just south of the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, where the Blue and White Nile merge, and was roughly separated from ancient Egypt at the First Cataract of the Nile just south of Aswan in modern-day Egypt.

Answer: NUBIA

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The name of what sausage, typically U-shaped, often made of ground pork and beef, well seasoned, and sometimes garlic forward, comes directly from the Polish for "sausage" (and is, in fact, frequently used as a synonym for "Polish sausage")?

Answer: KIELBASA

Q2.: SCIENCE -Frontal,maxillary,ethmoid, andsphenoidare the four spaces in the human body collectively known as what?

Answer: SINUSES

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Two councils of the Christian Church, in 325 and 787—the first of which issued a statement of orthodoxy against the belief that Jesus Christ was merely an exceptional human and not divine, the second of which was called to end the ban on veneration of icons—took place in (and are named after) what city, now the town of İznik in northwestern Turkey?

Answer: NICAEA

Q4.: TELEVISION - A highly ratedColumbo-esque detective series that debuted in January 2023 and a low-rated thriller film written by, directed by, and starring Russell Crowe that was released in November 2022 both have what name?

Answer: POKER FACE

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The wordhryvniais most closely associated with—and has formal official importance in—what country, particularly since September 1996?

Answer: UKRAINE

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the narrator in the 1971 Little Golden Book titledThe Monster at the End of This Book(who is also—spoiler alert—the monster at the end of the book)?

Answer: GROVER

Q1.: THEATRE - The name of what 1972 musical, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and libretto by Bob Fosse (who also directed the Broadway debut), is a homophone of the last name of a player named in 1996 to the NBA's 50th Anniversary All-Time Team (and also the 75th Anniversary Team announced in 2021)?

Answer: PIPPIN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What last name fills in the blank in this chronological (and partial) list? Petrosian, Spassky, [BLANK], Karpov, Kasparov.

Answer: FISCHER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Hard to Swallow was the name of a heavy-metal album (and, in the view of some reviewers and listeners, an accurate description of the album) released in 1998 by what artist? He was attempting a change of direction after his extremely successful 1990 hip hop debut, To the Extreme, which remains one of the bestselling hip hop albums of all time (though it was also mostly critically derided).

Answer: VANILLA ICE

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - A nationalist political party devoted to the causes of Welsh independence and the recognition of Welsh language, culture, and economy is commonly known by a two-word name. That first word is "Plaid" (Welsh for "Party"); what is the second word?

Answer: CYMRU

Q5.: ART - A simple and rough grid of made-up objects (chent, tiv, enker, hackeb, etc.) comprises the 1978 cartoon "Little Things", which was the first piece published in The New Yorker by what cartoonist? She would go on to publish more than 800 additional cartoons in the magazine over the next 45 years (and counting)—including, in 1986, her first cover, which pictured a man in a lab coat presenting an ice cream chart.

Answer: ROZ CHAST

Q6.: TELEVISION - Gary Ewing, Karen Fairgate McKenzie, Valene Ewing Gibson Valeska, and Abby Fairgate Cunningham Ewing Sumner were among the longtime characters on an eventful drama series that ran from 1979 to 1993 and was set, in large part, on a cul-de-sac in a quiet Southern California community with what name?

Answer: KNOTS LANDING

Q1.: WORLD HIST - At the conclusion of World War II, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia emerged as a federation of six constituent republics. Which one of the six is missing from this unordered list? Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro.

Answer: SLOVENIA

Q2.: POP MUSIC - The title of the 1992 pop smash "My Lovin'", by the R&B group En Vogue, includes a parenthetical. That parenthetical is a phrase that is repeated (or partially repeated) in the song 56 times. What is that repeated phrase, which per the message of the song applies to "my lovin'" (from En Vogue's perspective)?

Answer: (YOU'RE) NEVER GONNA GET IT

Q3.: LITERATURE -The Gunslinger, The Drawing of the Three, and The Waste Lands are the first three novels in what 4300+ page epic fantasy series?

Answer: THE DARK TOWER

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The keys on older typesetting machines were arranged in columns, which were sorted by the frequency with which their constituent letters were used. The second column was h r d l u (consisting of the 7th through the 12th most frequently used letters); what six letters comprised the first column and often appeared with "shrdlu" in print due to operator error? (Note, the six letters must be in exact order.)

Answer: ETAOIN

Q5.: SCIENCE - Identify the hormone released by the pituitary gland during the final stage of pregnancy that stimulates the uterine muscles, initiating labor and maintaining contractions during childbirth. It is sometimes called the "love hormone".

Answer: OXYTOCIN

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Manzanilla, Picholine, Gordal, Ponentine, Gaeta, and Castelvetrano are varieties of what drupe?

Answer: OLIVES

Q1.: AMER HIST - From March 1995 to December 1996, the president of Greece and a senior advisor for Policy and Strategy for US President Bill Clinton had the same last name, which is what?

Answer: STEPHANOPOULOS

Q2.: FILM - Charles Laughton, Tom Hulce, Mandy Patinkin, Anthony Hopkins, and Lon Chaney are among the actors who have portrayed in movies a tragic Parisian hero with what name? (Note, the actual name is required.)

Answer: QUASIMODO

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What word in golf is often used (technically incorrectly) to refer to any golf course but specifically refers most often to a seaside course (usually in the British Isles) with firm, sandy soil?

Answer: LINKS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the small West African country whose name, upon its declaration of independence in 1973, came to include the name of the country's capital city, to distinguish the country from a larger neighbor.

Answer: GUINEA-BISSAU

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - In early January 2023, Chef René Redzepi announced that he will close his influential Michelin three-star restaurant in Copenhagen for regular service at the end of 2024. This restaurant, which is widely regarded as best restaurant in the world (and in fact topped the prestigious World's 50 Best Restaurants list a record five times), has what name—an abbreviation of the Danish words for "Nordic" and "food"?

Answer: NOMA

Q6.: ART - The famous and iconic monolithic human figures carved by the people of Rapa Nui between 350 and 950 years ago are known by a name that comes from the Rapa Nui language for "statue". What is that name?

Answer: MOAI

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Beginning around 2000 BCE, a seminomadic and warlike Central Asian people migrated into the Indian subcontinent from the northwest, and there they established the social hierarchy known as the caste system, developed Sanskrit, and composed the Vedas (which form the basis for Hinduism). By what name are these people known, a term that translates as "noble ones"?

Answer: ARYANS

Q2.: TELEVISION - Alpha Repertory Television Service, a cable TV network in the US owned by a Hearst Corporation-ABC joint venture, merged with NBC-owned The Entertainment Channel to form a basic cable network best known today by what name?

Answer: A&E

Q3.: LITERATURE - Alexander Pope's 1711An Essay on Criticism, published anonymously when Pope was 22 years old, is remembered for its literary criticism as well as its polished epigrams, which included "A little learning is a dangerous thing", "To err is human, to forgive, divine", and "Fools rush in where [REDACTED]". What four words are redacted from the last example?

Answer: ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What word, an adjective that means "ancient" or "antiquated", comes from the Latin for "before" and "flood" (referring to the biblical story of Noah's Ark)?

Answer: ANTEDILUVIAN

Q5.: FILM - A vibrant 1973 film review and invective in the Village Voicedescribes what John Waters "gilded torrent of filth" as a clash "between two families, each in the thrall of a superbitch, who opposes the other on the issue of which of them is the world's filthiest woman"? (Incidental note: the review is positive towards the film.)

Answer: PINK FLAMINGOS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The band of tissue that connects the plantaris, gastrocnemius, and soleus to the calcaneus is commonly named after whom?

Answer: ACHILLES

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - When a player wins all four major golf titles in one calendar year, it's called a Grand Slam. No man has accomplished the feat in the modern era, but "Tiger Slam" was coined when Tiger Woods held all four major championships at one time, after winning the 2001 Masters in April of that year. What corresponding term was applied to pro tennis after its namesake player won Wimbledon in 2015, thereby holding all four of tennis's major championships?

Answer: SERENA SLAM

Q2.: WORLD HIST - July 28, 1914, is considered the date on which World War I began, because that's the day on which [BLANK 1] declared war on [BLANK 2]. What two countries, in correct order, fill in the blanks in the statement—two monarchies that would not exist as such five years later?

Answer: AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, SERBIA

Q3.: LITERATURE - Name the Mississippian graduate of Tennessee State University who was born in 1954 and became a massively influential (and arguably the dominant) figure in the contemporary publishing world beginning in September 1996.

Answer: OPRAH WINFREY

Q4.: THEATRE - A 1980s ad campaign for Clairol Loving Care hair color lotion features the jingle "I'm Gonna Wash That Gray Right out of My Hair", replacing what word from the original song that featured in the 1949 musical *South Pacific*?

Answer: MAN

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What American agribusiness and food company, a farmer-owned cooperative, is headquartered in Arden Hills, Minnesota, and is in fact named in reference to its home state?

Answer: LAND O'LAKES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What R&B legend started, in 1980, his namesake Parade of Starstelethon, which raised money to support the United Negro College Fund? He hosted the telethon, later named An Evening of Stars, annually until his death in 2006, by which time the telethon had raised a reported \$250 million for the UNCF.

Answer: LOU RAWLS

Q1.: SCIENCE - The Little Dipper is an asterism comprised of the seven brightest stars of the constellation Ursa Minor. Those seven are Delta Ursae Minoris, Epsilon Ursae Minoris, Zeta Ursae Minoris, Eta Ursae Minoris, Gamma Ursae Minoris, Beta Ursae Minoris, and Alpha Ursae Minoris. The last of these is known more commonly as what?

Answer: POLARIS/NORTH STAR/POLESTAR

Q2.: TELEVISION - What word is included in the titles of television series that have run in the United States (beginning in 2002), Australia (2003), Canada (2003), India (2004), and numerous other countries, starting with the original in Great Britain (premiering in 2001)?

Answer: IDOL

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The seat of the French Senate since 1958 is a Palais built in the early 17th century that has the name of what other country?

Answer: LUXEMBOURG

Q4.: FILM - "And the [REDACTED] of Renoir's title is the notion that the upper classes somehow stand above war." The preceding is from critic Roger Ebert's 1999 review/retrospective of what 1937 film?

Answer: LA GRANDE ILLUSION (THE GRAND ILLUSION)

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - What word links the process by which the communist regime collapsed in Czechoslovakia in 1989, rock bands that formed in New York City in 1964 and California in 2002, and a young equestrienne from a novel in 1935?

Answer: VELVET

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Early-18th-century Jewish mystic Israel ben Eliezer, known as Baal Shem Tov ("Master of the Good Name"), founded what conservative and pietist movement within Judaism, which was centered in Eastern Europe until World War II and is centered now mostly in Israel and the US?

Answer: HASIDISM

Q1.: FILM - An eager (and successful) attempt to achieve the UK's prestigious Christmas number-one single is a plot point (among the many plot points) in what 2003 comedy film?

Answer: LOVE ACTUALLY

Q2.: ART - What is the French term used to describe paintings (often landscapes) done outdoors as opposed to in a studio, and, more broadly, to characterize paintings that evoke such a feeling? The term also names a principal feature of Impressionism particularly associated with Claude Monet.

Answer: (EN) PLEIN AIR

Q3.: AMER HIST - The first and middle names of the man who served as vice president of the Confederate States of America were, somewhat incongruously, the first and last name of what American founding father?

Answer: ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Italian composers Luca Marenzio, Carlo Gesualdo, and Claudio Monteverdi, and English composer William Byrd were important contributors in the late period (ca. 1580–1620) of a form of unaccompanied vocal chamber music that originated in Italy in the 14th century. This form is best known by what name, which among its many purported etymologies is the Latin for "in the mother tongue" (meaning it is sung in Italian, not Latin)?

Answer: MADRIGAL

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Fermented soybean paste is the primary ingredient in what sauce, which is normally served with the dishes moo shu pork and Peking duck (the sauce is also called Peking sauce), and is also one of the condiments (along with sriracha sauce and sometimes fish sauce) served with Vietnamese phở?

Answer: HOISIN SAUCE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - YSL Records, established in Atlanta in 2016, was founded by what rap artist, who released his solo studio debut So Much Fun on the label in 2019, featuring the hit songs "Hot" (featuring Gunna) and "The London" (featuring J. Cole and Travis Scott)?

Answer: YOUNG THUG

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1958, Syria and Egypt formed a union that lasted until 1961 and an army coup in Syria. What was the name of that union and sovereign state (Egypt retained the name as its sole member until 1971)?

Answer: UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (U.A.R.)

Q2.: TELEVISION - *Trainwreck* is the title of a three-part Netflix docuseries from 2022 that depicts the unruliness and violent chaos that occurred at a music festival that was also the subject—and the primary title—of a separate HBO documentary subtitled *Peace, Love, and Rage*. What was the name of that festival (and the HBO documentary)?

Answer: WOODSTOCK 99

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What word, defined generally as an aristocrat or person of high birth, dates from the Roman Republic and the ruling members of the Senate, who controlled all aspects of government and society?

Answer: PATRICIAN

Q4.: LITERATURE - The literary character Jean Louise Finch, who is first introduced in a novel published in 1960, is better known by what nickname?

Answer: SCOUT

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the US state capital cities named after US presidents, which one is located the farthest west?

Answer: LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Q6.: SCIENCE - Italian physicist Evangelista Torricelli proposed an experiment demonstrating that atmospheric pressure determines the height to which a fluid will rise in a tube when it's inverted over a saucer of the same liquid. This notion led directly to the development of what scientific measuring instrument (with which Torricelli is associated today)?

Answer: BAROMETER

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What rhyming term, similar in purpose to hockey's penalty box, is defined in the World Rugby Laws of Rugby Union as "the designated place outside the playing area within which a temporarily suspended player must remain"?

Answer: SIN BIN

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What verb, meaning to soften by steeping in a liquid (from Latin for "to soften"), is often used in a culinary context when fruit is softened by steeping it in spirits or syrup (or sugar, which combines with the moisture from the fruit to create a syrup)?

Answer: MACERATE

Q3.: FILM - The 1993 film Heaven & Earth, which starred Tommy Lee Jones, Joan Chen, Haing S. Ngor, and Hiep Thi Le, was its director's third (and by far least successful) in a thematic series that began in 1986, with the second in 1989. Name either of the previous two films in this set of three.

Answer: PLATOON, BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The last 12 symphonies of Joseph Haydn are collectively named after what city, which is also the name of Vaughan Williams's second symphony? Sir Simon Rattle is the music director of this city's Symphony Orchestra, and Edward Gardner is the principal conductor of its Philharmonic Orchestra.

Answer: LONDON

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The Grumman Aerospace Corporation, founded in 1929 as Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, existed as an independent entity until 1994, when it merged with what other aircraft manufacturer?

Answer: NORTHROP CORPORATION

Q6.: ART - What style of architecture and art, which succeeded Romanesque and flourished in Northern Europe from the mid-12th to 16th centuries, was condemned by many Italian Renaissance artists as barbaric?

Answer: GOTHIC

Q1.: LITERATURE - Lasciate ogni Speranza, voi ch'intrate, often translated as "abandon all hope, ye who enter here", a phrase that has entered the common dialect, famously originated as an inscription on a gate in what work of literature?

Answer: INFERNO/THE DIVINE COMEDY

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The share index known informally as the "Footsie" is operated and maintained by an entity that originated as a joint venture between the London Stock Exchange and what newspaper?

Answer: FINANCIAL TIMES

Q3.: SCIENCE - Some of the vitamins in the vitamin B complex also have names by which they are widely known, including B9(folate), B7(biotin), B3(niacin), B2(riboflavin), and B1, which has what name?

Answer: THIAMINE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Enver Pasha was the leader of a coalition of nationalist, antigovernment groups that took control of the Ottoman Empire in the early 1900s, adopting liberal democratic reforms but not stopping the rapid reduction in Ottoman territory and influence. This coalition—which actually included individuals of various ages and ethnicities—is nonetheless known best by what name?

Answer: YOUNG TURKS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The islands of the Caribbean known in English as the Windward Islands (e.g., Martinique, Saint Vincent, Saint Lucia) are so named due to their exposure to the northeast trade winds of the Atlantic. What is the corresponding name given to the islands (e.g., Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat) that are away from the winds and less exposed to the northeasterlies?

Answer: LEeward ISLANDS

Q6.: TELEVISION - An odd TV sitcom from the mid-1960s starred Jerry Van Dyke as a small-town lawyer and Ann Sothern as the voice of his mother, who had been reincarnated in what form (per the show's title)?

Answer: CAR

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - "Hot spices" is an English translation of the name for what combination of aromatic spices used in Indian cooking, which may include cumin seeds, coriander seeds, cardamom pods, peppercorns, cinnamon, and cloves?
Answer: GARAM MASALA

Q2.: LITERATURE -Peel My Love like an Onion,Humboldt's Gift,The Time Traveler's Wife,Sister Carrie,Native Son,The Man with the Golden Arm, andThe Jungleare all works of literature set in what city?

Answer: CHICAGO

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In October 2021, a US Senate commerce subcommittee heard testimony from Frances Haugen, who had leaked thousands of internal documents to the Wall Street Journal and Congress and revealed her identity on CBS's 60 Minutes two days prior to her testimony. Haugen was a former product manager for what company, whose parent company rebranded later in that month?

Answer: FACEBOOK/META

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - In 1917, three children reported apparitions of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a city in Central Portugal that itself shares a name with the daughter of the prophet Muhammad. What is that name, which is now (due to these apparitions) a Catholic title for Mary ("Our Lady of ____")?

Answer: FATIMA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - While it has been referred to by many exotic names throughout history by its neighbors, including "Hidden Holy Land", "Lotus Garden of the Gods", and "The Southern Valley of Medicinal Herbs", what country has for centuries been known natively as Druk Yul ("The Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon")?

Answer: BHUTAN

Q6.: THEATRE - Identify the town in the district of Cornwall, in Southwest England, that was popular in the 1880s as a tranquil resort destination, contrary to its contemporaneous (and contemporary) association with comic piracy.

Answer: PENZANCE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - "How many years must a mountain exist before it is washed to the sea?" and "How many times must a man look up before he can see the sky?" are among the questions to which the answer—per the lyrics (and title) of a 1963 folk song—is what?

Answer: BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Q2.: SCIENCE - Garden flowers of the *Dianthus* genus, most of which are native to the Mediterranean region, are typically what color? In fact, this color is the flower's common name, and the flower is the source for the usage of this word as a color.

Answer: PINK

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - According to the population and housing census of 2020, there are four cities in South Korea with populations greater than 2 million. One is the capital city of Seoul; name any one of the other three.

Answer: BUSAN, INCHEON, DAEGU

Q4.: ART - A 2014 film directed by Tim Burton tells the true story of the artist Margaret Keane (played by Amy Adams) and her untalented husband, Walter (Christoph Waltz), who took credit for her work until his death in 2000. Margaret's work is famous for the accentuation of its subjects' what? (This accentuation is referenced in both the title of the film and in the name of the San Francisco gallery that holds the largest collection of her work.)

Answer: EYES

Q5.: LITERATURE - *Kilkenny*, *The Burning Hills*, *Guns of the Timberlands*, and *How the West Was Won* are among the 100 books that cumulatively sold over 200 million copies written by what prolific author, whose French-sounding name (a slight modification of his real name) belied the American-frontier themes of his works?

Answer: LOUIS L'AMOUR

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Specially shaped "dice" and the specific way these dice-esque objects land (which determines how points in the game are scored) are the peculiar trademarks of a game that was released in 1977. These dice are molded in the shape of what animal, which gives this game its name?

Answer: PIGS

Q1.: LITERATURE - Texas-born novelist Patricia Highsmith's debut novel, *Strangers on a Train*, was published in 1950 and adapted to film by Alfred Hitchcock the next year, but she's likely even better remembered for her series of novels that feature what antiheroic, amoral psychopath?

Answer: TOM RIPLEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The inconclusive First Northern War of 1655-1660 saw a coalition of Russia, Denmark, Brandenburg, and Austria unite against what military power, which reached its zenith by 1660, before ceding Baltic dominance to Russia at the end of the Great Northern War in 1721?

Answer: SWEDEN

Q3.: FILM - The entertainment pioneer born Luther Robinson in Richmond, Virginia, in (or around) 1878 adopted his brother's first name at a young age and was also closely associated with what nickname, which endures to this day?

Answer: BOJANGLES

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Hot Pursuit, High Stakes, Porsche Unleashed, Underground, Most Wanted, Payback, and Unbound are subtitles or partial titles of installments from what racing video game franchise, whose initial namesake debut installment was released for the 3DO console in 1994 and MS-DOS in 1995? The title evokes a famous line from 1986's *Top Gun*.

Answer: NEED FOR SPEED

Q5.: MATH - The first four numbers that are equal to the sum of their positive divisors (excluding the number itself) are 6, 28, 496, and 8128 (e.g., the divisors of 6 are 1, 2, and 3; $1+2+3=6$). Numbers with this property, which was first defined in Euclid's *Elements*, are known as what type of numbers?

Answer: PERFECT NUMBERS

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The \$100 bill is one of only two currently issued US bills that does not feature a president of the United States (it features Benjamin Franklin, and the \$10 bill features Alexander Hamilton), and the \$100 is the only denomination printed today that features, on its reverse side, the exterior of a building outside of Washington, DC. What is the name of that building?

Answer: INDEPENDENCE HALL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - With a population of over 100,000, what city within the metropolitan area of Houston, Texas, is the most populous of a particular set of US cities that includes Sugartown, Louisiana; Sugar City, Colorado; and Sugar Grove, Arkansas?

Answer: SUGAR LAND

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What was the "ordinary" (and technically inaccurate) name of the English rock band popular in the 1980s—until and after their acrimonious 1987 break up—whose members' first names were Johnny, Andy, Mike, and Steven (though no one was allowed to call him Steven, and no one refers to him by that name, or any first name, today)?

Answer: THE SMITHS

Q3.: SCIENCE - What was the last name of the Paris-born German engineer whose name lives on today due to his construction of a "rational heat motor" in 1897, which demonstrated the first compression-ignition engine?

Answer: (RUDOLF) DIESEL

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the biblical character, presented in Genesis as the nephew of Abraham, who is remembered in association with his wife (unnamed in the Bible), who herself became a pillar of salt.

Answer: LOT/LUT

Q5.: TELEVISION - Three Crystal Gems—Garnet, Amethyst, and Pearl—live in an ancient temple in the town of Beach City with a quirky, young, half-human, half-Gem boy, as they protect Earth and help the boy learn to control his own powers on what animated TV series?

Answer: STEVEN UNIVERSE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The slalom, giant slalom, and downhill are among the events in skiing categorized as Alpine skiing. Cross-country races and ski-jumping events, conversely, are typically categorized by what other term?

Answer: NORDIC SKIING

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The large (541,000-square-mile) peninsula known in the Inuktitut language as Nunatsiavut gives its more common name to what popular British dog breed?
Answer: LABRADOR (RETRIEVER)

Q2.: FILM - The Latin phrase *orbis non sufficit* appears on the crest of the arms of the family of what fictional character of literature and film?
Answer: JAMES BOND

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the common term for the numerical measure of the concentration (or "potential") of hydrogen ions (i.e., protons) in a substance, devised by Danish biochemist Søren P. L. Sørensen in 1909?
Answer: pH

Q4.: AMER HIST - While Willis Ward was the team's leading scorer and a second-team All-American, what other player, a center, was voted the Most Valuable Player for the (woeful) 1934 University of Michigan Wolverines football team? He would go on to win other elections in his lifetime, though he acceded to his most prestigious role via other means.

Answer: GERALD R. FORD (LESLIE LYNCH KING, JR.)

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - An estimated 10,000 tons of garbage, with some piles nearly seven feet high, were strewn about the streets of what city by late March 2023, after a strike by the city's sanitation workers that began on the sixth of that month?

Answer: PARIS

Q6.: TELEVISION - The central family of the *Rugrats* TV and film series (which includes Tommy, Angelica, Dil, Stu, Didi, et al.) has what uncommon, food-related last name?

Answer: PICKLES

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Spanish is one of the official languages of Bilbao, a port city on the Bay of Biscay. What is the other, which is not related to Spanish (or any other European language)?

Answer: BASQUE/EUSKARA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Within the four largest North American professional sports leagues (the NFL, MLB, the NBA, and the NHL), which is the only team that is named after a literary talking bird? (Both the team's location and its name are required.)

Answer: BALTIMORE RAVENS

Q3.: SCIENCE - The particles that carry cholesterol through the human bloodstream to the cells are known most commonly by what name? They are divided into two main groups—"high density" (HDL) and "low density" (LDL).

Answer: LIPOPROTEINS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Russiansmetana(a typical ingredient of beef Stroganoff) and Polishśmietana(commonly served as a salad dressing or with pierogi) are most closely equivalent to a food known in English by what name?

Answer: SOUR CREAM

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Franco-Prussian war of 1870–71 was provoked by a telegram (and Otto von Bismarck's alteration thereof) that was sent by the Prussian king Wilhelm. What is the three-letter name of this telegram, based on the Prussian spa town from which the king sent Bismarck the "Dispatch"?

Answer: EMS

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What hard-rock band did the musicians born Chaim Witz, Stanley Eisen, and Peter Criscola form in New York in 1972, before adding a guitarist later that year to complete the group's original (and most iconic) lineup?

Answer: KISS

Q1.: ART - The building known officially as the Cathedral of the Intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos on the Moat (Собор Покрова Пресвятой Богородицы, что на Рву), built in the mid-16th century with a design credited officially to the architects Ivan Barma and Postnik Yakovlev, is most commonly named after what individual?

Answer: SAINT BASIL/VASILY

Q2.: SCIENCE - Light bluish/purplish flowers are a distinctive trait of a perennial that grows to a height of around one meter and is native to Southeast Europe and Western Asia. What is this plant, which is probably best known for its roots, cultivated for use in folk medicine and as a confectionery ingredient (of widely debated appeal)?

Answer: LICORICE

Q3.: FILM - The episodic plot of 1985's Pee-wee's Big Adventure is driven by Pee-wee's quest to find an object stolen at the beginning of the film. What is that object?

Answer: BICYCLE

Q4.: THEATRE - Gay Divorce (1932), Anything Goes (1934), Kiss Me Kate (1948), and Can-Can (1953) are among the musicals by what legendary American composer of comedies and popular songs?

Answer: COLE PORTER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What two liquors form the name of a card game, popular in the United States, in which players are dealt seven cards with the objective of forming them into hands that are laid face up?

Answer: GIN, RUM (RUMMY)

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Fill in the blank in this ordered list of US Army ranks and their insignia: general of the Army (five silver stars), general (four silver stars), lieutenant general (three silver stars), major general (two silver stars), [BLANK] (one silver star), colonel (silver eagle), lieutenant colonel (silver oak leaf).

Answer: BRIGADIER GENERAL

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - On a modern guitar, what is the name of the device (often made of rosewood or ebony) whose primary purpose is to hold the saddle and strings in place and transfer string energy to the top of the guitar?

Answer: BRIDGE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A brief, five-section, approximately 150-word legislative act, signed into law on December 21, 1948, and enacted on April 18, 1949, begins as follows, with what word missing? "An act to repeal the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936, to declare that the description of the State shall be the Republic of [BLANK]."

Answer: IRELAND

Q3.: LITERATURE - The first National Book Award for fiction was won by novelist Nelson Algren for his 1949 book, which told the story (per its title) of a man with what extraordinary limb?

Answer: GOLDEN ARM

Q4.: MATH - The mathematical unit defined as the square root of -1 is customarily known by what descriptor? The first letter of this descriptor is the symbol for the unit (except in a few other fields such as electrical engineering, which usej). Note, the question asks for the descriptor, not its first letter.

Answer: IMAGINARY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Despite the fact that over 40% of its land is forest (mostly in its southeast part), which US state is the country's most densely populated (at over 1,200 people per square mile), and its eleventh most populous overall?

Answer: NEW JERSEY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The 1986 song "Something about You" was the biggest hit in the United States for what band? The band formed in London in 1979 and took its name from Douglas Adams's *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (specifically, from the novel's "Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, and Everything").

Answer: LEVEL 42

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - The second-largest bank failure in history (at the time but since surpassed) and the largest since the 2008 financial crisis occurred in March 2023 affecting a bank located in, and named after, what geographical region?
Answer: SILICON VALLEY

Q2.: SCIENCE - New-world and old-world monkeys are distinguished and classified by the form of what part of the body, which is "flat" on new-world monkeys and "downward" on old-world monkeys?

Answer: NOSE

Q3.: TELEVISION - What is the common name of the device (the name originally a tradename owned by its namesake corporation but now genericized) which is sometimes known as an "autocue" (after Autocue, a UK-based manufacturer of the devices)?
Answer: TELEPROMPTER

Q4.: LITERATURE - Thomas Gray, Thomas Parnell, Robert Blair, and Edward Young are often referred to as the [REDACTED] Poets, as their poems are frequently set in that location, with moods ranging from mournful reflection to profound doom. What word is redacted?

Answer: GRAVEYARD/CHURCHYARD

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Identify the city, regarded by some scholars as the historical nucleus of Russia, which was the center of the Rurik dynasty until the 13th century, was the capital of the Varangian-Russian principality, and is sometimes known as "the mother of Russian cities" (a potentially controversial assertion, given the city's location).

Answer: KYIV

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The player who won the MLB's league-wide Cy Young Award on three different occasions in the 1960s goes by the same first name as the winner of the 2022 National League Cy Young Award. What is that first name?

Answer: SANDY

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The first modern English use of what French word dates to a mid-18th century collection of letters written by a British earl and diplomat to his son on the importance of social manners? The word is often associated with Emily Post, as it was the subject of her life's work and the title of her best-selling book (which had ten editions during her lifetime and many more afterward).

Answer: ETIQUETTE

Q2.: LITERATURE - The man often credited with founding the first magazine exclusively for science fiction (which he called "scientifiction") had the last name Gernsback. Today, in the genre, particularly with respect to laurels, his first name is likely more widely known. What is that first name?

Answer: HUGO

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Among the earliest European universities were those in Paris (c. 1150), Oxford (c. 1100), Cambridge (1209), Prague (1348), Vienna (1365), and Heidelberg (1386), all of which were predicated by the university established in 1088 in what Italian city?

Answer: BOLOGNA

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Bolerium is the ancient name for a granite head at the western extremity of England, in Cornwall, that is known today by a name that is also used by a clothing retailer (with a misplaced punctuation mark). What is that name?

Answer: LAND'S END

Q5.: SCIENCE - Geophagia (the consumption of soil) is a form of a general eating disorder—the consumption of nonfood items—that is known by what word? It comes from a Latin term for magpies that refers to their reputed habit of eating assorted things that are not food.

Answer: PICA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The John Wooden Awards (for the most outstanding players in women's and men's college basketball) were given in 2023 to players on teams in the Big Ten Conference. Identify both of these two teams.

Answer: IOWA HAWKEYES, PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The simplest and most common pastry—made in a quick process using flour, fat (e.g., butter), water, and salt and sometimes known as "medium flake pastry" or simply "pie dough"—has a name derived from a word once used to describe foods that are crumbly. What is that name?

Answer: SHORTCRUST

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Dua Lipa's 2018 hit single "Electricity" was released by the artist as a collaboration with a musical duo who are highly successful DJs and producers in their own right. Identify either of these two producers or the name they use for this duo.

Answer: DIPLO, MARK RONSON / SILK CITY

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What was the name of the arcade video game published in 1980 (or its 1982 sequel) in which players shoot at segments of a flattened, wormlike arthropod of the class Chilopoda (Diplopoda in the sequel) that winds down the playing screen?

Answer: CENTIPEDE/MILLIPEDE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The island group known as the Caicos Islands forms a British Overseas Territory with what other island group?

Answer: TURKS ISLANDS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What is the Spanish word used for a group of political or military leaders who form an administrative council (often after a coup or revolution), such as the one headed by the Argentinian general Galtieri in the 1980s, the one that followed the Chilean president Salvador Allende's overthrow in 1973, and the one led by the future Salvadoran president José Napoleón Duarte until 1982?

Answer: JUNTA

Q6.: SCIENCE - What word, coined in English in 1949, identified the novel area of applied science where the characteristics of human anatomy and physiology met with engineering and physics, with reference to tools, machines, and equipment humans use?

Answer: ERGONOMICS

Q1.: ART - Italian engineer Pier Luigi Nervi's Palazzetto dello Sport, built in Rome for the 1960 Olympics, has been cited as an inspiration for what somewhat similar (but much larger) iconic building in the United States that was completed in 1965 and still stands today, though it is now mostly unused?

Answer: ASTRODOME

Q2.: LITERATURE - Journalist, editor, and sportswriter George Plimpton is widely known for his journalistic exploits (QB for the Detroit Lions, Playboy-centerfold photographer, etc.), and for his best-selling books (*Out of My League*, *Paper Lion*, *The Bogey Man*, etc.), but in literary circles he is perhaps most highly regarded for cofounding a showcase for literary fiction and poetry—a Review—established in 1953 in what city?

Answer: PARIS

Q3.: FILM - Provide the full title or the subtitle of the 1982 film whose titular character was portrayed richly by Mexican actor Ricardo Montalbán.

Answer: STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Come as You Are is the title of a 1993 biography, written by music journalist and Rolling Stone contributing editor Michael Azerrad, about what band?

Answer: NIRVANA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify the river that runs in a giant arc for more than 1,700 miles beginning in the Guiana Highlands and discharges from an easterly flow into the Atlantic Ocean not far from the island of Trinidad.

Answer: ORINOCO

Q6.: AMER HIST - Name any one of the US states that were formally admitted to the union in the 20th century and are neither Alaska nor Hawaii.

Answer: OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the term used in tennis for when the ball is returned over the net before it bounces? The word is used in the name of another sport in which this action is a primary function of gameplay.

Answer: VOLLEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, often referred to as Mujib, served as prime minister (1972–75) and president (1971–72, 1975) of what country, whose constitution's fifteenth amendment formally acknowledged Mujib in 2011 as "Father of the Nation"?

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q3.: SCIENCE - What word, from the Latin for "juice", is used for any of various plants that have fleshy leaves or stems for storing water?

Answer: SUCCULENT

Q4.: THEATRE - Identify the playwright who starred as "Eddie" in the Robert Altman-directed 1985 film adaptation of the playwright's bleak and claustrophobic 1983 play *Fool for Love*.

Answer: SAM SHEPARD

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A goat's horn filled with fruit and flowers, denoting wealth and abundance, is a decorative motif from Greek antiquity known by what word?

Answer: CORNUCOPIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What band recorded the 1979 song "Don't Stop Me Now", one of only two songs released in the 1970s that is among Spotify's 100 most-streamed songs of all time? Incidentally, a 1975 epic from this band is the other 1970s song on the list.

Answer: QUEEN

Q1.: LITERATURE - In 1836, a Unitarian discussion group in Boston gave its name to what philosophical and literary movement, which was prominent in that part of the country from that time until the dawn of the Civil War?

Answer: TRANSCENDENTALISM

Q2.: SCIENCE - The colorless, corrosive liquid known as formic acid gets that name from the Latin for what highly social and ubiquitous animal, some species of which secrete the acid as a defense?

Answer: ANT

Q3.: FILM - Mike Damone (played by Patrick Dempsey), Mark Ratner (Wally Ward, now known as Wallace Langham), Stacey Hamilton (Courtney Thorne-Smith), and Jeff Spicoli (Dean Cameron) were students at what high school in a CBS sitcom broadcast in March and April 1986?

Answer: RIDGEMONT HIGH

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name the country music legend, a member of the so-called Outlaws coterie in the mid-1970s and the supergroup The Highwaymen in the mid-1980s, who began his career as a member of Buddy Holly's post-Crickets band and later became an outspoken advocate of high school education and antidrug initiatives (having overcome addiction himself), before his death in 2002.

Answer: WAYLON JENNINGS

Q5.: AMER HIST - What is the name of the fully developed urban center that existed in present-day Western Illinois in the 12th century CE and was built around a central mound that reached a height of over 100 feet?`

Answer: CAHOKIA

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A sudden migration of tens of thousands of individuals (mostly men) to Northwestern Canada in the late 19th century is the source (or at least one possible source) of the name of a popular solo card game. What is that name?

Answer: KLONDIKE

Q1.: MATH - What is the word, taken from Greek, that can be defined in a geometric sense as a polyhedron formed by connecting the corners of any polygon (regular or otherwise) to a single point on a different plane (that is, to its "apex")?
Answer: PYRAMID

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the fruit, a hybrid between a mandarin and a sweet orange, that is named after a French missionary (last name Rodier) in whose Northern Algerian garden the hybrid originated in the late 19th century.

Answer: CLEMENTINE

Q3.: LITERATURE - *Kinder- und Hausmärchen* was published in two volumes from 1812 to 1815 as a collection of works assembled by whom?

Answer: BROTHERS GRIMM

Q4.: ART - What is the two-word Latin term of art that essentially conveys the message "don't forget, you're going to die" and refers to symbols of mortality (e.g., a skull, flowers, candle, hourglass) that are especially prevalent in still lifes?

Answer: MEMENTO MORI

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The Mini was famously designed by Sir Alec Issigonis in 1959, and Harley Earl was the father of the Corvette. To what German automotive icon (and automotive namesake in his own right) has the design of Volkswagen Beetle in 1937 been credited?

Answer: FERDINAND PORSCHE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Zürich, Bern, Luzern, Schaffhausen, Appenzell Innerrhoden, and Neuchâtel are among the 26 federated states of Switzerland known as what?

Answer: CANTONS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What East African seaport was settled by the Arabs in the eighth century, was visited by Vasco da Gama in 1498 and sacked by the Portuguese in 1500, was captured by the Sultanate of Oman in 1698, was passed to the control of Zanzibar in 1837, was brought within Britain's East African Protectorate around 1890, and is today Kenya's second-largest city and principal port?

Answer: MOMBASA

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Per the FCC, the lowest frequency for an FM broadcast radio station in the United States is 88.1 MHz (such as Baltimore's 88.1 WYPR). As all FM radio frequencies in the US end in an odd decimal, what is the number of the highest possible frequency (used, for example, by "Philly's Classic R&B" WPPZ)?

Answer: 107.9

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The poor performance of the Mexican economy and ascension of a democratic movement under Francisco Madero were factors in the forced resignation and exile in 1911 of what president of Mexico, who led a military coup in 1876 and whose second term ran from 1884 until his resignation?

Answer: PORFIRIO DÍAZ

Q4.: SCIENCE - What term, derived from the Greek for "solid" and "impression", originally referred to a method of duplicate printing, but was given its current (and often pejorative) meaning in social psychology by Walter Lippmann's 1922 book *Public Opinion*?

Answer: STEREOTYPE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name of the cake, similar in concept to a French tart, Tatine or Brazilian bolo de ananás, whose popularity is widely attributed to a 1925 recipe contest held by a fruit producer and distributor founded by James Dole?

Answer: PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In the hierarchy of the nine types of winning hands in 52-card poker games, with "high card" at the bottom and "straight flush" at the top ("royal flush" being the optimal straight flush), what hand is third from the bottom (i.e., the third-weakest)?

Answer: TWO PAIRS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What round, grapelike fruit, which is not as readily available in the United States as it is in Europe (likely an effect of a federal ban implemented in early 1900s), is famous for its use in its namesake pie, but (despite its name) is unrelated to any species of the avian Anatidae family?

Answer: GOOSEBERRY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What name is missing from the following chronological list? Joe Fulks (1946-52), George Mikan (1952-57), Dolph Schayes (1957-64), Bob Pettit (1964-66), [BLANK] (1966-84), Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1984-2023), LeBron James (2023-).

Answer: WILT CHAMBERLAIN

Q3.: ART - A room at the end of the Louvre's Grande Galerie was, beginning in 1725, the site of public exhibitions of works by members of the Académie royale de peinture et de sculpture, and the room's name has become the source of a general term for an art show. What is that term?

Answer: SALON

Q4.: FILM - The 1990 film *Henry & June*, which starred Fred Ward and Uma Thurman as Henry and June Miller and Maria de Medeiros as Anaïs Nin, was the first film with what distinction (most notably)?

Answer: RATED NC-17

Q5.: THEATRE - Give the stage name of the entertainer and writer whose show-business career, along with her sister's, started in vaudeville at age four before—among other appearances and reveals—she starred in films (first credited under her real name, Louise Hovick) and wrote two mysteries as well as an autobiography that was the basis of a successful musical.

Answer: GYPSY ROSE LEE

Q6.: AMER HIST - In February 1862, US Army Brigadier General Ulysses Grant earned what nickname, a play on his first two initials and a reference to the terms under which he accepted the Confederacy's capitulation of Fort Donelson in Tennessee that month?

Answer: UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the administrative division, essentially an equivalent to the United States' District of Columbia, that was created in 1911 from the Limestone Plains region of New South Wales?

Answer: AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the common name of Antonín Dvořák's ninth symphony, composed in 1893 during his residence in the United States (and thusly influenced, and thusly named)?

Answer: NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

Q3.: SCIENCE - What was the last name of the German-born British physiologist who won the 1953 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his work on the cyclical nature of metabolic processes?

Answer: (HANS) KREBS

Q4.: LITERATURE - A Wind in the Door(1973), A Swiftly Tilting Planet(1978), and Many Waters(1986) continue the story first told by author Madeleine L'Engle in what 1962 novel?

Answer: A WRINKLE IN TIME

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The imperial period of ancient Roman history began when Octavian became emperor (as Augustus) and ended when Romulus Augustus was deposed by the German king Odoacer. Given these boundaries, for how many years did the Roman Empire exist, rounded to the nearest 100 years (i.e., the correct answer will end in two zeroes)?

Answer: 500

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Camanis the Gaelic word for a broad-bladed, curved stick that is the primary implement of a stick-and-ball game that has been played for over 3,000 years. What is the name of this sport, or the more commonly used name for the stick used in it?

Answer: HURLING/CAMOGIE/SHINTY, HURLEY

Q1.: AMER HIST - The International Civil Rights Center and Museum, in Greensboro, North Carolina, occupies the former site of what store, where four African American students staged a sit-in at the store's lunch counter and refused to leave after being denied service in 1960?

Answer: WOOLWORTH'S

Q2.: SCIENCE - Acoulter(orskeith) cuts a vertical slice, and asharemakes a horizontal cut underneath; the slice is then turned by themoldboardwhile lateral accuracy and stability are maintained by thelandside. This describes the operation of the "moldboard" or "bottom" type of what mechanical implement?

Answer: PLOW

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Tishri, Muharram, and Chaitra are the first names on certain Jewish, Islamic, and Hindu lists, respectively. What is normally the first name on the corresponding list adopted by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582?

Answer: JANUARY

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A romantic comedy film from the 1950s refers to a condition that could be categorized as septennial pruritus. By what other word is pruritus better known in this context (and most others as well)?

Answer: ITCH

Q5.: FILM - English brothers Richard, an Oscar-winning director; David, a BBC broadcaster and natural historian; and John, a motor industry executive, all share what last name?

Answer: ATTENBOROUGH

Q6.: TELEVISION - Entrepreneurs and HGTV stars Chip and Joanna Gaines purchased and refurbished a marketplace in their hometown of Waco, Texas, with what name, which the Gaineses now use as branding for their various business ventures (including their kitchen and home décor lines and their own cable television network)?

Answer: MAGNOLIA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Name the American "public opinion expert" and professor who founded the American Institute of Public Opinion in 1935, ultimately linking his last name inextricably with public polling in the United States.

Answer: GEORGE GALLUP

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Companies and entities that offer securities for sale to the public must file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a formal document that legally discloses details about the investment offering, thereby allowing investors to make an informed decision about their potential investment. This document, often part of a larger "registration statement", is known by what one-word name?

Answer: PROSPECTUS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the headquarters of Greater London's Metropolitan Police, on the Victoria Embankment in Westminster, taken from its original location at the police force's founding in 1829?

Answer: (NEW) SCOTLAND YARD

Q4.: LITERATURE - "I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked" is the first line of what 1956 poem by Allen Ginsberg that is widely considered the quintessential expression of the 1950s Beat movement?

Answer: HOWL

Q5.: POP MUSIC - "Are Jennie and V Dating?" This (edited) headline comes from a 2023 article on the website of Cosmopolitan magazine about members of what two musical groups?

Answer: BLACKPINK, BTS

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Shatt al-Arab empties into the Persian Gulf at the end of its 120 miles, having formed in the Iraqi town of Al-Qurnah at the confluence of what other two rivers?

Answer: TIGRIS, EUPHRATES

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In the 1810s, some English workers and craftsmen who had been impacted by the advanced mechanization of the Industrial Revolution expressed their resentment by attacking the machinery and factories that had cost them their livelihoods. They became known by what name, after a legendary character who had smashed two knitting frames in a "fit of passion" (a name that today refers to individuals with similar antitechnology attitudes)?

Answer: LUDDITES

Q2.: TELEVISION - The musical instrument known in some circles as a tam-tam is also widely known by what other name, which was used in the title of a television show that featured the instrument prominently and first aired in 1976?

Answer: GONG

Q3.: SCIENCE - An incomplete flower is defined as a flower lacking in one or more of the structures that constitute a complete flower. Those structures are the sepals, petals, stamen, and what fourth (which itself comprises the stigma, style, and ovary)?

Answer: PISTIL/CARPEL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A figure skater approaches in a long curve, launches from the left back outside edge with assistance from the right toe, and turns counterclockwise before landing on the outside back edge of the right foot. This skater has just performed what maneuver, one of the few jumps that takes off counter to the natural rotation of the edge?

Answer: LUTZ

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Introductory courses in marketing often present a "marketing mix" composed of the "Four P's". Three of the four are place, price, and promotion—traditionally, and most often, what is the fourth (which is usually listed first)?

Answer: PRODUCT

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What French word is the basic equivalent of the German Ziegenkäse and the Italian caprino? Some examples categorized by this word include Bucheron, Chabis, Chavroux, Valençay, and Montrachet.

Answer: CHÈVRE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the Spanish fascist party created in 1933 by José Antonio Primo de Rivera, which Francisco Franco merged in 1937 with various nationalist parties to create the National Movement?

Answer: FALANGE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The fuel injection system that controls and precisely times the air-fuel mixture in engines of most internal combustion vehicles of today has mostly replaced what other device, which also controlled the air/fuel mixture but did so less efficiently?

Answer: CARBURETOR

Q3.: ART - The New York Times fashion photographer known for his candid and colorful street photography (and blue French work jacket) and the pioneering and prolific 20th-century photographer who was a member of the modernist collective Group f/64 (and whose given name comes from the king's daughter and heroine in Shakespeare's Cymbeline) both had what last name?

Answer: CUNNINGHAM

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Identify the two companies that together enjoy greater than 40% of the global market share for smartphones, trading places in the #1 and #2 spots with each other regularly since 2013 (when Nokia dropped to #3).

Answer: APPLE, SAMSUNG

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The country of Spain devotes more acreage to wine grapes than any other country. The most planted wine grape in Spain—and the main grape used in Rioja—is a variety with what name, a diminutive form of the word for "early" (in essence, "very early", a reference to the timing of its ripening during the growing season)?

Answer: TEMPRANILLO

Q6.: FILM - In a 1932 film, Boris Karloff played Imhotep; in 1959, Christopher Lee was Kharis; in a 1999 film, Arnold Vosloo reprised Imhotep; in 2017, Sofia Boutella played Ahmanet. What were these four characters, per the titles of the respective films?

Answer: MUMMIES

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Edible seaweeds of the genus *Porphyra* (and others of the genus *Pyropia*) are known in some parts of the world as *laver*, and in others as *sloke*, but in the United States they are referred to commonly by what Japanese name?
Answer: NORI

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What two-word phrase completes the title of the following classic hip-hop album, and is also the name of the artist who recorded this breakthrough album in 1988? Life Is ... _____
Answer: TOO \$HORT

Q3.: TELEVISION - George Feeny, Richard Katimski, Will Schuester, Lydia Grant, Chuck Noblet, and Carrie Bliss are names of fictional television characters who held what occupation?
Answer: TEACHER

Q4.: ART - What French word for "raw" or "unrefined" did French painter Jean Dubuffet pair with "art" to coin a term for a genre of art created by people without formal art training, in particular prisoners, individuals with mental illness, and those on the fringes of society in general?
Answer: BRUT

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What word is shared in the names of the largest known accumulation of coral on Earth; the basin in the Western United States between the Sierra Nevadas and Cascades to the west and the Wasatch Range and Colorado Plateau to the east; the largest lake entirely within Canada; and the largest island in Europe?
Answer: GREAT

Q6.: BUS/ECON - The city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is sometimes nicknamed what "City"—after an animal, whose namesake brand's products were developed and produced there starting in the 1910s?
Answer: CAMEL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Whereas the Caspian Sea is the world's largest lake by surface area (by far), the world's deepest lake by average depth (by far) and the world's largest freshwater lake by volume are both what other lake, which is located in an active continental rift zone (the reason for its extreme depth) in Southern Siberia?

Answer: LAKE BAIKAL

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In April 2023, two Democratic lawmakers were expelled from their state legislature for their role in a protest calling for greater gun control in response to a tragic mass shooting that occurred ten days earlier in the same city, seven miles from the state capitol building. In what city did this sequence of events take place?

Answer: NASHVILLE

Q3.: SCIENCE - Identify the Austrian physicist of the 19th–20th centuries whose work on supersonic projectiles and the flow of gases laid a foundation for developments in aeronautical design and projectile science (as evidenced by the illusory bands of light and dark and the speed ratio that are named for him).

Answer: ERNST MACH

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Among the many bridges that span the River Thames in London, the most recent new construction is a footbridge that connects the area of Bankside with the City of London. What is the common name for this bridge, which opened for good in 2002 following the repairs made after its initial ceremonious opening in the year 2000?

Answer: MILLENNIUM BRIDGE

Q5.: LITERATURE - Elizabeth Bowen's in 1935 isin Paris, Dante Gabriel Rossetti's in 1881 is "of Life", and Edith Wharton's in 1905 isof Mirth. What are they?

Answer: HOUSES

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - From 1980 until 1990, the NHL's Hart Memorial Trophy (for the "player adjudged to be the most valuable to his team") was awarded nine times to a player from what team (both location and team name required)?

Answer: EDMONTON OILERS

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Mainly due to the transformation conducted by Philip II from 359 to 336 BCE, what territory at the northwest corner of the Aegean Sea was the most powerful state in Greece in the 3rd and 4th centuries BCE?

Answer: MACEDON

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Salome, Elektra, and Ariadne are among the subjects of operas written in the early 20th century by what German composer and conductor, whose early career is highlighted by a series of well-known symphonic poems?

Answer: RICHARD STRAUSS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The Egyptian language is an extinct language, surviving in papyrus manuscripts and inscriptions, that evolved in the 2nd century BCE into another language used today as a liturgical language by Egypt's Monophysite Christians. What is that language?

Answer: COPTIC

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - An area of Scotland named for its local river gave its name to what breed of horse, which originated in the 18th century when Flemish stallions were mated with Scottish mares, producing a large and powerful breed with a weight upwards of 2,000 lbs. and a height of 17 to 18 hands?

Answer: CLYDESDALE

Q5.: TELEVISION - "Why do we always come here? / I guess we'll never know. / It's like a kind a torture / [BLANK]." What are the six words that constitute this blanked fourth line from a classic theme song, one of the most popular in television history?

Answer: TO HAVE TO WATCH THE SHOW

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What is the current name of the city in Southeast China, founded in 472 BCE (by one historical account) on the Yangtze River and the country's capital during various periods of history, that was the center of the Taiping Rebellion, which began in 1850?

Answer: NANJING/NANKING

Q1.: TELEVISION - A newborn Mandinka baby is held aloft by his father—a symbolic image of opportunity and freedom that will become bitterly ironic—during the iconic opening sequence in what miniseries (in a scene that would be replicated by Disney's *The Lion King*)?

Answer: ROOTS

Q2.: ART - American artist Mary Beth Edelson's 1972 feminist appropriation of da Vinci, titled *Some Living American Women Artists/Last Supper*, includes, in its central portion, fellow painter Alma Thomas, who achieved a level of acclaim during her lifetime that has grown since her death in 1978. For most of Thomas's life, she worked and lived in what city, where she was associated with its "Color School" art movement, where she taught for 35 years at Shaw Junior High School, and where she was the first graduate of an HBCU's fine arts program?

Answer: WASHINGTON, DC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What dish, which consists of its namesake ingredient with liqueur (often kirsch) and is flambéed tableside and served over ice cream, was prepared for Queen Victoria in 1897 by legendary French chef Auguste Escoffier?

Answer: CHERRIES JUBILEE

Q4.: FILM - The 1999 film *10 Things I Hate about You* and 2003's *Deliver Us from Evil* are loose adaptations of what comedy written in the late 16th century?

Answer: THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The first known philatelist was very possibly a Briton named John Tomlynson, who became such on May 7, 1840, one day after the first-ever issuance of what?

Answer: POSTAGE STAMP

Q6.: SCIENCE - *Carnegiea gigantea* is the scientific name of what cactus, the largest of the cacti, reaching up to 70 feet in height and possessing a thick stem and candelabra-like branches? Found in the Southwest United States and Mexico, it's the typical choice for cactus logos and iconography (e.g., the logo for the MLB's Cactus League and a former secondary logo for the Arizona Wildcats).

Answer: SAGUARO

Q1.: LITERATURE -Coming of Age in Samoa(1928), Growing Up in New Guinea(1930), and Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies(1935) are among the works of what progressive social anthropologist, who was a regular contributor to Redbook magazine beginning in 1962?

Answer: MARGARET MEAD

Q2.: LANGUAGE - The term "NPC" is familiar and innocuous in the world of video games but has entered the broader slang vernacular as a derogatory term for a person accused of being incapable of thinking for themselves. What do the letters in "NPC" stand for?

Answer: NON-PLAYER CHARACTER/NON-PLAYABLE CHARACTER

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The "Old" version of what major city is enclosed within the walls built beginning in 1638 during the reign of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan?

Answer: DELHI

Q4.: AMER HIST - The ratification of the thirteenth amendment to the US Constitution codified the constitutionality of an executive order issued three years prior that, though enforced (to a degree), was of debated constitutional validity. What was the name of this executive order?

Answer: EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Q5.: FILM - Beginning with 1934's The Thin Man, William Powell and Myrna Loy appeared together as jovial married detectives and tipplers with what first names? Their bibulousness is so iconic that these names are now used for a specific cocktail glass.

Answer: NICK AND NORA

Q6.: TELEVISION - "What are the real names of Cary Grant, Tony Curtis, and Joan Crawford?" is the correct "question" to an "answer" that appeared not on an actual Jeopardy! episode, but on what other television series?

Answer: CHEERS

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Songs by Ray Charles from 1960, Vicki Lawrence from 1972, and Gladys Knight and the Pips from 1973 all mention what location?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q2.: BUS/ECON - What trade name for a borosilicate glass used extensively in domestic and scientific settings—it resists strong acids and alkalis, has a low coefficient for thermal expansion, and has high mechanical strength—originates (per company lore) from the use of its first sample for the preparation of a certain sweet dish?

Answer: PYREX

Q3.: TELEVISION - Takahashi and Delvecchio were the last names of two different (and largely sequential) characters on the television series Happy Days. Give the respective first names of these two characters, by which they were better known—generally due to their proprietorship of a certain business establishment. (Note, two names required.)

Answer: ARNOLD, AL

Q4.: SCIENCE - The psychological condition in which a hostage and their captor develop an unnatural and close relationship was first described in a group held hostage in a bank in 1973, who remained supportive of the thieves during and after their captivity. In what city did this episode take place?

Answer: STOCKHOLM

Q5.: LITERATURE - In literature, the mistaken use of an incorrect word in place of one it resembles, usually for comic effect, is known by what word? The noun comes from the name of a character in Richard Brinsley Sheridan's 1775 comedy The Rivals (with the character's name itself taken from a French phrase)—as the character, in her attempts to demonstrate a vast vocabulary, makes remarks such as "he is the very pineapple of politeness."

Answer: MALAPROPISM

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - While her last name may evoke a proficiency with pastries, breads, etc., what 20th-century Parisian woman was renowned as a composer, organist, conductor, and—perhaps greatest of all—a teacher, with a roster of pupils that included Aaron Copland, Daniel Barenboim, Philip Glass, Quincy Jones, Lennox Berkeley, and many many others?

Answer: NADIA BOULANGER

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The Japanese word yama(山), which is sometimes seen within familiar names, is most commonly translated into English as what?

Answer: MOUNTAIN

Q2.: FILM - The 1947 novel by English author Mary Norton titled Bonfires and Broomsticks was reissued in 1970 (and adapted into a Disney film in 1971) with what slightly modified title?

Answer: BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the common name (in English) for the covered bridge in Venice that connects the Doge's Palace with the New Prison (Prigioni Nuove), so named (in an indirect way) for the prisoners crossing it?

Answer: BRIDGE OF SIGHS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - On April 23, 2023, American Nelly Korda became (once again) the world's official #1 ranked woman in what sport (in which she won a gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo in 2021)?

Answer: GOLF

Q5.: THEATRE - The 1962 Broadway musical I Can Get It for You Wholesale was not particularly successful, but it is notable today for the appearance of Elliott Gould in his first starring role and even more notable as a launching point for what star, who received the show's only Tony nomination?

Answer: BARBRA STREISAND

Q6.: POP MUSIC - What record-setting recording artist memorably (and many would say, inaccurately) described herself on the VH1 reality show Love & Hip Hop: New York as the "regular, degular, shmegular girl from the Bronx"?

Answer: CARDI B

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The mountain once known as Mount Godwin-Austen, and locally (perhaps) as Chogori or Qogir, is best known by the name K2, so named as it was the second peak to be measured in what mountain range?

Answer: KARAKORAM

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The Greek dishmoussakais typically prepared with tomatoes, minced lamb, grated cheese, and slices of what vegetable (which, like the tomato, is a culinary vegetable but botanically a fruit)?

Answer: EGGPLANT/AUBERGINE

Q3.: AMER HIST - "Johnnie, get your gun" and "the Yanks are coming" are famous lines from what George M. Cohan song, one of the most memorable American tunes to come out of World War I?

Answer: OVER THERE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What is the unit of volume used in the petroleum industry that is defined as 42 US gallons or 35 imperial gallons (under standardized temperature and pressure conditions)?

Answer: BARREL

Q5.: SCIENCE - "The weight of a liquid displaced by a floating body is equal to the weight of the body" is a principle most closely associated with whom, and is connected to his discoveries?

Answer: ARCHIMEDES

Q6.: FILM - British slang for a tool used in theatrical productions to adjust stage lighting evolved (in one possible etymology) into what word, now used for the title of the chief electrician in a television or film production crew?

Answer: GAFFER

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - While its name comes from a word for "barley", orgeat syrup is characterized by the dominant flavor of what ingredient, which puts it in a category with frangipane, mandelbrot, marzipan, and biscotti?

Answer: ALMOND

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are described as riding horses of different colors, with the first three being white (conquest/pestilence), red (war), and black (famine). The fourth horse (death) is green, but is more often described not with a specific color but as what other word, such as is used by Agatha Christie in a novel from 1961?

Answer: PALE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - From 1949 to 1962, New York City-based teams won baseball's World Series every year, with three exceptions. One exception was in 1959, when the Los Angeles (formerly Brooklyn) Dodgers won. Name either of the other two non-NY teams (both location and team name), who won the World Series in 1957 and 1960, respectively.

Answer: MILWAUKEE BRAVES, PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The Lion's Mound and the Battle Panorama Mural are attractions located within the Wallonian municipality of Braine-l'Alleud, very near its border with what other Belgian municipality, which itself is home to the Wellington Museum?

Answer: WATERLOO

Q5.: LITERATURE - What literary form, whose precise origins are unknown, was popularized in 1846 by Edward Lear's *The Book of Nonsense*?

Answer: LIMERICK

Q6.: TELEVISION - The HBO drama series *The Idol* was co-created by and stars Abel Tesfaye, who is better known by what stage name?

Answer: THE WEEKND

Q1.: LIFESTYLE -Mukbang is a term for a special type of video that shows its subject engaged in what activity (in fact, the word itself combines the Korean words for this activity and "broadcast")?

Answer: EATING

Q2.: SCIENCE - A German named Johann Bayer invented a system, which was published in the early 1600s and primarily used Greek letters and Latin names in the genitive case, for the naming of what?

Answer: STARS

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC -The NoseandLady Macbeth of Mtsenskare operas by what composer, whose fifteen symphonies include his WWII-era seventh known as theLeningrad?

Answer: DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Although numerous cities have hosted multiple Olympic Games, only one city has hosted both a Summeranda Winter Games (both in this century). What is that city?

Answer: BEIJING

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Although the evidence is wildly varied and hotly disputed, some historians suggest that as much as 60%-70% of the total population of what country perished during a catastrophic 1864-70 war that is sometimes called the War of the Triple Alliance? The deaths suffered by the triumphant "Triple Alliance" of Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina were significant but far fewer.

Answer: PARAGUAY

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Indian city of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan state, has been known since 1876 as the "[BLANK] City" because Maharaja Sawai Ram Singh II had buildings of the city painted this color—at the time deemed the "color of hospitality"—in preparation for a visit by Albert, the Prince of Wales. (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: PINK

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The culinary technique of crimping or making slashes, grooves, or decorative marks on vegetables or pastries shares a name with both a long, French, baguette-like crusty bread stick and a musical instrument. What is that name?
Answer: FLUTE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A 1952 coup led by General Mohamed Naguib forced the abdication and ended the reign of the last king of what country?
Answer: EGYPT

Q3.: ART - Due to his Expressionist work completed in New York in 1962, Finnish-born US architect Eero Saarinen will likely forever be associated most closely with what airline?
Answer: TRANS-WORLD AIRLINES (TWA)

Q4.: SCIENCE - In particle physics (and in common terminology), a lepton with a rest mass of $9.1093897(54) \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$ and a negative charge of $1.60217733(49) \times 10^{-19}\text{coulombs}$ is best known by what term?
Answer: ELECTRON

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the name used for the formal equestrian discipline—either its own competition or part of a larger, three-day event—that tests the horse's obedience skills via a series of movements at walk, trot, and canter?
Answer: DRESSAGE

Q6.: LITERATURE - The Walt Whitman poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written to commemorate the death of whom (the poem's Captain, who has "fallen cold and dead")?
Answer: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Q1.: THEATRE - The 1884 Broadway production of David Belasco's May Blossom is regarded (including by the magazine itself, perhaps dubiously) as the origin of a magazine known today by what name?

Answer: PLAYBILL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - "A" is the international vehicle registration code for Austria, "B" is the code for Belgium, "C" is the code for Cuba, "D" is the code for Germany, and "F" is the code for France. What country of roughly 47 million people has the international vehicle registration code "E"?

Answer: SPAIN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - A warrior from Norse legend and history who wore a "bear shirt" and fought with such frenzy and wild fury that he believed himself to be impervious to wounds is the source of what word?

Answer: Berserk/Berserker

Q4.: FILM - Film critic Nathan Rabin coined a four-word term in a 2007 essay to describe the character played by Kirsten Dunst in the film Elizabethtown, and the term subsequently became a label for describing similar characters in previous and subsequent films. What are the first two words in the name of this "dream girl" trope?

Answer: MANIC PIXIE

Q5.: MATH - The name of what casino, famous in its own right, took on another use starting with work by mathematicians and physicists Stanisław Ulam and John von Neumann in the 1940s at the Los Alamos National Laboratory?

Answer: MONTE CARLO

Q6.: SCIENCE - A Massachusetts-born bookseller of the late 19th and 20th centuries has a last name that, by coincidence, is a word used to describe a certain set that includes neon and krypton. What is that last name?

Answer: NOBLE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In the culinary world, what word can be used for a thin slice of tender, lean meat and also for a particular bivalve?

Answer: SCALLOP

Q2.: AMER HIST - When construction of a certain infrastructure project began in 1817, the longest of its type in the US measured only 27 miles. What was the name of this feat of civil engineering, which would ultimately stretch for 363 miles?

Answer: ERIE CANAL

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The Japanese festival Shichi-Go-San is a celebration and rite of passage held annually on November 15 for children at three different ages. What are those three ages?

Answer: 7, 5, 3

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What is the term used today for the typeface style that was first introduced, with the aim of replicating handwritten manuscripts, by Lazio-born Aldus Manutius around the year 1500 in Venice?

Answer: ITALIC

Q5.: POP MUSIC - At a party hosted by his sister in the Bronx on August 11, 1973, a Jamaican-born DJ named Clive Campbell mixed the breakbeats of two identical records to form one continuous beat, and this is widely regarded as the birth of what is today known as hip hop music. By what stage name is this "Father of Hip-Hop" better known?

Answer: DJ KOOL HERC

Q6.: SCIENCE - Incus, the name of the middle of the three ossicles of the mammalian middle ear, is the Latin word for what tool?

Answer: ANVIL

Q1.: CURR EVENTS - In November 2020, former prosecutor and municipal judge Fani Willis defeated six-term incumbent (and former boss) Paul Howard Jr. to become District Attorney for what county?

Answer: FULTON COUNTY (GEORGIA)

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What last name, one of the most common in the United States, is essentially the English-language equivalent (in meaning) to the Spanish patronymic Ibáñez?

Answer: JOHNSON

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The title of historian Richard Aldous's 2006 bookThe Lion and the Unicornrefers generally to two traditional symbols of the UK (representing England and Scotland, respectively). Specifically, the title refers to (and the book is about) two bitter political rivals and British Prime Ministers of the late 19th century. Identify either of these two politicians.

Answer: BENJAMIN DISRAELI, WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Identify the dystopian 1932 novel whose title originated from a line spoken by Miranda in Act V, Scene 1 of William Shakespeare'sThe Tempest.

Answer: BRAVE NEW WORLD

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Former Oakland/Los Angeles Raider star Ray Guy, who passed away in November 2022, is the only inductee in the Pro Football Hall of Fame who primarily played what position?

Answer: PUNTER

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Brokopondo Reservoir, once known formally as Professor Doctor Ingenieur W.J. van Blommestein Meer, is the largest lake in what South American country?

Answer: SURINAME

Q1.: TELEVISION - "Welcome to the first [BLANK] ceremony of the summer here in paradise," proclaimed host Jesse Palmer on the October 4, 2022 episode of Bachelor in Paradise, with what word filling in the blank?

Answer: ROSE

Q2.: LITERATURE - In a 2012 children's book by Jon Klassen, a small fish steals the titular object from a big fish (and doesn't get away with it), while in P.D. Eastman's Go Dog Go, a pink dog repeatedly asks a yellow dog if he likes a certain object of hers. In both of these stories, what is the object in question?

Answer: HAT

Q3.: SCIENCE - The Boltzmann constant, named after Austrian physicist Ludwig Boltzmann, has the symbol k_B , and is a ratio of two other constants. Give the name of either of these other two constants, which are represented respectively by the symbols R and N_A .

Answer: (UNIVERSAL/IDEAL) GAS CONSTANT, AVOGADRO CONSTANT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Name the musical artist, one of the most successful of all time in the genre of urban contemporary gospel with 19 Grammy awards and over 40 Dove and Stellar awards (gospel and Christian music awards), who over the years has recorded with the ensembles God's Property, The Family, and One Nation Crew.

Answer: KIRK FRANKLIN

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The world's largest cryptocurrency exchange (by far) as measured in daily trading volume, which was founded in China in 2017 and has a native coin with the code BNB, has what name?

Answer: BINANCE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the Chinese dynasty, ruling from 1368 to 1644, which was the last indigenous Chinese dynasty, and moved the capital from Nanjing to its present location in Beijing?

Answer: MING

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What is the word most commonly used in legal proceedings for the type of court order (usually "temporary" or "permanent") which instructs a person to refrain from committing (or perhaps to commit) a particular act?

Answer: INJUNCTION

Q2.: FILM - What fictional football star, decorated war hero, ping-pong champion, and business magnate was the titular protagonist of a 1994 film?

Answer: FORREST GUMP

Q3.: AMER HIST - July 4, 1863, is widely considered the turning point in the American Civil War, as that is when two important battles resulted in defeats for the Confederacy—the Battle of Gettysburg in the east, and the fall of what Mississippi River stronghold in the west?

Answer: VICKSBURG

Q4.: THEATRE - Oscar Wilde's from 1895 was Ideal, Henry Fielding's from 1732 was Modern, and various others' on Broadway from 1897 to 1931 were Temporary, Superfluous, Perplexed, Unexpected, Happy, Prodigal, and Laughing. What were they?

Answer: HUSBANDS

Q5.: SCIENCE - 10th-century Scandinavian king Harald Gormsson had a nickname which lives on today in the name of what technology standard?

Answer: BLUETOOTH

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The title of what jazz standard composed and popularized by Thelonious Monk is also an instruction one might request when ordering a whiskey or other spirit without anything mixed in or to follow?

Answer: STRAIGHT, NO CHASER

Q1.: TELEVISION - Due in large part to a show he hosted from 1952 to 1989, TV pioneer Dick Clark was often dubbed (especially in tributes after his death in 2012) as "America's oldest" what?

Answer: TEENAGER

Q2.: ART - What was the last name of Stockholm-born American brothers Richard, the director of New York's Museum of Modern Art from 1972 to 1995, and Claes, a Pop artist known for his monumental public installations of everyday objects?

Answer: OLDENBURG

Q3.: MATH - 1) Opposite angles are equal, 2) All sides are equal and opposite sides are parallel, 3) Diagonals bisect each other perpendicularly, and 4) Sum of any two adjacent angles is 180° . These four properties define what geometric figure (i.e., any shape that has these four properties is this geometric figure, by definition)?

Answer: RHOMBUS

Q4.: AMER HIST - Leading up to the 1952 US Presidential election, Dwight Eisenhower's running mate countered accusations of corruption (foreshadowing!) with a maudlin television speech that included allusions to his young daughter's "little dog". What was this dog's name, by which the speech is widely referred?

Answer: CHECKERS

Q5.: LANGUAGE - 1) A sport, 2) A financial measure of active ROI (but misspelled), 3) A Shakespeare character, 4) A New York Judge. These descriptions of code words in the NATO phonetic alphabet, when converted to the letters they represent, spell the name of what city?

Answer: GARY

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Portugal has long been the far-and-away world leader in the export of what natural resource, with its 1.8 million acreMontado de Sobrothe largest supplier, and the global wine industry the largest buyer?

Answer: CORK

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The Taylor Swift albums *Fearless*, *Red*, and *Speak Now* have been re-recorded by the artist and released in 2021, 2021, and 2023, respectively, with a re-recorded 1989 planned later this year. These new releases retain the originals' titles, with what parenthetical phrase appended?

Answer: TAYLOR'S VERSION

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In July 2023, the International Atomic Energy Agency controversially approved the Japanese government's proposal to discharge treated radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean from the disabled "number one" (Daiichi) nuclear power plant in what prefecture, after which the plant is named?

Answer: FUKUSHIMA

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the protein hormone—first isolated in 1921 by Frederick Banting and Charles Best and detailed in amino acid composition and 3D structure by Frederick Sanger and Dorothy Hodgkin—which is secreted by the islets of Langerhans in the pancreas and stimulates uptake of glucose and amino acids from the blood into tissue?

Answer: INSULIN

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - Violetta is the name of the title character from what opera, one of the most performed of all time (in some years #1 overall) since its premiere in 1853?

Answer: LA TRAVIATA

Q5.: FILM - The 1985 film *Vision Quest*, the 2014 film *Foxcatcher*, the 2010 film *Legendary*, and the 2011 film *Win Win* are all sports films (to one degree or another) around what sport?

Answer: WRESTLING

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What name was given by ancient peoples to the northernmost land in Europe, was used by the Greek navigator Pytheas of Massalia for a far northern island, and was used by Danes for a specific settlement and trading post in far northwestern Greenland (now a town called Qaanaaq)?

Answer: THULE

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In the lyrics of the biggest hit song in the career of Ricky Martin (so far)—reaching Billboard#1 in 1999—her lips are devil red, and her skin is the color of what?

Answer: MOCHA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - When it was established in 1960, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had five founding members. Four of them are contiguous—Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia—and the fifth is roughly 7,500 miles (about 12,000 km) away. What was that fifth founding member?

Answer: VENEZUELA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - The first word spoken on the moon was "contact" (when Buzz Aldrin uttered "contact light, ok, engine stop" once the lunar module had reached the moon's surface), and not what other word, as has been widely believed and reported? However, the word in question—specifically, a location—was the first word uttered by Neil Armstrong.

Answer: HOUSTON

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What is the French phrase, translating to "allow to do", which originated with a group of 18th-century economists who believed in a policy of minimal governmental interference in commercial concerns, and is also closely associated today with Scottish economist Adam Smith from that same century?

Answer: LAISSEZ-FAIRE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Following a judicial ruling the previous year, companies by the name of Donruss and Fleer entered a particular market in 1981 that was previously a monopoly long held by a company called Topps. What was the product?

Answer: BASEBALL CARDS

Q6.: THEATRE - Name the Broadway legend who wrote the lyrics for the musicals Show Boat(1927), South Pacific(1949), and The Sound of Music(1959), among other shows.

Answer: OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Q1.: LITERATURE - The British novelist and poet with the given names David Herbert, the American physicist with the given names Ernest Orlando, and the British soldier and writer with the given names Thomas Edward all share what surname?

Answer: LAWRENCE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The port and ancient town of Roskilde, famous today for hosting its namesake music festival, was for roughly 500 years the capital of what country?

Answer: DENMARK

Q3.: SCIENCE - The ancient civilization of Bactria has not existed in over 1,000 years, but its name lives on thanks in large part to what herbivore?

Answer: CAMEL

Q4.: ART - Contemporary artist Shepard Fairey is known for designing the famous Barack Obama poster with the word "HOPE", and earlier for creating an iconic image of the wrestler André the Giant with what other four-letter word?

Answer: OBEY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What is the name of the only arena currently serving as the primary home of an NBA franchise that is not named after a corporate sponsor?

Answer: MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Joyce Davenport, Patty Hewes, Annalise Keating, Clair Huxtable, and Diane Lockhart are all names of television characters who held what occupation?

Answer: LAWYER

Q1.: FILM - The year after *The Empire Strikes Back* was released in 1980, the original *Star Wars* was re-released and retroactively named *Star Wars: Episode IV* with what additional phrase appended?

Answer: A NEW HOPE

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - Real-life husband and wife comedy team Jim and Marian Jordan played a fictional couple on a top-rated NBC radio program from 1935 to 1959. Marian's character was named Molly; what was Jim's character?

Answer: FIBBER (MCGEE)

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Name either of the men who served as president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from the adoption of its 2004 constitution to the takeover by the Taliban in 2021.

Answer: HAMID KARZAI, ASHRAF GHANI

Q4.: SCIENCE - Though it is possibly more closely associated with the American southwest (specifically Arizona), the most venomous snake in North America is actually the "Eastern" type of what rattlesnake?

Answer: DIAMONDBACK

Q5.: LITERATURE - Give any year within the literary era known as the Jacobean Age, which featured the prose of Francis Bacon, John Donne's sermons, the King James translation of the Bible, the poetry of Ben Jonson, the first completed English translations of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, and some of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies (including *Othello*, *King Lear*, and *Macbeth*).

Answer: 1603-1625

Q6.: AMER HIST - Wagons with cloth covers stretched over hoops, used by emigrants venturing west in 19th-century North America, were sometimes called prairie schooners, and also by a term that referred to a river in Pennsylvania's Lancaster County, where some of the wagons were manufactured. What is that term?

Answer: CONESTOGA WAGON

Q1.: SCIENCE - Rotation of the forearm so that one's palm faces upward, with the radius and ulna parallel, issupination. What is the opposite term, for rotation of the forearm so that the palm faces downward and the radius and ulna are crossed?

Answer: PRONATION

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Pulte's 2009 acquisition of a company named Centex was a union of two of the largest players in what industry, which includes D.R. Horton, Lennar, and Taylor Morrison?

Answer: HOME BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - La Isla de la Juventud ("Isle of Youth"), which was once known as the Isla de Tesoros ("Treasure Island") and served as the inspiration for the Robert Louis Stevenson novel and J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, is the much much smaller of the two main islands of what Caribbean nation?

Answer: CUBA

Q4.: FILM - A 1964 film nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture was directed by a Best Director Oscar nominee (Robert Stevenson), featured the Best Original Score winner (by Richard and Robert Sherman, who also wrote the Best Song), and won for Best Special Visual Effects. The film's star, playing the title character, also won for Best Actress. What is the name of this star?

Answer: JULIE ANDREWS

Q5.: AMER HIST - Geronimo and Cochise were leaders among what Native American people, as was-nominally at least-a colossal (but less prominent and arguably problematic) member of Hanna-Barbera's Super Friends?

Answer: APACHE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Taylor Jenkins Reid's novel Daisy Jones & the Six, which was adapted into a Prime Video miniseries, is often cited as one of the many beneficiaries of what influential, literary-focused TikTok subcommunity?

Answer: BOOKTOK

Q1.: ART - "Pictures of the floating world" is a translation of the name for what genre of Japanese art, represented commonly in prints created from carvings in woodblocks (such as Hokusai's The Great Wave off Kanagawa)?

Answer: UKIYOE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - In early January 2023, a song became the first in Billboard Hot 100 history to rank #1 on that chart in five separate calendar years (every year from 2019 to 2023). Give the title of this song or the name of the artist who cowrote and released it.

Answer: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU, MARIAH CAREY

Q3.: LITERATURE - "Heroic" or "elegiac" (with anababrhyming pattern in iambic pentameter), "ballad" (abcb in iambic tetrameter or iambic trimeter), and "memoriam" (abbain iambic tetrameter) are terms for different types of a stanza that is defined by its four-line structure and is the most common stanza in English verse. By what term is this stanza known?

Answer: QUATRAIN

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The name of the legendary Phrygian king Gordius is most commonly invoked alongside the name for what object (the king's having been severed by Alexander the Great)?

Answer: KNOT

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The South American dish known as escabeche is usually prepared by marinating it for an extended period in a liquid known as what? This liquid is a solution of acetic acid, and the term "acetic acid" itself comes from the Latin word for the liquid in question (acetum).

Answer: VINEGAR

Q6.: SCIENCE - Dextromethorphan is one example of a medicine known as an antitussive, whose purpose is to suppress what?

Answer: COUGH

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - E. Power Biggs, Marcel Dupré, Charles-Marie Widor, Jimmy Smith, Shirley Scott, Brother Jack McDuff, Joey DeFrancesco, Jon Lord, and Albert Schweitzer were (or are) masters at what musical instrument?

Answer: ORGAN

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The cricket ground located in Kennington, South London, one of the largest such grounds in the world, has what appropriately shapely name?

Answer: THE (KIA) OVAL

Q3.: SCIENCE - Both a genus of typically rod-shaped bacteria and a product developed to kill bacteria (though not this particular bacteria) are named after a British surgeon who revolutionized modern surgery by introducing the use of antisepsis in the 1860s. What was his last name?

Answer: LISTER

Q4.: MATH - Euler's number, when taken to one decimal place and then multiplied by 10, becomes a two-digit number that is the first composite number not divisible by any of its digits and is the only positive integer that is three times the sum of its digits. What is that two-digit number?

Answer: 27

Q5.: LITERATURE - The literary reputation of novelist George Sand (Amantine Aurore Dupin) was established with the 1832 publication of her novel named after its title character, who shares her name (unrelatedly) with a US state that had achieved statehood 16 years prior. What is that name?

Answer: INDIANA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Anthony Mamo, Anton Buttigieg, Agatha Barbara, and Vincent Tabone are former presidents of what island nation?

Answer: MALTA

Q1.: LITERATURE - Fill in the blanks with the two words missing from the following title of a best-selling memoir by writer and former actor Jennette McCurdy, published in 2022: I'm [BLANK] My [BLANK] Died.

Answer: GLAD, MOM

Q2.: TELEVISION - On a game show from the 1950s and 1960s whose regular panelists included former Miss America Bess Myerson, actress Betsy Palmer, game-show host Bill Cullen, and comedian Henry Morgan, what did each contestant have (per the show's title)?

Answer: SECRET

Q3.: FILM - A 1998 film starring Brad Pitt as Death, a 1944 film starring Judy Garland as a young Midwestern fiancée, and a 2000 film starring Ben Stiller as a nurse all have titles that begin with what imperative?

Answer: MEET

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Atomic Aquatics, Cressi, Zeagle, Apeks, Sherwood, and Mares are all popular brands of scuba regulators, but arguably the best-known is what other brand, not least because of the title of a famous rock song and album from 1971?

Answer: AQUALUNG

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The strategic but largely uninhabited Spratly Islands, comprising 18 or so islands and cays among numerous other banks and reefs, are spread over more than 150,000 square miles off the coasts of Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Philippines in what sea (as it is best known in English)?

Answer: SOUTH CHINA SEA

Q6.: ART - What six-letter word fills in the blank in this line from a 2016 Washington Post review of a food-photography app: "You can open the app, choose the [BLANK] ratio (3:4 or 1:1), and decide if you want blurred edges or to use the flash before selecting one of the 26 filters and shooting away."

Answer: ASPECT

Q1.: LANGUAGE - In the American Manual Alphabet (which augments American Sign Language vocabulary), what letter is signed with the palm facing out, and four fingers curled down into the palm, resting along the side of the thumb which is tucked in sideways? In British Sign Language, it is indicated by the tapping of one's index finger.

Answer: E

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Of the four Olympic throwing events in track and field, two use implements that (on the men's side) are exactly the same weight. What are those two implements?

Answer: HAMMER (THROW), SHOT (PUT)

Q3.: SCIENCE - Frenchman Émile Durkheim, born in Épinal in 1858, is known for developing the concept of "collective representations" and is widely regarded as a founder of what academic discipline?

Answer: SOCIOLOGY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Chunks of lobster meat with cognac or Madeira cream sauce inside a puff pastry is a fancy hors d'oeuvre attributed to New York's Delmonico's restaurant and named (according to legend) after a sea captain who originated it. What is the name of the dish (which is actually an anagram of the captain's name)?

Answer: NEWBERG

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Évian Accords were a set of peace treaties signed in March 1962 that ended an eight-year war of independence and formally recognized the independent status of what African nation?

Answer: ALGERIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Name the singer whose big break came in 1935, when he first appeared on the Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, an NBC Radio talent show, with three other musicians. They were billed as the Hoboken Four.

Answer: FRANK SINATRA

Q1.: LITERATURE - The crude and dirty "brutes" of the land of the Houyhnhnms in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels give their name to what technology company?
Answer: YAHOO!

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Identify the political leader who, beginning in 1893 at age 24, spent 21 years opposing discriminatory legislation against Indians in South Africa (among the many notable activities during his long life, which ended in 1948)?
Answer: MOHANDAS GANDHI

Q3.: FILM - "Pork Chop" and "Hamburger", per the titles of military films from 1959 and 1987, respectively, are names of what?
Answer: HILLS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Name either of the countries on whose border sit the national parks and World Heritage Sites known as Iguazu/Iguacu.

Answer: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL

Q5.: TELEVISION - What constitutes the content of videos on the extremely popular YouTube channel Cocomelon (which is in fact the platform's most-subscribed channel featuring such content)?

Answer: NURSERY RHYMES/EDUCATIONAL SONGS/CHILDREN'S SONGS

Q6.: SCIENCE - Two different animals are classified as monotremes—one comprising a single species, the other comprising four species. The single species is the platypus. Animals of the four species are commonly known as what?

Answer: ECHIDNA

Q1.: LITERATURE - In a novel set in 1889 in South West England, a family of gentry named Baskerville is seemingly cursed by a demonic animal who has killed numerous members of the family over the years. What kind of animal was this?

Answer: DOG/HOUND

Q2.: POP MUSIC - What successful emo pop group shares a name with a comic-book-sidekick character on The Simpsons?

Answer: FALL OUT BOY

Q3.: THEATRE - Identify the term that originally applied to all musical plays, including opera—and thus fittingly comes in part from the Greek for "song"—and can now apply to any work that relies on sensational action and implausible events, often with exaggerated theatricality and emotion.

Answer: MELODRAMA

Q4.: ART - When one vowel of an Italian name for a mild white fish known as European sea bass orloup de meris changed, it becomes the sobriquet of a Florentine mannerist painter so named for his reddish hair or dark skin. What is either of these names?

Answer: BRANZINO/BRONZINO

Q5.: AMER HIST - For 72 years beginning in 1945, New York's Harlem neighborhood was represented in the US Congress by one of two powerful and long-serving politicians. Name either of these two men, the latter of whom defeated the former in the 1970 Democratic primary.

Answer: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.; CHARLES RANGEL

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Formula Rossa, Kingda Ka, Red Force, Smiler, The Beast, Goliath, and Fujiyama are all names of popular what?

Answer: ROLLER COASTERS

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the name for the cooking technique in which food is vacuum sealed and cooked for an extended period in a precisely controlled, low-heat water bath?

Answer: SOUS VIDE

Q2.: LITERATURE - "The woods are lovely, dark and deep / But I have promises to keep..." What seven-word line, repeated, comes next in this excerpt from a 1923 lyric poem?

Answer: AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - Representatives from eight countries convened at a conference in July 2023 in Leticia, the southernmost city in the country of Colombia, to discuss strategies for the conservation of what?

Answer: (AMAZON) RAINFOREST

Q4.: FILM - In 1997, Hollywood released two disaster films—one starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton, the other starring Tommy Lee Jones and Anne Heche—about a specific type of natural-disaster threat. What was that threat, which also provided the title of the latter of the two films?

Answer: VOLCANO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - A shoe polish whose production ceased in 1960 had a brand name that was acquired in 2011 and is now used by a Detroit-based company that produces watches and other lifestyle goods. What is that brand name?

Answer: SHINOLA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance was signed in 1955 by the Soviet Union and seven other Eastern Bloc countries in what city, by whose name the treaty is commonly known?

Answer: WARSAW

Q1.: SCIENCE - The most common photoreceptor cells of the retina in vertebrates are of what two types, so named because of their shapes? (Two answers required.)

Answer: RODS, CONES

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Boxing matches in the 18th century that included as many as eight fighters in the ring at a time presented an early use of what two-word phrase, whose immense popularity in modern video gaming is often attributed to a video game known as PUBG?

Answer: BATTLE ROYALE

Q3.: LITERATURE - The Claudine series (1900-03), Chéri (1920), and Gigi (1944) are works of what mononymous French novelist?

Answer: COLETTE

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What mountain, rising from the Troodos Range in the center of the island, is the highest peak on Cyprus (not to be confused with another mountain just over 675 miles to the northwest or with many other mountains across the globe and beyond)?

Answer: MOUNT OLYMPUS

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Among the accidentals in musical notation, the sharp raises pitch a semitone, and a flat lowers pitch a semitone. What is the name for the accidental that cancels the previous sharp or flat (which either appeared within the measure or was indicated by a key signature)?

Answer: NATURAL

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Isis Gaston, the Bronx-born-and-raised rapper whose 2023 debut EP Like..? includes the songs "Munch (Feelin' U)", "Bikini Bottom", "Princess Diana", and "In Ha Mood", is known professionally by what rhyming name?

Answer: ICE SPICE

Q1.: ART - The Dymaxion house (designed in the late 1920s), Dymaxion car (1933), and Dymaxion bathroom unit (1936)–pretty much anything "Dymaxion", which is a portmanteau of "dynamic", "maximum", and "tension"—are inventions of what American designer and architect?

Answer: R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 1971, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled that the continued occupation of Namibia by its neighbor was illegal, and that same year the United Nations recognized a nationalist group and "People's Organization" known as SWAPO as the legitimate representative of the people of Namibia. What do the first three letters in "SWAPO" stand for?

Answer: SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The time standard by which clocks are regulated globally, a replacement for and essentially an equivalent of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), is officially abbreviated "UTC" (a compromise used in all languages). In English, the T stands for Time, and the C and U stand for what other two words?

Answer: COORDINATED UNIVERSAL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - What Austria-based company owns the reigning Formula One World Constructor Champion racing team, with drivers Max Verstappen (the 2022 World Drivers' Champion) and Sergio Pérez (the third-place finisher in the World Drivers' Championship in 2022)?

Answer: RED BULL

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What city in the heart of France's Burgundy region is regarded as the mustard capital of the world, with a namesake recipe that dates to the 14th century?

Answer: DIJON

Q6.: FILM - "I'm laughin' at clouds so dark up above / the sun's in my heart and I'm ready for love." These lines, which first appeared in The Hollywood Revue of 1929 and were further popularized 23 years later, are from what song?

Answer: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Spingarn Medal, which is awarded annually for outstanding achievement, was first given to cell biologist Ernest E. Just in 1915, and is presented by what American organization that was formed a few years prior?

Answer: NAACP

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Which Grand Slam tennis tournament is considered to have the slowest surface, with its courts rated at a 1 ("slow", on a scale from 1 to 5) by the International Tennis Federation?

Answer: FRENCH OPEN

Q3.: TELEVISION - Bughead, Barchie, Varchie, and Jeronica were some of the "ships" named by the fandom of what CW series, which wrapped up its seventh and final season in August 2023?

Answer: RIVERDALE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Old advertisements for what soap, widely cited as the first antibacterial soap (and today still the top brand of antibacterial bar soap, at least per its own marketing), promised to stop odor before it starts, keeping you fresh round the clock?

Answer: DIAL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What dog breed takes its name from a strip of territory bordering the Adriatic Sea in Southwest Croatia, largely barren and mountainous and formerly a part of the Greek province of Illyria?

Answer: DALMATIAN

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The title of an Ornette Coleman recording from 1960 subtitled A Collective Improvisation is a source for the name of what jazz style, which is mostly undefinable but is characterized by a lack of rules (or a breaking of rules) and a rejection of conventions (like chord progressions, harmony, and melody)?

Answer: FREE JAZZ

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The name of what strongman completes a list that also includes Jackie, Jermaine, Marlon, and Michael?

Answer: TITO

Q2.: LITERATURE - The ideal of humanity found in Friedrich Nietzsche's Thus Spake Zarathustra, when translated into English, is the title of an unrelated movie from 1978. What is that word, which also appears in the titles of numerous other works in film and other media?

Answer: SUPERMAN/ÜBERMENSCH

Q3.: THEATRE - Audio, The Complex, and THREE are music albums by what ultramarine performance art ensemble, which has been resident off-Broadway in New York since 1991?

Answer: BLUE MAN GROUP

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Now commonly used to mean waste or something old, discarded, or of poor quality, what word also once referred to a type of Chinese sailing ship that—belying the current definition—included the most sophisticated and seaworthy ships in the world in the 15th century?

Answer: JUNK

Q5.: SCIENCE - What is the name (or abbreviation) of the unit for measuring heat in which the temperature of one pound of water is raised by one degree Fahrenheit?

Answer: BRITISH THERMAL UNIT (BTU)

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Today, the Big Three automakers in the United States are Ford, General Motors, and what other company, the result of a 2021 merger between the PSA Group (aka Peugeot) and the Fiat Chrysler conglomerate?

Answer: STELLANTIS

Q1.: TELEVISION - Throughout the 1980s, in millions of American homes one could find a handheld device on which was printed the name "Jerrold". What was this device?

Answer: REMOTE CONTROL

Q2.: ART - A 1642 group portrait of the militia company of Captain Frans Banninck Cocq and of Lieutenant Willem van Ruytenburch is best known today by what name?

Answer: THE NIGHT WATCH

Q3.: LITERATURE - What term used to describe the cohort of women and men who came of age from around World War I to the Great Depression was reportedly coined by Gertrude Stein, and popularized via a frequently recounted conversation with Ernest Hemingway, whose own early works were prototypes for writers of this group?

Answer: LOST GENERATION

Q4.: WORLD HIST - "Ocean of wisdom" is a frequently cited colloquial translation for what Mongolian-language (or partially Mongolian) phrase, and person?

Answer: DALAI LAMA

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - The dog who was recently banished from the White House after a series of biting incidents has a name that might suggest he is a member of a local sports team (though he isn't). What is this German Shepherd's name?

Answer: COMMANDER

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - According to one story in Greek mythology, what sprang from the body of Medusa upon her death at the hands of Perseus, and was later captured by Bellerophon, helping him defeat the hybrid Chimera? (Proper name required.)

Answer: PEGASUS

Q1.: TELEVISION - A now-famous October 6, 1978, episode of The Mike Douglas Show featured Bob Hope hitting golf balls with what two-year-old?

Answer: TIGER WOODS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The prefix "hydro-" pertains to water, as in the words "hydrophobic", "hydrothermal", "hydroelectric", etc. What other prefix pertains more generally to "wetness" or "moisture", such as in the word for an instrument that measures humidity?

Answer: HYGRO-

Q3.: AMER HIST - What was the popular name given to the anti-immigrant American Party of the mid-19th century, so named from the response its members were instructed to give upon questioning?

Answer: KNOW-NOTHING

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the various geographical entities across the world whose names begin with "New", which one is a territory in the South Pacific Ocean named after most of the land area that is now the country of Scotland?

Answer: NEW CALEDONIA

Q5.: MATH - In the linear equation with the general form $y = mx + b$, what word is typically used to indicate what is represented by "m"?

Answer: SLOPE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Between the ouster of Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the US House of Representatives on October 3, 2023, and the nomination of Mike Johnson to the role later in the month, House Republicans nominated but failed to confirm three other men for the position. Give any one of the three states that are home to the Congressional districts represented by these three men.

Answer: LOUISIANA, OHIO, MINNESOTA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - According to a song written by Merle Travis and recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford in 1955, you load 16 tons, what do you get? (Full answer required.)

Answer: ANOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Under the rule of the Hohenstaufen dynasty—in particular Frederick I, Henry VI, and Frederick II—what monarchy reached its greatest extent in terms of both power and territory?

Answer: HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - While the pitching staff of the 1948 World Series-winning Cleveland Indians featured mound virtuoso Bob Feller and fellow Hall of Famer Bob Lemon, it also famously included what other legend and future Hall of Fame inductee, who had made his professional debut 22 years earlier with the Chattanooga Black Lookouts?

Answer: SATCHEL PAIGE

Q4.: FILM - Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller play a wealthy phonetics professor and a Cockney flower girl, respectively, in what 1938 British comedy film?

Answer: PYGMALION

Q5.: LANGUAGE - The Russian wordpoputchik, which originally referred nonpejoratively to a writer who was not against the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution but did not actively support it, is usually translated into English as what two-word term? In the Cold War era, this term was used pejoratively (especially in the United States) to label a person who, while not an actual Communist, was sympathetic to Communism's doctrines and aims.

Answer: FELLOW TRAVELER

Q6.: THEATRE - At the end of a 1949 Pulitzer-winning play, the title character's friend gives a speech after this title character's death by suicide, saying "Nobody dast blame this man. A [BLANK] is got to dream boy. It comes with the territory." What job fills in the blank?

Answer: SALESMAN

Q1.: LITERATURE - What distinctive (or maybe not-so-distinctive) bespectacled literary character (of sorts) and world traveler first appeared in print in 1987, in the center of a busy, unnamed town? (British or American name is acceptable.)
Answer: WALLY/WALDO

Q2.: AMER HIST - The US space program that consisted of a series of lunar spacecraft missions designed to obtain images and data of the moon's surface, prior to the Apollo manned landings, had what name, befitting its mandate of exploring freely over a large area?

Answer: RANGER PROGRAM

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In the 2000s, teams from what country (specifically, two teams) have won nearly half (11 of 24) of the finals of the UEFA Champions League, with the most recent win in May 2022 (on a 59th-minute goal by Brazilian left winger Vinícius Júnior)?

Answer: SPAIN

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A dish widely recognized as the "national dish of Mexico" is a mole that originated in and is named after what Mexican state (as is the pepper that provides a main ingredient)? The state's capital city is a settlement that sits on Mexican Federal Highway 150D between Mexico City and the Atlantic port of Veracruz. Note, name the state (or the capital city, which has the same name).
Answer: PUEBLA

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Name the English artist who released his seventh solo album, titled CHOBA B CCCP (roughly "Back in the USSR") in 1988, consisting of covers of rock oldies and distributed on the Soviet Melodiya label.

Answer: PAUL McCARTNEY

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the grand unified theory, which describes the behavior of matter at temperatures existing only within the fraction of a second after the big bang, three fundamental forces of physics are unified: the strong force, weak force, and what third?

Answer: ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE

Q1.: LITERATURE - The 1996 essay collection Deep Sightings and Rescue Missions and the 1999 novel Those Bones Are Not My Child were posthumous works edited by Toni Morrison and written by what other American author, with whom Morrison shared a friendship and a first name?

Answer: TONI CADE BAMBARA

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 1895 Treaty of Shimonoseki (also known as the Treaty of Maguan) resulted in the independence of what former tributary state of China?

Answer: KOREA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Johann Christian Schickhardt's L'alphabet de la musique, which contains 24 sonatas in all keys for violin or flute and continuo, is similar (but inferior) to what contemporaneous masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach, whose work (as evidenced by its name) applies the same concept to stringed keyboard pieces?

Answer: THE WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER

Q4.: TELEVISION - Products that have been featured on advertisements on Saturday Night Live include Colon Blow, The Love Toilet, Mom Jeans, and a "toy sensation" that was produced by Wacky Products Incorporated and its parent company, Global Chemical Unlimited. It contains a liquid core that, if exposed due to rupture, should not be touched, inhaled, or looked at, and includes an unknown glowing substance that fell to Earth, presumably from outer space. What is the three-word name of this toy, which is not to be taunted?

Answer: HAPPY FUN BALL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The yet-to-be-completed bridge known during its early development as the Detroit River International Crossing, which should become the longest cable-stayed bridge in North America upon its completion (expected in 2025), is officially named after what sports hero, who passed away in 2016 (and was immensely popular on both sides of the bridge)?

Answer: GORDIE HOWE

Q6.: FILM - An apartment building at 125 West Ninth Street in Manhattan's Greenwich Village (an address that doesn't actually exist) is the setting—and the only setting—for what 1954 film classic, which is based on the Cornell Woolrich story "It Had to Be Murder"?

Answer: REAR WINDOW

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Name the territory that was a member of the European Community until 1985, serving as that body's northernmost member (a distinction it would hold in any earthly organization it ever joins).

Answer: GREENLAND

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - "Some body [sic] once told me the world is gonna roll me—" These song lyrics evoke the name of a shoe that was first developed and sold by Converse in the 1920s and was the first celebrity-endorsed athletic sneaker. What is the name of this shoe or the semipro basketball player (and Converse salesman) who endorsed them?

Answer: CHUCK TAYLOR ALL STAR

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The 1890 Maritime Strike and 1891 Shearers' Strike, both of which were defeats for the trade unions, have been seen as catalysts for the foundation of the Labor Party in what country (where it has been in government since the election of 2022)?

Answer: AUSTRALIA

Q4.: SCIENCE - Horsepower, as a term used to measure the power of engines, was coined by what 18th-century Scottish inventor, whose name in the 20th century would come to represent 0.00134 horsepower?

Answer: JAMES WATT

Q5.: TELEVISION - What fictional resort chain's locations in Maui and Sicily were settings for a popular streaming television series that premiered in 2021?

Answer: THE WHITE LOTUS

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the name of the nymph in mythology whose love for Narcissus was unrequited? As punishment for spurning the nymph, Narcissus was made to fall in love with his own reflection, while the nymph was condemned by Juno to repeat only the last words spoken to her.

Answer: ECHO

Q1.: TELEVISION - Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks were allegedly the original basis for the characters Rob Petrie and Buddy Sorrell on what classic television sitcom?
Answer: THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the three-letter name of the "kid tested, mother approved" General Mills breakfast cereal that was introduced in 1937 and is still produced today? It likely reached its peak popularity in the 1980s-coincidentally around the same time that an unrelated glam metal band of the same name reached its own peak of success.

Answer: KIX

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Soulful alto Alison Moyet and former Depeche Mode songwriter Vince Clarke formed what electronic music duo in the 1980s? (Either their full name, by which they were known in their native England, or their shortened name, by which they were known in the United States, is acceptable.)

Answer: YAZOO/YAZ

Q4.: LITERATURE - A 1968 ABC television adaptation of what 1937 novel starred George Segal as George, Nicol Williamson as Lennie, and Joey Heatherton as Curly's wife?

Answer: OF MICE AND MEN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What last name--also coincidentally the name of a city--currently comes at the end of this ongoing chronological list? ...Ogwumike, Loyd, Stewart, Plum, Wilson, Young, Ionescu, Collier, Howard, [BLANK].

Answer: BOSTON

Q6.: WORLD HIST - A cultural, artistic, and religious center from around 100 to 1000 CE, the vast city and ceremonial site known as Tiahuanaco (or Tiwanaku) was located in the western part of modern-day Bolivia near what lake?

Answer: LAKE TITICACA

Q1.: LITERATURE - Zashchita Luzhina(1930), Otchayaniye(1936), Pale Fire(1962), and Ada(1969) are some of the works of what novelist and critic?

Answer: VLADIMIR NABOKOV

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Identify the musical instrument that is the lowest-pitched of the woodwinds, and produces the lowest sounds in a standard symphony orchestra. It is a larger version of the second-lowest-pitched woodwind.

Answer: CONTRABASSOON/DOUBLE BASSOON

Q3.: FILM - What 1932 Howard Hawks film, starring Paul Muni, was the basis of (and namesake for) a 1983 Brian De Palma film starring Al Pacino?

Answer: SCARFACE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Derived from a German word for a particular type of educational institution, what four-letter word is Yiddish for "synagogue"?

Answer: SHUL

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire, home to palaces built by Darius I and Xerxes and burned by Alexander the Great's troops in 330 BCE, was a city known by what name?

Answer: PERSEPOLIS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What word, used historically for an ammunition and supply wagon (as in the original lyrics of "The Army Goes Rolling Along"), might be more commonly used today to refer to a chamber for keeping water from flowing into a construction site during the building of underwater foundations?

Answer: CAISSON

Q1.: TELEVISION - The word "sadcom" was coined to refer to television shows such as what animated Netflix series released between 2014 and 2020, which presented a world populated half by humans and half by anthropomorphic animals? The latter included the show's title character, who was voiced by Will Arnett.

Answer: BOJACK HORSEMAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Emomali Rahmon has served since 1994 as president of what Central Asian nation, the region's smallest in area and the poorest of the former Soviet republics? Rahmon's son, Rustam Emomali, is the current mayor of the capital city of Dushanbe.

Answer: TAJIKISTAN

Q3.: AMER HIST - There have been two US presidents with last names that would be the middle names of 20th-century US presidents. What are those two last names?

Answer: JEFFERSON, WILSON

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - St Kilda, Carlton, Essendon, and Collingwood are among the teams that played in a former sports league known by the abbreviation "VFL" and currently play in a league known as the AFL. The four teams' names are also the names of suburbs of what city?

Answer: MELBOURNE

Q5.: LITERATURE - Pandemonium, as the name of the principal city in Hell, was first used in what epic poem from 1667 that prominently featured Lucifer, Beelzebub, Japhet, Adam, and Eve?

Answer: PARADISE LOST

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Kiwanis International (formed in 1915) and Lions Clubs (1917) are examples of clubs organized to perform volunteer community service. The first such club for business and professional men was formed in 1905 in Chicago with what name, so named because meetings were held at the office of each member in turn?

Answer: ROTARY

Q1.: THEATRE - A word defined as having a hand on one's hip with the elbow turned outward was used in the title of a Tony-winning musical that debuted on Broadway in 2022. What is that word?

Answer: AKIMBO

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Córdoba, Palermo, Athens, Shijiazhuang, Kaesong, Niigata City, Stockton, Lexington, and Charlottesville are names of cities that sit on (or near) what whole-number circle of latitude?

Answer: 38TH PARALLEL

Q3.: ART - What neoclassical architectural style, prevalent in the United States in the late 18th and early 19th centuries and thus roughly concurrent with the British Regency and French Empire styles, is also sometimes termed "Adamesque" (as it was modeled on the work of Robert and James Adam)? The style is abundant in the cities of Boston, MA, Salem, MA, Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, as well as on the campus of the University of Virginia (and of course in and around Washington, DC).

Answer: FEDERAL

Q4.: MATH - In a standard deck of 52 playing cards, 36 are number cards. In the corresponding set of 36 numbers, what number is the mean, and what number is the median? (Please note that two answers are required.)

Answer: SIX, SIX

Q5.: FILM - A fictional Scottish island named Summerisle is the setting for what 1973 horror film, in which Christopher Lee portrays the leader of the island's pagan cult, which offers the annual human sacrifice referenced in the movie's title?

Answer: THE WICKER MAN

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The agreement that Poland's western frontier should run along the Oder-Neisse line and that Germany would be divided into four occupation zones was made at a July-August 1945 conference in what city in Eastern Germany?

Answer: POTSDAM

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Used as the title of a classic film noir from the 1940s, what two-word term denotes a feature of a life insurance policy according to which the insurer pays twice the policy's face value if the insured dies accidentally?

Answer: DOUBLE INDEMNITY

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What Hawaiian word means "to bake in the ground" and is used in the name of a popular pork dish traditionally prepared in such a manner (and is not to be confused with the similar sounding name of an unrelated liqueur)?

Answer: KĀLUA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - A program of commercial educational materials that endeavors to teach children reading skills via letter-sounds correlations, introduced in 1987 and still in existence today, is sold under the brand "Hooked on" what?

Answer: PHONICS

Q4.: AMER HIST - In an annual message to Congress in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt identified four basic human rights he proclaimed as "Four Freedoms". Two were freedoms "of" (freedom of speech, freedom of worship), and two were freedoms "from"—name either of the latter two.

Answer: WANT, FEAR

Q5.: POP MUSIC -House Party, House Party 2, and House Party 3 are among the films starring what hip-hop pair from Elmhurst, Queens, born Christopher Reid and Martin?

Answer: KID 'N PLAY

Q6.: LITERATURE - What author, associated closely with the glitterati (and literati) of New York, was born in New Orleans and was the model for the character Dill in Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird?

Answer: TRUMAN CAPOTE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1979, Providence College basketball coach Dave Gavitt led an effort to form what athletic conference, of which he would become the first commissioner in a role he held until 1990?

Answer: BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Q2.: CURR EVENTS - In what the BBC described as a "stunning comeback", who currently serves as the UK's secretary of state for foreign, commonwealth and development affairs (aka foreign secretary), having replaced James Cleverly (who himself replaced the dismissed Suella Braverman as home secretary)?

Answer: DAVID CAMERON

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the one-word scientific term for the liquid, high in vitamins, antibodies, and nitrogen, that is secreted from mammary glands immediately before and during the first few days after giving birth?

Answer: COLOSTRUM

Q4.: TELEVISION - What did the television characters Willow Rosenberg, Samantha Stephens, and Sabrina Spellman, along with a set of sisters from San Francisco with the last name of Halliwell, have most notably in common?

Answer: WITCHES

Q5.: POP MUSIC - In 1989, after the departures of Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant, and Brown's replacement Johnny Gill, the remaining members of the vocal group New Edition formed what hip-hop trio, practitioners of new jack swing?

Answer: BELL BIV DEVOE

Q6.: BUS/ECON - While there are smaller, lesser-known airline alliances across the globe (e.g., U-FLY Alliance, Value Alliance, Vanilla Alliance), three major alliances dominate the passenger aviation industry. The largest of these three is the Star Alliance. Name either of the other two.

Answer: SKYTEAM, ONEWORLD

Q1.: LITERATURE - A sad episode in the South West England village of Kilmersdon, in which a young local woman became pregnant, and perished during childbirth after the man believed to be the father had died in a falling rock incident, is one of the darker possible origin stories for what nursery rhyme?

Answer: JACK AND JILL

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The term "laconic" comes from Laconia, the name of a Greek region that was home in ancient times to a group of people closely associated today with laconism (and similar characteristics). What is the name of those people?

Answer: SPARTANS

Q3.: FILM - A hit mockumentary from 2022 features a character named Marcel who dreams of reuniting with his community and meets his hero (60 Minutes' Lesley Stahl), who helps him fulfill that goal. What, per the movie's title, is Marcel?

Answer: SHELL (WITH SHOES ON)

Q4.: ART - Though she (like perhaps most artists) rejected labels, the artist Joan Mitchell is most closely associated with an art movement known by what name? This term—sometimes used synonymously with the New York School or "action painting"—was first applied to American art in the 1940s and is a distinctly American movement, but it actually first appeared in Germany's Der Sturm in the 1910s in reference to works such as those by Wassily Kandinsky.

Answer: ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM

Q5.: SCIENCE - The scientific adjective "dizygotic" is most often used as a descriptor for a person (or set of people) more commonly referred to in this regard by what two-word phrase?

Answer: FRATERNAL TWIN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A certain award won in 2018 by Luka Modrić and in 2022 by Karim Benzema has been won every other year since 2008 by one of two other men. Identify either of these men.

Answer: LIONEL MESSI, CRISTIANO RONALDO

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - Ahendiadysis the expression of an idea using two independent words connected by "and" (e.g., "sick and tired", "nice and warm"). What hendiadys is used for a brand of candy-coated licorice cylinders—believed to be the oldest continuously produced branded candy in the United States?

Answer: GOOD & PLENTY

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The Russian folk song "Korobeiniki" is the basis for the theme song of what massively popular video game, which was created by Alexei Pajitnov while he worked for the Soviet Academy of Sciences, was released for the Nintendo Game Boy in 1989, and is the subject of the 2011 documentary Ecstasy of Order?

Answer: TETRIS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The international meeting known as the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, held at the namesake estate in Washington DC's Georgetown neighborhood, is remembered today largely for its role in the planning and formation of what?

Answer: UNITED NATIONS

Q4.: TELEVISION - What Fox sitcom from the 1990s had a title character with the last name of Payne and starred an actor with the last name of Lawrence (who played other characters as well, including his mother Edna, a security guard named Otis, a hippie named Jerome, and a neighbor named Shenehneh)?

Answer: MARTIN

Q5.: LITERATURE - "XisY,YX—that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know." What words (in order) are represented by X and Y in this quote from John Keats's Ode on a Grecian Urn?

Answer: BEAUTY, TRUTH

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Composer Modest Mussorgsky's one complete opera is an intense and grim work about (and named after) what Russian tsar of the 16th-17th centuries? A certain cartoon villain has a name that is a pun on this tsar's name.

Answer: BORIS GODUNOV

Q1.: LITERATURE - Who decreed a stately pleasure dome in Xanadu, per the opening of a poem published in 1816?

Answer: KUBLA KHAN

Q2.: MATH - Identify the Tuscan of the 12th-13th centuries who learned of the "new" Arabic numerals during travels in North Africa and the Middle East, and helped popularize their use in Europe via a historic 1202 book describing the numeral system?

Answer: FIBONACCI

Q3.: THEATRE - In a famous 1904 play and related works, Londoners George and Mary Darling are minor characters who have three children: sons John and Michael, and a daughter with what rare-at-the-time name?

Answer: WENDY

Q4.: AMER HIST - In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 a commemoration day with a name by which it was known from 1938, when Congress made it a federal holiday, until 1954, when it received its current name. What was this holiday's original name?

Answer: ARMISTICE DAY

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What geographical term for a long and gradual curvature in a shoreline that forms a large, open bay is used in the name of the "Great Australian" one formed by that land mass's southern coastline?

Answer: BIGHT

Q6.: SCIENCE - A "light-emitting" type is a well-known example of what device, a two-terminal electronic component that conducts current in one direction but not the other?

Answer: DIODE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the primary ingredient in the chilled soup known as vichyssoise, which as such has thusly also been referred to as potage Parmentier(fittingly given M. Parmentier's culinary legacy)?
Answer: POTATOES (also acc. LEEKS)

Q2.: MATH - A device invented in the early 17th century called Napier's bones and another device, invented later in that century, called a Pascaline were advancements on what other tool, commonplace at the time, which was known to the Egyptians by at least 500 BCE and perhaps invented by the Babylonians as early as 3000 BCE?

Answer: ABACUS

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Name the man who supplanted Mao's designated successor, Hua Guofeng, to become China's paramount leader in 1978, serving in that role until handing over power (publicly at least) to Jiang Zemin in 1989.

Answer: DENG XIAOPING

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A hit country album by Morgan Wallen (subtitled The Double Album) shares a name with a pop album released by Michael Jackson, as well as a comedy album released by Bill Hicks. What is that shared name?

Answer: DANGEROUS

Q5.: FILM - What title character is featured in blockbuster films from 2002, 2004, 2007, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2023?

Answer: SPIDER-MAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - In addition to its 10 provinces, Canada also has three administrative divisions officially designated as territories. Of the three, which one is by far the smallest in area (at less than half the size of the second smallest)?

Answer: YUKON

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The Epson MX-80 was an example of what type of printer (the most commonly used in the 1970s and 80s in home and personal computing but now largely obsolete, save for various specialized applications), which created characters by striking an ink ribbon with pins?

Answer: DOT MATRIX

Q2.: SCIENCE - The name of what object of anatomy comes from a classical Greek term for "raise" or "lift", which conveys its function of raising or lifting blood?

Answer: AORTA/ARTERY

Q3.: AMER HIST - The History Channel miniseriesThe Men Who Built Americafocuses on the stories of five American industrialists and business magnates. Two of these industrialists share last names with the men who would later become beneficiaries of Section 2 of the 25th Amendment to the US Constitution. Give either last name.

Answer: FORD, ROCKEFELLER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In August 2023, a team at the University of Nebraska broke the unofficial world record for the largest ever attendance at a women's sporting event, when more than 92,000 fans watched the Cornhuskers defeat the University of Nebraska-Omaha in what sport (in which Nebraska is a five-time NCAA champion)?

Answer: VOLLEYBALL

Q5.: BUS/ECON - The British bank HSBC, which is Europe's largest as measured by total assets, got its start in 1865 in what (at the time) crown colony?

Answer: HONG KONG

Q6.: LITERATURE - [BLANK] in August(1932) by William Faulkner,The [BLANK] That Failed(1890) by Rudyard Kipling,The [BLANK] We Lost(2017) by Jill Santopolo—what one word fills the blank in all three of these novels' titles?

Answer: LIGHT

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In the geographic region known as the Horn of Africa, what country occupies the tip of the "horn" (i.e., its easternmost area)?

Answer: SOMALIA

Q2.: ART - "The Baroness with a Brush" was a phrase used to describe what Polish-born 20th-century Art Deco painter, whose 1932Portrait of Marjorie Ferry—one of the most expensive paintings ever produced by a woman artist—sold in February 2020 for \$21.2 million?

Answer: TAMARA DE LEMPICKA

Q3.: SCIENCE - In the early 19th century, the French physicist Augustin-Jean Fresnel developed an innovation that, while commonly used in various applications today, was first created for use in a specific type of building and has been referred to as an "invention that saved a million [BLANK]." Identify either the type of building in question, or the word that fills the blank in the quote.

Answer: LIGHTHOUSE, SHIPS

Q4.: FILM - The events of Wyoming's bloody 1892 Johnson County War are the subject of what 1980 cinematic megaflop, which starred Kris Kristofferson, Christopher Walken, and Isabelle Huppert, was directed by Michael Cimino, and is often cited as a cause for the collapse of the production company United Artists?

Answer: HEAVEN'S GATE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What later political party was named after the revolutionary who, until his assassination in 1934, led resistance forces against the US occupation of Nicaragua?

Answer: SANDINISTA (FSLN)

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - According to a famous quote attributed to the ancient Greek philosopher Protagoras, what "is the measure of all things"?

Answer: MAN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The record producer born Dijon Isaiah McFarlane has been "on the beat" for hit songs by YG, Ty Dolla Sign, Tyga, Kid Ink, Trey Songz, Jeremih, Big Sean, Rihanna, Ella Mai, and many others, in addition to his own singles "Pure Water" (with Migos) and "Ballin'" (with Roddy Ricch). By what name is McFarlane known professionally?

Answer: MUSTARD

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the outfielder who batted .202 with 3 home runs and 51 RBIs in 127 games for the AA Southern League's Birmingham Barons in 1994.

Answer: MICHAEL JORDAN

Q3.: SCIENCE - What word, for a salt containing the ion CNO-and used as an explosive, has also come to be used as a verb for expressing angry and strong criticism?

Answer: FULMINATE

Q4.: AMER HIST - Identify the business establishment located at 53 Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village that was named a National Historic Landmark in 2020 and is at the site of a US national monument designated as such in 2016.

Answer: STONEWALL INN

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Nouns in Latin (and some other languages) are divided into different groups based on the patterns of their endings with respect to case and number. These different groups, of which there are five in Latin (feminis an example of the first, deus of the second, and rex of the third), are known by what term?

Answer: DECLENSIONS

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Political populist and self-described "anarcho-capitalist" Javier Milei, dubbed "El Loco" and "El Peluca" ("The Wig") by his fans, resoundingly won the November 2023 election for president of what country?

Answer: ARGENTINA

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - 2005's "Me at the zoo", featuring 25-year-old Jawed Karim, marks the beginning of what cultural phenomenon?

Answer: YOUTUBE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The famous Defenestration of Prague in 1618, during which Ferdinand II's representatives were tossed from the windows of Prague Castle, was an early event in what war, which ended with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648?

Answer: THIRTY YEARS' WAR

Q3.: FILM - Name the MLB Hall of Famer and World Series hero who tweeted, on September 8, 2022, via his month-referencing handle, "Now we all know I was innocent! Amen! RIP Queen E!"

Answer: REGGIE JACKSON

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What specialty espresso drink, similar (or in some cases identical) to a cortado, is named for the specific Libbey Glass Co. glassware in which it was originally and is often still served? The glassware is in turn named after a geographical territory-coincidentally near where the cortado originated.

Answer: GIBRALTAR

Q5.: SCIENCE - Dark regions mainly on the nearside of the Moon are known by a word that is often among the top 100 or so names for girls in the United States (and is historically extremely popular for girls in the Spanish-speaking world). What is that term?

Answer: MARIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - The greatest chart success for a song from a Disney movie occurred in early 2022, and was a cross-genre, Latin-music, ensemble number whose title playfully and directly contradicts the song's gossipy lyrics. What is the name of this hit song?

Answer: WE DON'T TALK ABOUT BRUNO

Q1.: SCIENCE - The Gutenberg discontinuity and the Mohorovičić discontinuity are significant in geology as the inner and outer boundaries, respectively, of what?
Answer: (EARTH'S) MANTLE

Q2.: MATH - In statistics, the t-distribution is used to estimate population parameters in samples that have an unknown variance or are small in size. The distribution's name is often preceded by what word, a pseudonym used by Guinness Brewery chemist William Sealy Gosset in a 1908 paper that describes the distribution?

Answer: STUDENT/STUDENT'S

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the world's most populous Muslim-majority country? It has roughly the same population as Egypt, Iran, and the entire Arabian Peninsula combined.

Answer: INDONESIA

Q4.: ART - According to a 1924 statement by the poet André Breton, the aim of what artistic and literary movement (associated with Brauner, Dalí, Ernst, Kahlo, Magritte, Miró, et al.) was to "resolve the previously contradictory conditions of dream and reality"?

Answer: SURREALISM

Q5.: POP MUSIC - "Slowly" is the English translation of the title of what pop song, a version of which landed at the #2 spot on Billboard magazine's 2017 Year-End Hot 100 chart (behind Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You")?

Answer: DESPACITO

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In an endless runner video game popular on Android and iOS devices since its release in 2012 (and reportedly the most-downloaded mobile game of the 2010s), the playable character, per the game's title, surfs through what environment?

Answer: SUBWAY

Q1.: ART - A 1964 silkscreen by Andy Warhol sold at auction for \$195 million in 2022, a record (to date) for the artist. The title of the work is Shot Sage Blue [BLANK]—what first name fills in the blank?

Answer: MARILYN

Q2.: SCIENCE - Perhaps "Dorothy Tornado" would have been more fitting, but the L. Frank Baum heroine's last name denotes what other, lesser wind event, which according to the National Weather Service involves wind speeds from 39 to 54 mph?

Answer: GALE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The Sunjoy, a registered trademark of the fast-food restaurant Chick-fil-A, is a concoction that is equal parts of what two other menu items?

Answer: (SWEET) TEA, LEMONADE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Fourth WingandIron Flameare titles of the best-selling "romantasy" books released in 2023. Give either the name of the series of which these are the first two installments, or the name of the books' American author.

Answer: THE EMPYREAN SERIES, REBECCA YARROS

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Of the four core brands of the General Motors Corporation, the largest in terms of sales volume is Chevrolet. Which brand is a clear #2, with sales of 130,608 SUVs and trucks in the first quarter of 2023?

Answer: GMC

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Groups of young militants supportive of Mao Zedong known as Red Guards were active in a deadly and disruptive era of sociopolitical turmoil in China, during which nearly every Chinese citizen read and possessed a copy of Mao's Little Red Book. By what two-word term is this era best known?

Answer: CULTURAL REVOLUTION

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Algeria became Africa's largest country by area in 2011. What other country held that distinction immediately prior to Algeria's ascent to the #1 spot?

Answer: SUDAN

Q2.: FILM - In 2017, scientists at Peru's International Potato Center conducted experiments to grow potato plants in a hermetically sealed container fed by nutrient-rich water in an attempt to replicate and validate the environment from what 2015 film?

Answer: THE MARTIAN

Q3.: TELEVISION - Name the singer, actor, and businesswoman whose Instagram account ranks #3 on the list of individuals with the most followers on the platform, at over 429 million—approximately 700 times the number for @stevemartinreally (incidentally, there does not appear to be an official account for Martin Short).

Answer: SELENA GOMEZ

Q4.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the colorless and odorless hydrocarbon mixture first created by German chemist Carl Reichenbach in 1830, which revolutionized a candle industry theretofore reliant on rendered animal fat?

Answer: PARAFFIN (PARAFFIN WAX)

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Gamer and live streamer Jynxzi predominantly plays a video game published by Ubisoft that is often referred to with the shorthand "R6S". What is the name of this video game?

Answer: (TOM CLANCY'S) RAINBOW SIX SIEGE

Q6.: ART - The 17th-century Baroque artist Artemisia Gentileschi's most famous work is likely one that depicts a gruesome scene where an individual's head is being involuntarily sundered from its body. Give the name of either the nearly headless man in this painting or the woman performing the deed.

Answer: HOLOFERNES, JUDITH

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - A certain municipal sobriquet has been used (or considered for use) over the years for various professional sports teams, including the 1883-84 seasons of what is now the San Francisco Giants, a candidate in 1963 for what had been the Titans and became the Jets, and—probably most notably—the current champions of the National Women's Soccer League. What is that name?

Answer: GOTHAM

Q2.: FILM - Identify either of the two massive-budget Hollywood films released between May and July 2023 that feature a main character driving a car at a high rate of speed down Rome's Spanish Steps.

Answer: FAST X, MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE -- DEAD RECKONING PART ONE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - What sweet stone fruit is popular in dessert dishes and sorbets, is often added to curries, is used for jams and other preserves, and is made into a wide variety of chutneys in India—where it is the national fruit and where over 40% of the world's crop is grown?

Answer: MANGO

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The name of Denver Broncos wide receiver Jerry Jeudy, when spoken aloud, sounds similar to the English phrase "managed Thursday" translated into what language?

Answer: FRENCH

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Joaquín Guzmán, born in Sinaloa, Mexico, in April 1957, is best known by what nickname?

Answer: EL CHAPO

Q6.: SCIENCE - When demonstrating the telegraph to the US Congress in 1844, what biblical phrase did Samuel Morse transmit (today, the phrase would be rendered .- . . . - - / . . . - - . . . / - . - - - . . / - - - . - - - . . . - - - . . . -)?

Answer: WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT

Q1.: BUS/ECON - Clothing retailers Zara, H&M, Shein, ASOS, and Forever 21 are examples of companies that employ what business model, a two-word term the New York Times used in 1990 to describe Zara's ability to proceed in 15 days from an item's design idea to hanging the item on a store rack?

Answer: FAST FASHION

Q2.: WORLD HIST - "The Magnificent" and "The Lawgiver" were sobriquets applied to what 16th-century sultan of the Ottoman Empire, during whose rule the empire reached its fullest extent with conquests of Belgrade, Rhodes, Iraq, Tripoli, and Hungary?

Answer: SULEIMAN

Q3.: MATH - Arab mathematician and astronomer Muhammad ibn-Musa al-Khwarizmi, who compiled early works on arithmetic and astronomical tables, introduced algebraic concepts to Western mathematics as a result of his work's translation into Latin. In fact, it is from the Latinization of his name that what common word in mathematics is derived?

Answer: ALGORITHM

Q4.: SCIENCE - Name the multiparadigm programming language first released in 1995 and designed by Yukihiro Matsumoto, who named the language after a colleague's birthstone.

Answer: RUBY

Q5.: FILM - A red 1961 Ferrari 250 GT California Spyder plays a prominent role in the plot of what 1986 film?

Answer: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

Q6.: LITERATURE - "Appeal", "associate", "brethren", "broker", "chamber", "client", "confession", "litigators", "partner", "racketeer", "rainmaker", "reckoning", "summons", "testament"—all of these words appear in titles of what novelist's works, which are perennial bestsellers?

Answer: JOHN GRISHAM

Q1.: TELEVISION - Podcaster and internet entrepreneur Adam Curry is also famous (at least to US audiences) for his on-camera work in the 1980s and 1990s for what company, whose domain name Curry registered and ran personally in 1993?

Answer: MTV

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - At the 2019 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, what Louisiana State University athlete—in her first and only year of collegiate competition—broke the women's collegiate and world Under-20 (U20) records in winning the 100 meters, and also broke the world U20 record while finishing runner up by 0.01 seconds in the 200 meters?

Answer: SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The westernmost point on the mainland of the continent of North America is at the tip of a peninsula named after what 19th-century American politician?

Answer: WILLIAM H. SEWARD

Q4.: THEATRE - In Shakespeare's Hamlet, in Act 5, Scene 2 (the play's final scene, just after Hamlet's dying words), a character referred to as "Ambassador" states, "The sight is dismal, / And our affairs from England come too late. / The ears are senseless that should give us hearing / To tell him his commandment is fulfilled, / That [BLANK]. / Where should we have our thanks?" What statement, itself the title of a 1966 play, fills in the blank?

Answer: ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

Q5.: SCIENCE - What familiar word refers to a common, often age-related medical disorder and is also a geographical term synonymous with "powerful waterfall" (and in fact comes directly from the Latin for "waterfall")?

Answer: CATARACT

Q6.: ART - A famous painting by 19th-century German painter Emanuel Leutze re-creates a historical event at what non-German river?

Answer: DELAWARE

Q1.: TELEVISION - What Hulu-produced series was nominated in each of its first four seasons (beginning in 2017) for an Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series, still today the only Hulu series to receive a nomination for that award? Its one win among the four, in 2017, was the first series from any streaming service (Hulu or otherwise) to win the Outstanding Drama Series Emmy.

Answer: THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Q2.: LITERATURE - It is generally agreed (though it has never been explicitly revealed) that Rev. Al Sharpton is the model for the preacher/activist Rev. Reginald Bacon in what satirical 1987 novel?

Answer: THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The scientific prefix "oo-" typically indicates what, per the prefix's Greek etymology?

Answer: EGG

Q4.: WORLD HIST - One British dandy helped transform Bath into a spa town in the 1700s, and another cultivated a friendship with the Prince Regent (the future King George IV) and defined English men's high fashion in the early 1800s. Both men went by what first name?

Answer: BEAU

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "Lifecasting" is a term that was popularized in part by a website and platform called justin.tv (named after and originally featuring cofounder Justin Kan), which ultimately spawned what still-existing service?

Answer: TWITCH

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The 17th hole of the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, is often cited as one of the most iconic golf holes in the world and is the best-known with what particular distinction? This distinction is a two-word phrase by which the hole is commonly referred.

Answer: ISLAND GREEN

Q1.: POP MUSIC - A 1982 book written by Myra Williams (formerly Myra Lewis, second-cousin and former 13-year-old wife of Jerry Lee Lewis) and a 1989 Jerry Lee Lewis biopic starring Dennis Quaid both had what four-word title, which was first popularized as a phrase by Jerry Lee himself in 1958?

Answer: GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Balkhash, Athabasca, Ladoga, Eyre, Kivu, and Poopó are all names, most prominently, of what?

Answer: LAKES

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The men who won the Pulitzer Prizes in Music in 2003 (for *On the Transmigration of Souls*) and in 2014 (for *Become Ocean*) are American composers who share what first and last name? Their middle names are Coolidge and Luther, not to be confused with a third similarly named composer with the middle name of Clement.

Answer: JOHN ADAMS

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What is the essential Greek equivalent of the Turkish *döner* kebab, the Middle Eastern *shawarma*, and the Mexican *pastor*?

Answer: GYROS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In August 2020, an estimated 300,000 people were left homeless and over 200 lost their lives after an explosion of a warehouse storing ammonium nitrate in what city?

Answer: BEIRUT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What colorless, flammable hydrocarbon is the fifth member of the alkane series?

Answer: PENTANE

Q1.: SCIENCE - Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm, and Belotero are among the popular brands of injectable dermal fillers made from what acid, which occurs naturally in skin and other tissues?

Answer: HYALURONIC ACID

Q2.: FILM - "People do not give it credence that a young girl could leave home and go off in the wintertime to avenge her father's blood, but it did happen." So begins what 2010 film, a new adaptation of a 1968 novel that was first adapted to film in 1969?

Answer: TRUE GRIT

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Although it was named the Central African Republic upon its establishment in 1960 as an independent nation and has that name today, the country was known by what slightly modified name from 1976, due to the actions of then president Jean-Bédel Bokassa, until September 1979?

Answer: CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The Brazilian American MMA champion and pro boxer born Cristiane Justino Venâncio adopted the nickname of her ex-husband Evangelista Santos and uses it as the second half of her ring name. What is that nickname?

Answer: (CRIS) CYBORG

Q5.: LITERATURE - What literary term and genre, derived from the French for "to stuff", originally described brief, improvised comic interludes within liturgical dramas, but now suggests a broader humor deriving its comic effect from ludicrous scenarios, hyperbolic actions, crass jokes, and absurdity?

Answer: FARCE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - The sheep-milk cheese that is arguably Spain's most famous shares a location of origin with a literary hero who is also arguably Spain's most famous. What is the name of that cheese?

Answer: MANCHEGO

Q1.: LANGUAGE - A word for a certain type of artistic arrangement does not pertain to a particular specific prophet, though it sounds like it might and is a homonym of a word that does. What is this word?

Answer: MOSAIC

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In recent years, the pharmaceutical industry has seen a battle in the development of prescription weight-loss drugs, specifically between two long-time archrivals. One has launched semaglutide (under the brand names Ozempic and Wegovy) for type 2 diabetes and obesity, and the other has launched tirzepatide (brand names Mounjaro and Zepbound). Name either of these two companies, the first of which is European, and the second of which is American.

Answer: NOVO NORDISK, ELI LILLY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Members of the Christian sect founded by George Fox (and others) in England during the mid-17th century are popularly known by what term, which may have originated from what one must do, per Fox's admonishment, "at the word of the Lord"?

Answer: QUAKERS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - According to Section 6.02 of Major League Baseball's official rules, under "Pitcher Illegal Action", when one or more runners is on base and the pitcher, "while touching his plate, makes any motion naturally associated with his pitch and fails to make such delivery", what violation has occurred?

Answer: BALK

Q5.: SCIENCE - Internet Protocol version 4 (better known as IPv4), which underpins most network traffic, provides 232 unique addresses in a 32-bit address space. These addresses are most often represented in "dot-decimal" notation—i.e., four nonnegative integers separated by three dots, such as 127.0.0.1. What is the greatest value any of these four integers can have in IPv4?

Answer: 255

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Kriek and Framboise are among the popular styles of a type of Belgian beer made with malt and uncooked wheat and fermented with wild yeast. By what name is this beer known?

Answer: LAMBIC

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Mom's Spaghetti is a restaurant in downtown Detroit owned by what musical artist?

Answer: EMINEM

Q2.: ART - What artistic term, which originally referred during the Renaissance to a relaxed, asymmetrical pose prevalent in Greek and Roman sculpture, is applied today to poses in which one part of a figure turns or twists away from (or is "set against") another part?

Answer: CONTRAPPOSTO

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - A boundary dispute between the US and British governments over their respective possessions on the Pacific Coast of North America was settled by the 1846 Oregon Treaty, which drew a line at the 49th parallel but dipped south into the Strait of Juan de Fuca to maintain Britain's claim to what island?

Answer: VANCOUVER ISLAND

Q4.: CLASS MUSIC - The "trilogy" of the 1989 Philip Glass album Songs from the Trilogy was a group of three biographical operas by the composer that culminated in 1984 with Akhenaten, included 1979's Satyagraha (about Mahatma Gandhi), and began in 1976 with an opera about what other individual?

Answer: ALBERT EINSTEIN

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Upon its launch in September 1906, the RMS Mauretania—named after the Roman province in Northwest Africa—was the world's largest ship, overtaking what other vessel, the Mauretania's sister ship, which had launched three months prior?

Answer: RMS LUSITANIA

Q6.: LITERATURE - Carl Sandburg's influential six-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln is divided into two parts: the first two volumes, subtitled The [BLANK #1] Years, and the final four volumes, subtitled The [BLANK #2] Years. Provide either of the words that fill in the blanks in these subtitles.

Answer: PRAIRIE, WAR

Q1.: TELEVISION - A satellite television service was launched by Rupert Murdoch-owned News International in 1989, merged with British Satellite Broadcasting in the early 1990s, evolved to become Europe's largest media company and pay-television broadcaster, and is now owned by American media conglomerate Comcast. What is the trade name of this company, headquartered in the London Borough of Hounslow?

Answer: SKY

Q2.: FILM - Two tiny roles—a complaining customer in a grocery store and a bank employee—are filled by the only women with speaking roles in what exceedingly popular (and exceedingly male-dominated) 1994 movie?

Answer: THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Q3.: SCIENCE - What word, from the Greek for "one's own" or "personal" and "suffering", is used in medicine to describe a disease or condition that arose spontaneously or has no identifiable cause?

Answer: IDIOPATHIC

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A pâté brisée filled with egg custard and cooked bacon, onion, and cheese is a dish named after what region now in Northeastern France, where it originated?

Answer: LORRAINE

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What Olympic sport is also well-known by an onomatopoeic name that was trademarked by English sports companies Jacques of London and Hamley Bros. in 1900, with US naming rights acquired by Parker Brothers shortly thereafter and owned since the 1970s by a company called Escalade Sports?

Answer: TABLE TENNIS/PING-PONG

Q6.: WORLD HIST - What one name is missing from this chronological list: Koizumi, [BLANK], Fukuda, Asō, Hatoyama, Kan, Noda, [BLANK], Suga, Kishida?

Answer: ABE

Q1.: LITERATURE - Scott Kelly's 2017 memoir *Endurance* documents his year (or so) spent where?

Answer: SPACE/INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Q2.: FILM - The Love Bug, Field of Dreams, The Theory of Everything, Ghostbusters (2016), Flash Gordon, Oklahoma!, The Fugitive, and Monty Python and the Holy Grail are all films featuring performers with what last name?

Answer: JONES

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The island of Unguja, located just off the coast of East Africa (northwest of Madagascar and directly north of the city of Dar es Salaam) and home to the city of Stone Town, is known more familiarly by what other name?

Answer: ZANZIBAR

Q4.: AMER HIST - "To overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions." When it appeared in 1845, as written by columnist John Louis O'Sullivan, this quote was accompanied by the introduction of what phrase and political doctrine?

Answer: MANIFEST DESTINY

Q5.: SCIENCE - Members of thousands of species within the taxonomic family Apidae—the largest within the superfamily Apoidea which is itself within the order Hymenoptera—are all known by what term?

Answer: BEES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - On February 4, while accepting the Grammy Award for Best Pop Vocal Album, Taylor Swift unexpectedly announced the release of her new album on April 19, with what title?

Answer: THE TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Simon Pagenaud, Takuma Sato, Hélio Castroneves, Marcus Ericsson, and Josef Newgarden are the most recent winners of what Spectacle?

Answer: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Q2.: FILM - Although the plot and unusual narrative structure of a celebrated Akira Kurosawa film come from Ryunosuke Akutagawa's 1921 short story "Yabu no Naka" ("In a Grove"), another Akutagawa story from 1915 provides the film's setting (a ruined gate in Kyoto) and title. What is that title?

Answer: RASHÔMON

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Ghetto Supastar (That Is What You Are)", "Gone Til November", and "Doo Wop (That Thing)" were hit singles from the late 1990s recorded and released by former members of what trio?

Answer: THE FUGEES

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What company's logo, influenced by a character on a cathedral mosaic in medieval Italy, is a twin-tailed siren with an asymmetrical face?

Answer: STARBUCKS

Q5.: TELEVISION - Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt is coholder of the NFL single-season record for most quarterback sacks, sharing the honor with what morning television and game show host?

Answer: MICHAEL STRAHAN

Q6.: SCIENCE - In the 1790s, British physician Edward Jenner discovered that individuals could develop immunity to the deadly smallpox virus by way of infection with the milder cowpox virus. It is thus through the name of this latter virus (specifically, its Latin name) that what word was introduced into the English language?

Answer: VACCINE/VACCINATION

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - In September 2020, the US Food and Drug Administration released a statement that warned against the adverse effects of a TikTok challenge involving a recipe for "Sleepy Chicken", which entailed marinating a chicken breast in what branded product before cooking?

Answer: NYQUIL

Q2.: LITERATURE - What literary name, which the Oxford English Dictionary has defined as a boiled brandy-and-ale drink from the late 17th century, is known in France asboule boule, in Denmark asLille-Trille, and in parts of Germany asRüntzelken-Püntzelken?

Answer: HUMPTY-DUMPTY

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The 1842 Treaty of Nanjing, between China and Britain, ended the First Opium War, broke China's trade monopoly, opened various "Treaty ports" (such as Xiamen, Guangzhou, and Shanghai), and ceded Hong Kong to the British crown. It is the first of what would be dubbed (rather accurately, especially from China's perspective) the [BLANK] Treaties—what adjective fills in the blank?

Answer: UNEQUAL

Q4.: THEATRE - In the 2023 revival, James Monroe Iglehart reprised the role originated by Tim Curry, Taran Killam reprised the role originated by Hank Azaria, and Leslie Kritzer reprised the role originated by Sara Ramirez in the original 2005 Broadway production of what musical?

Answer: SPAMALOT

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Tempura, Squid Nigiri, Chopsticks, and Pudding are among the cards in the deck of what "pick and pass" game?

Answer: SUSHI GO!/SUSHI GO PARTY!

Q6.: FILM - One of W.C. Fields's most beloved comedy shorts, The Fatal Glass of Beer, is famous for its oft-repeated line (and subsequent blast of snow to the face). What are the last four words of that line, which begins, "And it ain't a fit night out"?

Answer: FOR MAN OR BEAST/FOR MAN NOR BEAST

Q1.: TELEVISION - A cement mixer named Dizzy, a road roller named Roley, a dump truck named Muck, and a digger named Scoop are construction vehicles used by what animated general contractor?

Answer: BOB THE BUILDER

Q2.: SCIENCE - Among the major physical properties used to help identify minerals are color, fracture, hardness, and a property denoted by a two-word term that measures the "heaviness" of a mineral, expressed as a ratio between the weight of the mineral and the weight of an equal volume of water. What is that term?

Answer: SPECIFIC GRAVITY/RELATIVE DENSITY

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In 2022 and 2023, the #2 podcast on Spotify (after The Joe Rogan Experience) was a comedy, interview, and relationship-advice podcast hosted by Alexandra Cooper titled Call Herwhat?

Answer: DADDY

Q4.: ART - What painter and sculptor, who died in Toledo in 1614, is regarded as the first great artist of the Spanish School, though he himself was not Spanish (and is best-known by a name that combines Spanish and Italian, though he himself was also not Italian)?

Answer: EL GRECO/DOMINIKOS THEOTOKOPOULOS

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - At roughly 850,000 square miles in area, the Bay of Bengal is the world's most extensive body of water whose name includes the word "Bay". What inland sea, around half the area of the Bay of Bengal, is the second largest such body of water?

Answer: HUDSON BAY

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What vaguely scientific-sounding slang term for "excellent", "very satisfactory", and "hunky-dory" is of unknown origin but was popularized by Bill "Bojangles" Robinson in the 1920s? In the Grateful Dead's "West L.A. Fadeaway", lyricist Robert Hunter pairs it in a couplet with "pathetic".

Answer: COPACETIC

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The title of a popular song by David Bowie that appeared on the 1972 album The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars contains a word (among its two words) that relates, indirectly, to the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution (though the lyrics don't relate to it, even remotely). What is that word?

Answer: SUFFRAGETTE

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - Violinists David Harrington and John Sherba, violist Hank Dutt, and cellist Joan Jeanrenaud were the long-time foursome comprising a string quartet founded in 1973 and named after what mythical god?

Answer: KRONOS

Q3.: LITERATURE - Author and *Time* magazine correspondent Simon Shuster's 2024 biography, *The Showman*, profiles what world leader and former actor?

Answer: VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Many sources cite what German port city as the leading European city in number of bridges, with nearly 2,500, many of which span the Alster, Bille, or Elbe Rivers?

Answer: HAMBURG

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Smarcle Flyer, Happy Bee, Fly Birdie, Fall Out Bird, Tiny Flying Drizzy, Ninja Flop, and Splashy Fish were among the many dozens of knockoffs of what mobile game, developed by video-game artist Dong Nguyen in 2013?

Answer: FLAPPY BIRD

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The great expansion of the Ottoman Empire from the 16th to 18th centuries is attributed in part to elite fighting forces that consisted largely of soldiers first taken from Christian families and enslaved as boys. These forces are known by what name, from the Turkish for "new" and "soldier"?

Answer: JANISSARIES

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Li Ronghao, G.E.M., Eason Chan, JJ Lin, and Jay Chou are musical artists who achieved great success in what popular music genre (a subgenre and branch of C-Pop), of which the Taiwan-born Chou is frequently dubbed the "King"?
Answer: MANDOPOP

Q2.: LANGUAGE - A story from the Old Testament during which, on the Day of Atonement, a priest would confess the sins of the Israelites over a particular animal's head and then drive the animal into the wilderness, is the source for what word common today?

Answer: SCAPEGOAT

Q3.: SCIENCE - According to some sources, what portmanteau was coined in the early 1900s as a synonym for "London particulate matter" (though it is not unique to that city)? It's a phenomenon with several serious proven health effects and has been reported as the possible cause for the deaths of thousands of individuals in Delhi, India, every year.

Answer: SMOG

Q4.: LITERATURE - John Stuart Mill's influential 1859 essay, which asserts that the state may interfere with individual freedoms only to protect other individuals, is titled "On" what?

Answer: LIBERTY

Q5.: FILM - What password, used in countless TV shows, movies, books, and other media, first appeared in the 1932 Marx Brothers movie Horse Feathers?

Answer: SWORDFISH

Q6.: MATH - Give the mathematical adjective most often used to describe scales of measurement, such as the decibel and pH scales, in which an increase of one unit represents a tenfold increase in the quantity measured.

Answer: LOGARITHMIC

Q1.: FILM - What name is the last word uttered in the final installment of the Star Wars sequel trilogy, from 2019, as well as the last word of the film's title?
Answer: SKYWALKER

Q2.: TELEVISION - US House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. (D-MA) opened the House's proceedings on March 19, 1979, and in doing so became the first distinguishable voice on what cable television network?
Answer: C-SPAN

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Queen Anne, Britain's last ruler of the Stuart dynasty, died in 1714 without an heir, so the throne passed to George I, a distant relative who was ruler of what German electorate (state)—and thus he became the first British monarch from the House of that name?

Answer: HANOVER

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Charleston, Lexington, Maui, Nantucket, Montauk, Sausalito, Tahoe, Santa Cruz, and Chesapeake are locations in the United States, and also names of cookies produced by what bakery?

Answer: PEPPERIDGE FARM

Q5.: LITERATURE - Confessions has been the title (in English) of numerous works of literature throughout history (as well as the beginning of the titles of countless others). Still, likely the two most notable with that title were written in Latin in the late 4th century CE and in French in the 1760s. Identify either of these works' authors.

Answer: ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

Q6.: SCIENCE - A term used in botany for the tissue between the vascular system and the epidermis in plant stems and roots is also used in zoology for the outermost layer of tissue of various organs (such as adrenal glands, kidneys, and the hemispheres of the cerebrum). What is this term?

Answer: CORTEX

Q1.: CLASS MUSIC - What word is the comic counterpart to seria in the names of common genres of opera?

Answer: BUFFA

Q2.: TELEVISION - What is the name of the jazz-tinged space Western anime series, set in the year 2071, which first aired in Japan in 1998, was popular upon its premiere in the US on Adult Swim in 2001, and was adapted into an unsuccessful live-action version on Netflix in 2021?

Answer: COWBOY BEBOP

Q3.: AMER HIST - The present borders of the mainland United States were completed in 1854 upon the completion of the purchase of a strip of land, just under 30,000 square miles in area, negotiated by and named after what US Minister to Mexico?

Answer: JAMES GADSDEN

Q4.: TELEVISION - Billy Bob Thornton, Allison Tolman, Colin Hanks, Martin Freeman, Kirsten Dunst, Patrick Wilson, Jesse Plemons, Jean Smart, Ted Danson, Ewan McGregor, Carrie Coon, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, David Thewlis, Chris Rock, Jason Schwartzman, Ben Whishaw, Juno Temple, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Jon Hamm have all starred in the main cast of what TV series that premiered in 2014?

Answer: FARGO

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Real Madrid, Anadolu Efes, CSKA Moscow, Fenerbahçe, and Maccabi Tel Aviv are recent winners of the most prestigious European trophy in what sport?

Answer: (MEN'S) BASKETBALL

Q6.: SCIENCE - The large wide ring of tens of thousands of small celestial bodies thought to be composed of mostly ice that comprise the Kuiper Belt are referred to as KBOs ("Kuiper Belt Objects"). Alternatively, they are sometimes called TNOs—what does the "N" in TNO stand for?

Answer: NEPTUNE/NEPTUNIAN

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The word "prone" is used to describe the position of a person lying face down (from the Latin word *pronus*, "bent forward"). What is the opposite term, which indicates the position of a person lying face up (from the Latin for "bent backwards") and can also be used to describe someone as passive, inactive, or indolent?

Answer: SUPINE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Identify any one of the three altepetls that constituted the powerful Nahuan Triple Alliance of the 15th and 16th centuries.

Answer: TENOCHTITLAN, TEXCOCO, TLACOPAN

Q3.: ART - A line of attractions along the Rue de Rivoli on the Right Bank of the Seine begins in the west with the Place de la Concorde, continues toward the east into in Paris's 1st arrondissement with the Jardin des Tuileries and then the Place du Carrousel, and ends with what tourist mecca, near the scenic Pont des Arts?

Answer: THE LOUVRE

Q4.: FILM - On January 20, 1990, activist Ron Kovic was awarded the Golden Globe for Best Screenplay, 22 years to the day after suffering an injury that left him paralyzed from the chest down. What is the name of the film, based on his 1976 memoir of the same name, for which he won the award?

Answer: BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - What Olympic sport is played on a 40m x 20m (131.25ft x 65.62ft) indoor court between two teams of seven players each, and the rules of which allow players to take up to three steps without bouncing the ball and to hold it for up to three seconds?

Answer: HANDBALL

Q6.: SCIENCE - A form of carbon made by the destructive distillation of coal has a name that is also used for a certain unrelated beverage. What is that name?

Answer: COKE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Opened in April 1994, the 0.73-mile-long Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge connects the cities of Nong Khai and Vientiane, spanning what river?
Answer: MEKONG

Q2.: TELEVISION - A universally and massively acclaimed September 15, 2013, TV series episode titled "Ozymandias" is notable for, among many things, the show's opening credits not appearing until 19 minutes into the episode, due to dramatic events at its start. "Ozymandias" was the third-to-last episode in the fifth and final season of what series?

Answer: BREAKING BAD

Q3.: AMER HIST - Among the candidates who finished behind Joe Biden and Donald Trump in the popular vote during the 2020 US presidential election were Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen, with 1.8 million votes, Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins, with 407,000, American Independent Rocky de la Fuente, with 88,000, and what musician, an Independent candidate who earned over 70,000 votes?

Answer: KANYE WEST

Q4.: LITERATURE - Author Kate DiCamillo is one of six authors to have twice received the Newbery Medal, awarded for distinguished contributions to American children's literature, and the only author to have won two in the 21st century. The first (in 2004) was for a story about a heroic mouse, and the second (2014) was for a story about a girl and a squirrel. Give the name of any one of these three characters.

Answer: DESPEREAUX, FLORA, ULYSSES

Q5.: SCIENCE - The IBM text-tagging system created in the 1960s and abbreviated GML was so named after the last names of its developers (Goldfarb, Mosher, and Lorie), but in subsequent text-encoding systems, such as SGML, XML, and HTML, the "ML" is generally understood to stand for what?

Answer: MARKUP LANGUAGE

Q6.: FILM - Kristen Stewart was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress in 2022 (for 2021), and Annette Bening was nominated for the same honor in 2024 (for 2023). The nominations were for performances portraying real-life individuals who shared what first name?

Answer: DIANA

Q1.: TELEVISION - The six dots in the logo of what television series match the six umbrellas in its opening credits?

Answer: FRIENDS

Q2.: SCIENCE - A set of fossilized bones, classified initially as *Pithecanthropus erectus* and now included within the species *Homo erectus*, were found at Trinil at the River Solo on what island, after which this "man" is commonly named?

Answer: JAVA

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Shania Twain's second LP, from 1995, would become the best-selling album of all time by a female country artist, selling over 20 million copies worldwide. Her 1997 release would eclipse that, doubling the sales of its predecessor and remaining today the best-selling country album of all time. Give the title of either of these two blockbuster albums.

Answer: THE WOMAN IN ME, COME ON OVER

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Since 2010, one school has won the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship in three different seasons, and they did so on each occasion with a different head coach. What is that university?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Q5.: LITERATURE - Caroline, who was the wife of England's George II and had eight children, has been supposed (as have many others) to be the inspiration for a nursery-rhyme character who inhabited what?

Answer: A SHOE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Although French general Henri Philippe Pétain was born in Cauchy-à-la-Tour in 1856 and was dubbed the lion of Verdun for leading victorious French forces in battle there, history will invariably (and unfavorably) most closely associate him with what other city, in Central France?

Answer: VICHY

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What word links the name of the Grand Ole Opry comic who wore the \$1.98 hat and the name of a band who waged a costly, years-long feud with Ticketmaster beginning in the 1990s?

Answer: PEARL

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The expression "too big to fail", associated with the theory that some institutions are so large and interconnected with the economy that their failure would have outsized impacts on the economic system, was coined in the 1980s, but during the 2008 financial crisis, it was commonly used to describe several entities—and especially the actual collapse and bankruptcy of what financial-services firm, which was founded in 1850 and was (prior to its failure) the fourth-largest investment bank in the United States?

Answer: LEHMAN BROTHERS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - Proposed legislation in New York State titled the Bird Safe Buildings Act, and retroactively renamed the "Feathered Lives Also Count" Act, has received renewed energy after the untimely death of a Eurasian eagle-owl who escaped from the Central Park Zoo and perished after colliding into a residential building. What was this owl's name?

Answer: FLACO

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The plateau of Bohemia and the lowland of Moravia are two regions that constitute the majority of the area of what country?

Answer: CZECHIA/CZECH REPUBLIC

Q5.: FILM - What Paul Newman film character, preternaturally talented at egg eating, earned his moniker via a prison poker game, in which the character bluffs his way to the pot?

Answer: COOL HAND LUKE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Allegedly originating during the Depression era, a type of hamburger served "Oklahoma" style is a smashburger served on a bun with cheese, optional condiments, and what other necessary ingredient?

Answer: (FRIED) ONIONS

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - What Japanese pinball game takes its name from the sound of the steel balls bouncing off the machine's little brass pins?

Answer: PACHINKO

Q2.: THEATRE - Among English playwright Peter Shaffer's numerous theatrical successes are two plays, from 1973 and 1979, that were later adapted to film and that both, coincidentally, have titles in Latin. What is the title of either of these plays?

Answer: EQUUS, AMADEUS

Q3.: ART - A panel from a June 1963 issue of a comic book titled Secret Hearts and illustrated by John Romita, Sr., was adapted later that year into a painting titled Crying Girl, one of the two works with that title by what American artist?

Answer: ROY LICHTENSTEIN

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - Identify the French fashion-goods company named after the racecourse in Paris that hosts the annual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe thoroughbred race.

Answer: LONGCHAMP

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Soviet-dominated regimes of the Warsaw Pact were toppled during the Eastern Bloc revolutions of 1989—peacefully, except for one. What country, whose Marxist government was the last to fall and whose leader was violently overthrown and executed, was the exception?

Answer: ROMANIA

Q6.: AMER HIST - "Old Kinderhook" was the nickname of what US president, who took office during the financial panic of 1837 and (perhaps as a result) was defeated resoundingly in his reelection attempt?

Answer: MARTIN VAN BUREN

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In February 2024, what tech giant reported an annual revenue increase of 265%, thanks to booming sales of its generative-AI chips for servers, which sent its stock soaring toward a market capitalization of nearly \$2 trillion?
Answer: NVIDIA

Q2.: LITERATURE - What three-word phrase used by William James in his 1890 Principles of Psychology has since been applied to the extensive Chapter 42 of Portrait of a Lady (by Henry James, William's brother), sections of Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and To the Lighthouse, and much of James Joyce's Ulysses?
Answer: STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Q3.: AMER HIST - In addition to Cuban independence, the 1898 Treaty of Paris resulted in the cession by Spain to the United States of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and what Pacific island?

Answer: GUAM

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Beginning with her debut in February 1963, Julia Child concluded every episode of The French Chef with what phrase, which was coincidentally the name of an American magazine that itself debuted around six years prior?

Answer: BON APPÉTIT!

Q5.: LANGUAGE - Imagine the outline of a square. When the lines that form the right side and the bottom side of the square are removed, the two lines that remain (the top and left sides) most closely resemble the uppercase form of what letter of the Greek alphabet?

Answer: GAMMA

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What lively folk dance from Southern Italy is actually named after a town in the Italian Peninsula's boot heel, not after a particular arthropod (though legend claims that the dance cures, or is perhaps caused by, this arthropod's bite)? Note: correct spelling of the answer is required.

Answer: TARANTELLA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - In 1958, a triad of European countries known as the Low Countries formed an economic union whose name was a combination of the countries' names. What was that union's name?

Answer: BENELUX

Q2.: LITERATURE - A nameless young Black man in the 20th-century United States and a scientist named Griffin are literary characters, from 1952 and 1897, respectively, that fit what description, per the titles of the novels in which they appear?

Answer: INVISIBLE MEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - In 1986, Cleveland Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama, namesake of the Cleveland Avenue bus line, was renamed in honor of what individual?

Answer: ROSA PARKS

Q4.: MATH - Pythagorean mathematicians of ancient Greece defined three numeric means that are today called "Pythagorean means". They are the arithmetic mean(AM), the geometric mean(GM), and what third, which is abbreviated "HM" and is defined by WolframAlpha as "the mean of n numbers expressed as the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of the reciprocals of the numbers"?

Answer: HARMONIC MEAN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A common layout of a blackjack table contains text along the lines of the following: "Black Jack pays 3 to 2 / Dealer must stand on 17 and must draw to 16 / [BLANK] pays 2 to 1". What word typically appears in the blank?

Answer: INSURANCE

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - Texas-based private company Intuitive Machines developed a commercial robot named Odysseus that, as of late February 2024, is located where?

Answer: THE MOON

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - What French daily newspaper—the country's oldest national newspaper—is named after a sly and subversive character from two works by author Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais (and from their subsequent operatic adaptations)?

Answer: LE FIGARO

Q2.: AMER HIST - A 1927 event that began on Long Island's Roosevelt Field and concluded the following evening at Le Bourget in Paris is the alleged source of the name for what dance craze, popular during the swing era of the 1930s and 1940s?

Answer: LINDY HOP

Q3.: LITERATURE - Bern-born author Johann David Wyss's most famous work is an 1812 novel that describes the adventures of a family often mistaken to have what name (as it's their name in many of the book's adaptations, and is in the book's title)?

Answer: ROBINSON

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The names of two cities—one in Montana, the other in Arizona—also denote two different geographical features that are distinguished only by their size. What are the names of these two cities?

Answer: BUTTE, MESA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget is remembered for his work and theories pertaining to what cohort, as referenced specifically by the missing last word in the title of his seminal work, The Origin of Intelligence in [BLANK]?

Answer: CHILDREN

Q6.: ART - Groundbreaking artist and graphic designer Susan Kare first achieved fame in the 1980s in her work at what company, where she was responsible for many design elements and artifacts that remain popular today—including a dogcow named Clarus and a smiley-face graphic of the company's signature product (at the time)?

Answer: APPLE COMPUTER

Q1.: TELEVISION - In addition to its various international editions, Bravo's Real Housewives franchise has had 12 American installments, famously including New York, New Jersey, and Beverly Hills, but starting where in 2006?
Answer: ORANGE COUNTY

Q2.: LANGUAGE - According to a formal declaration by dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster in February 2024, what is it permissible to end a sentence with?
Answer: PREPOSITION

Q3.: WORLD HIST - The ninth and final version (layer IX) of what ancient city, located on the Anatolian Plateau near the mouth of the Dardanelles, was ruined by earthquakes in approximately 500 CE, marking the ultimate end of around 4000 years of occupation?

Answer: TROY/ILIUM

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A 1994 advert in the UK theatre newspaper The Stage asked, "R.U. 18-23 with the ability to sing/dance? R.U. streetwise, outgoing, ambitious, and dedicated?" This ad was the genesis of what global juggernaut?

Answer: SPICE GIRLS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The MLB pitcher who finished the 1968 season with a 22-9 record and 1.12 ERA and the outfielder who finished the 1988 World Series 1 for 1 with one home run and two RBIs share what last name?

Answer: GIBSON

Q6.: LITERATURE - What is the poetry item un-listed but core in a certain collection that also has iamb and trochee and spondee and anapest?

Answer: DACTYL

Q1.: TELEVISION - Mike Brady, Elyse Keaton, Ted Mosby, and "Art Vandelay" are all television characters who had what occupation?

Answer: ARCHITECT

Q2.: SCIENCE - The English physicist Robert Hooke, namesake of Hooke's law of elasticity and an innovator of the compound microscope, used this microscope in 1665 to study cork tissues, where he saw "little boxes" that he dubbed what?

Answer: CELLS

Q3.: FILM - The "blockbuster era" of Hollywood film is widely considered to have begun in 1975, with the June release of a movie that established summer as the season of the action blockbuster. What was this record-breaking film, the highest-grossing of the year and, for a while, of all time?

Answer: JAWS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Among the many cities in India that have been officially respelled or renamed since the end of the British Raj in 1947 are Mumbai (formerly Bombay), Kolkata (Calcutta), Puducherry (Pondicherry), Bengaluru (Bangalore), and Chennai, which was called what until 1996?

Answer: MADRAS

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - US Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), currently the senior member of the majority party in the Senate, serves in what constitutionally mandated role, presiding over the Senate in the absence of the vice president?

Answer: PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1987, the newly formed activist group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) acquired the rights to an iconic poster that had a solid black background, a pink triangle in the center, and a simple phrase expressed as an equation in bold print at the bottom. What were the two words in this phrase, one on each side of the equal sign?

Answer: SILENCE, DEATH

Q1.: LANGUAGE - The Japanese phrase 新幹線, which translates literally to "new main line" and colloquially to "bullet train", is often rendered in Latin characters as what single word, which first came into use in the mid-20th century?

Answer: SHINKANSEN

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Ervin Harris and Donald Feaster, two friends of Darius Rucker in the jazz choir at the University of South Carolina in the 1980s, had nicknames that inspired the name of what platinum-selling rock band?

Answer: HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the building damaged by an arson fire in an event of historical significance on February 27, 1933?

Answer: REICHSTAG

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Identify the fruit, cultivated in Southeast Asia, that has a spiky, thick, green or yellow rind, is shaped like a rugby ball and—though pleasant tasting—has an offensive odor that causes it to be banned on trains and in other public spaces.

Answer: DURIAN

Q5.: ART - The 1931 oil painting Cow's [BLANK] with Calico Roses is a well-known and representative work by American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. What word fills in the blank in the title?

Answer: SKULL

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the nine-ball arcade redemption game whose owner was, fittingly, headquartered for a time in Coney Island, and which is named indirectly for the small "jump" that is fundamental to its gameplay.

Answer: SKEE-BALL

Q1.: LITERATURE - One of the best-known philosophical justifications for ontological idealism—particularly, the illusory nature of the sensory world—is an allegory from Plato's dialogues with what geographical feature as its setting?

Answer: CAVE

Q2.: SCIENCE - Electric generators that produce an alternating current are commonly called alternators, whereas what other word is used for a generator designed to produce a direct current? The word comes from the Greek word for "power" and is used in the names of many soccer (football) clubs around the world.

Answer: DYNAMO

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - John Corigliano's *Pied Piper Fantasy* (1981), Thea Musgrave's *Orfeo I* (1976), and *Music for Flute and Orchestra* (1995) by Lorin Maazel are among the works written for what virtuoso flautist, who was actually born in Belfast, in 1939?

Answer: JAMES GALWAY

Q4.: FILM - The New Empire is the subtitle of a 2024 film that features what long-time cinematic adversaries?

Answer: GODZILLA, KING KONG

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The 2005 revolution in Kyrgyzstan that led to the overthrow of President Askar Akayev is often lumped within a broader series of "color revolutions" that also include Georgia's Rose Revolution and Ukraine's Orange Revolution. The Kyrgyz Revolution is typically named after what flower, which appears in a variety of colors?

Answer: TULIP

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Ceuta and Melilla are cities that are a part of Spain but are within the borders of what other country?

Answer: MOROCCO

Q1.: LITERATURE - A mammoth, seven-volume 20th-century work, sometimes referred to as La Recherche in its native French, is usually known by one of two titles in English. Give either of these English titles.

Answer: IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME/REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST

Q2.: BUS/ECON - Identify the car company founder who achieved auto racing immortality with his innovation of placing the car's engine at the rear of the chassis. Despite that, he (and his name) may be more closely associated with his role in developing a performance version of the British Motor Corporation's Mini in the early 1960s.

Answer: JOHN COOPER

Q3.: POP MUSIC - Name the artist who released the song "Ojos Así", from her 1998 album Dónde Están los Ladrones?, and recorded its English adaptation "Eyes Like Yours" for 2001's Laundry Service (her first English-language studio album).

Answer: SHAKIRA

Q4.: FILM - What memorable 1993 movie was shot in what were (accordant with its setting) often frigid conditions, but in Woodstock, Illinois—near the home of its star actor—and not in the movie's real-life Pennsylvania location?

Answer: GROUNDHOG DAY

Q5.: WORLD HIST - King of Scots Malcolm III, aka Malcolm Canmore, conquered southern Scotland in the mid-11th century but did not become king until 1057, when he defeated and killed what previous ruler, who himself may be best known today as a theatrical character?

Answer: MACBETH

Q6.: SCIENCE - While it had formal use in older classification systems, the term mycota is often used today in a general sense as a synonym for what taxonomic kingdom in biology?

Answer: FUNGI

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - In the 1960s, General Foods called what product "the drink of the astronauts" while using space travel iconography in its marketing?

Answer: TANG

Q2.: SCIENCE - 89.9% ± 1.0 of the nitroamine RDX, 8.9% ± 1.0 of a polyisobutylene binder, and 1.2% ± 0.25 of the detection taggant DMDNB are specifications, according to the United States military, for what substance with an alphanumeric name?

Answer: C-4

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - According to legend, what word earned its association with the game of poker when a player, optimistic about his hand's chances but out of cash, dropped his cards on the table to fetch his horse as collateral? (On his return, he realized that his foes had taken a look at his cards, and in response, he proposed a now common gameplay variation.)

Answer: STUD

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The title of an annually elected position in the late Roman Republic, whose role was to defend the property and lives of ordinary citizens, is used today (in English) in the names of various newspapers. What is this title?

Answer: TRIBUNE

Q5.: MATH - The number six is the smallest of what type of number, which is defined as a positive integer that is equal to the sum of its proper divisors?

Answer: PERFECT

Q6.: TELEVISION - The characters of Ari Gold, the high-powered and high-tempered agent played by Jeremy Piven on Entourage, and Eli Gold, the political operative and campaign manager played by Alan Cumming on The Good Wife, are said to be based on real-life brothers who have filled similar roles in their respective careers. What last name do these brothers share?

Answer: EMANUEL

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Miami and Puerto Rico are two points of a certain geographical polygon of urban legend. What is the third?

Answer: BERMUDA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Cuisses de grenouille is the name of a French culinary delicacy known in English as what?

Answer: FROG LEGS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Although it is derived from an Arabic term referring to camels, howdah is the name of an object that is probably more often associated with what other animal?

Answer: ELEPHANT

Q4.: AMER HIST - On May 4, 1970, National Guardsmen killed four students and wounded nine others during an antiwar rally on the campus of Kent State University. Later that same month, law enforcement officers fired dozens of rounds at a dormitory on the campus of what southern HBCU, killing two and injuring twelve?

Answer: JACKSON STATE

Q5.: POP MUSIC - A certain 1955 song played with a five-accent hambone rhythm (dun--dun--dun---dun-dun--) was recorded by Buddy Holly. This song's writer, who originally recorded the song, had the same name as the song, as well as the beat itself (which became his signature). What is the name shared by that song, beat, and rock and roll pioneer?

Answer: BO DIDDLEY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Though it can apply to elements in various machines, the term "escapement" is most often used for a necessary mechanism in what type of device (a standard mechanical version of the device, at least)?

Answer: CLOCK/WATCH

Q1.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the moderate "minority" faction of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party of the early 20th century, which (unlike their "majority" counterparts) favored a slower and more progressive transformation of society (which, in fact, is not what turned out to occur)?

Answer: MENSHEVIKS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Chris Eubank, Nigel Benn, Ricky Hatton, Lennox Lewis, Joe Calzaghe, Anthony Joshua, and Tyson Fury are all boxers who have what in common, most notably? They share this commonality with the golfers Luke Donald and Paul Lawrie and basketball player OG Anunoby.

Answer: BRITISH

Q3.: LITERATURE - Carson McCullers's *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* and Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" are quintessential examples of what two-word literary subgenre, whose name reflects the stories' geography and their aesthetic of horror, eccentricity, ruin and decay, and the supernatural?

Answer: SOUTHERN GOTHIC

Q4.: BUS/ECON - In macroeconomics, Okun's law (named after American economist Art Okun) asserts a negative relationship between output (GDP) and a certain rate, whereas the Phillips curve (after New Zealander Bill Phillips) summarizes a negative relation between inflation and a certain rate. In both instances, this certain rate is the same—what is the name of this rate?

Answer: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Q5.: TELEVISION - The following could be used to indicate the title of what Cold War-era Netflix series? 1.d4 d52.c4

Answer: THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Spanish word *llano* translates to "plains", and the name "Los Llanos" refers to a specific region of savanna and grasslands. Identify either of the two countries that are home to Los Llanos or the primary river that shapes the ecology of the region.

Answer: COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA, ORINOCO

Q1.: THEATRE - A 2024 Broadway musical directed and choreographed by Justin Peck has music and lyrics by Sufjan Stevens and was inspired by Stevens's 2005 concept album, which, in turn, chronicles people and places in what political entity (after which the album and musical are both named)?

Answer: ILLINOIS

Q2.: SCIENCE - The medical condition urticaria, generally caused by the body's release of histamine, is better known by what word, which is descriptive of the condition's appearance?

Answer: HIVES

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The loveable and cheerful mushroom-headed, vest-wearing, Princess Peach-serving character in Nintendo's Mario universe has what animal name?

Answer: TOAD

Q4.: FILM -Belinda(1948), Eager(1941), Guitar(1954), and Handsome(1989) are all half-titles of major Hollywood films. What name is missing from them all?

Answer: JOHNNY

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A certain type of men's dress shoe identifiable by its closed lacing—the shoe's "quarter" (middle to back of the upper) is stitched under the "vamp" (front to middle of the upper)—is sometimes called a Balmoral, after Scotland's Balmoral Castle, but is more commonly known by a name which is that of what English city?

Answer: OXFORD

Q6.: LANGUAGE - A dialect of English creole known as Crucian is spoken predominantly on what Caribbean island?

Answer: SAINT CROIX

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The kingdom of Ayutthaya existed for roughly 400 years, until the mid-18th century, in what is now what country?

Answer: THAILAND

Q2.: POP MUSIC - For the week ending May 4, 2024, the top 14 slots on Billboard magazine's Hot 100 chart were songs by Taylor Swift (as well as 15 of the top 20 and 21 of the top 30). The top two non-Swift spots were held by solo artists who are, respectively, a Washington State-born TikTok phenom and American Idol dropout, and an Irish musician who burst onto the music scene in 2013. Their songs are "Beautiful Things" and "Too Sweet"—name either artist.

Answer: BENSON BOONE, HOZIER

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Name the McDonald's menu item first introduced in select locations in 1970, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, and traditionally offered during the months of February and March.

Answer: SHAMROCK SHAKE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers, and The Eumenides constitute a trilogy of plays by Aeschylus known by what name? This name for the trilogy is a term derived from (though is not identical to) the name of the son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, who appears in these and many other Greek dramas.

Answer: ORESTEIA

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - A total of 21 primary logos of teams in the National Basketball Association (out of 30 total) have designs that include, at least in part, the image of a basketball. Of those, precisely one shows that ball going through a hoop (which it does while on fire). What team uses this logo? Both location and team name are required.

Answer: MIAMI HEAT

Q6.: FILM - In 1982, Neal Gabler and Jeffrey Lyons were hired as the new co-hosts of a PBS series that had been, for a time, the highest-rated entertainment series on American public television. Name either of the men this duo replaced—Chicagoans and icons who had originated the series in 1975.

Answer: GENE SISKEL, ROGER EBERT

Q1.: TELEVISION - A crash in the Canadian wilderness of a plane carrying players to a soccer tournament is the setup for what critically acclaimed series that debuted on Showtime in November 2021?

Answer: YELLOWJACKETS

Q2.: LITERATURE - In a famous short story from 1846, a European aristocrat named Montresor describes how he lured a foe named Fortunato into catacombs and entombed him there, under the pretense of sampling fine wine. Montresor claimed this wine was what type, a variety of sherry?

Answer: AMONTILLADO

Q3.: SCIENCE - In 1800, Italian scientist Alessandro Volta invented a pile that is widely credited today as the first-ever what?

Answer: (ELECTRICAL) BATTERY

Q4.: FILM -Aparajito is the title of the second installment of filmmaker Satyajit Ray's classic Apu Trilogy, and Apur Sansar is the third. What is the first film's title, which translates from Bengali to English as "Song of the Little Road"?

Answer: PATHER PANCHALI

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Johor, Kedah, Selangor, Malacca, and Penang are states located on the "Peninsular" portion of what country?

Answer: MALAYSIA

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Michael Stipe, lead singer of the band R.E.M., alluded in an interview to a dream he once had in which he was attending a party where every guest (but him) had the same initials. Many of these people are famously mentioned by name in the lyrics to R.E.M.'s "It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)". What were these two initials?

Answer: LB

Q1.: MATH - A steep 8,163-foot summit in the Coast Mountains of British Columbia and a similarly symmetrical 12,160-foot peak in California's High Sierra have names that include a word derived from the Greek roots for "equal" and "leg.". This word otherwise appears overwhelmingly most often as an adjective with a specific geometrical usage. What is that word?

Answer: ISOSCELES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Carolingian dynasty started (by some historians' measure) in 687 with a ruler who shared a name with a later ruler who was his grandson (by way of son Charles Martel), and this grandson was himself the father of Charlemagne. These two Carolingian rulers (identified as "II" and "the Short" respectively) shared what name?

Answer: PEPIN/PIPPIN

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Although it's associated with Christian Dior's "New Look" of the post-WWII era and also with Givenchy via Audrey Hepburn in 1961's Breakfast at Tiffany's, the "little black dress" as an icon of fashion is considered to have originated in the 1920s, and specifically in a 1926 Vogue magazine feature, with a black dress designed by what French designer and fashion-label namesake?

Answer: COCO CHANEL

Q4.: ART - Among the works of art "repeated" by the American artist Sturtevant (Elaine Sturtevant) beginning in the 1960s were Andy Warhol's Cow, Marcel Duchamp's L.H.O.O.Q., Joseph Beuys's Fat Chair, and what artist's Flag?

Answer: JASPER JOHNS

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - A broad, circular, slightly convex metal disk hung vertically and struck in the center with a soft-headed beater is a specific gong of indefinite pitch known by what repetitive name?

Answer: TAM-TAM

Q6.: TELEVISION - The NFL's Super Bowl LVIII, held on February 11, 2024, between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers, is the most-watched television program in history, with an estimated 123.7 million viewers across its broadcasts on CBS, Univision, and what cable TV channel (which simulcast the game "live from Bikini Bottom")?

Answer: NICKELODEON

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - "You're being extremely truculent." "Whatever truculent means, if it's good, I'm that." This exchange occurred during an interview in February 1966 between two legendary sports personalities. Name either of the two individuals, who—though very different (they could hardly be more different)—were often associated with each other.

Answer: HOWARD COSELL, MUHAMMAD ALI

Q2.: AMER HIST - Having begun in 1927, what was completed in October 1941, 22 years after the most recent member of its heads tetrad died at the age of 60?

Answer: MOUNT RUSHMORE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - German has two common words for the English "cake": kuchen, which refers to a simple cake like Butterkuchen or Marmorkuchen, and what other word, which usually refers to a fancier, multilayered kuchen made with cream or fruit filling and decorative toppings?

Answer: TORTE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Under the Net, The Bell, The Black Prince, An Unofficial Rose, and The Sea, the Sea are among the 27 novels written by what Anglo-Irish author, who herself was the subject of a posthumous 2001 feature film?

Answer: IRIS MURDOCH

Q5.: SCIENCE - "Marsh gas", which is formed by rotting vegetation in marshes, consists mostly of what hydrocarbon?

Answer: METHANE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Strait of Messina, at some points less than two miles wide, separates an island from the mainland of the country of which it is a part. What is the island in question?

Answer: SICILY

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In addition to earning Billboard #1 singles in her solo career and as a part of the trio that made her famous, what artist has also done so as half of a duet (with Lionel Richie) and as a member of an ensemble (USA for Africa)?
Answer: DIANA ROSS

Q2.: BUS/ECON - The first exchange-traded fund in the United States, launched by State Street Global Advisors in 1993, still exists today and is in fact the largest ETF in the United States. By what arthropodic name, based on the four-letter acronym of its original formal name, is this fund commonly known?
Answer: SPIDER (SPDR)

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - On February 19, 2024, the Boston Cannons defeated the Philadelphia Waterdogs 23-22 on an overtime goal by attackman Matt Kavanagh to win the Championship Series in the top professional North American league for what sport? The series was played in the "sixes" format, which will be used when the sport returns to the Olympics in 2028.

Answer: (FIELD) LACROSSE

Q4.: LANGUAGE - A significant marker in the gradual transition from Middle English to Modern English, an occurrence centered on the mid- to late-15th century, is a phenomenon whose cause is still not fully understood. This phenomenon is widely known as the Great [BLANK] Shift (fill in the blank).

Answer: VOWEL

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - The "A" in the name of the AME Church stands for "African", because its earliest organizers in the 1810s were descended from enslaved Africans (and the denomination is the first in the Protestant Church to be founded by Black people). What do the "M" and "E" stand for? They represent the Christian tradition in which the AME is rooted and the form of church government under which it is organized, respectively.

Answer: METHODIST, EPISCOPAL

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The two sides that battled in the civil war in China that broke out shortly after Japan's surrender in WWII are often referred to (in English) by three-letter abbreviations. One side was the CCP; what three letters were used for the other?

Answer: KMT

Q1.: THEATRE - The 1940 play *My Sister Eileen* tells the story of two Ohio sisters who move into an apartment in Manhattan's Greenwich Village in the 1930s to become a famous writer (Ruth) and actress (Eileen). This play was adapted into what 1953 musical?

Answer: WONDERFUL TOWN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The municipality of Teterboro, New Jersey (2020 population: 61) is best known for being the home of what type of facility?

Answer: AIRPORT

Q3.: SCIENCE - Irish physicist and chemist Robert Boyle's 1662 law states that what two characteristics of a given amount of gas are inversely proportional (in a closed system with temperature unchanged)?

Answer: PRESSURE, VOLUME

Q4.: LITERATURE - When the word *Furioso* is removed from the title of a 16th-century romantic epic by Ludovico Ariosto, it becomes the title of a 1928 fantasy novel by Virginia Woolf as well as the name of the hero in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. What is that name?

Answer: ORLANDO

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Finnish record producer and DJ Darude is best known for what 1999 single—played frequently at sporting events and referred to often in internet memes—whose title might evoke a dust devil or haboob?

Answer: SANDSTORM

Q6.: FILM - Psychedelic, Everseer, Blazestone, Tradewind, Stormicide, Gamma Jack, and Macroburst are among the entries in the Kronos database in what 2004 film?

Answer: THE INCREDIBLES

Q1.: LITERATURE -Illuminations(Les Illuminations), published in 1886 as a "hallucination of words" and collection of experimental verse and prose poems, was written by whom—most likely when he was between the ages of 17 and 19—and published without his knowledge by Paul Verlaine?

Answer: ARTHUR RIMBAUD

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In January 1871, the Prussian monarch Wilhelm I adopted what new six-letter title, which was used until 1918?

Answer: KAISER

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Australian Don Bradman is widely considered the greatest cricketer of all time (and, by some, the greatest athlete in any sport), the primary evidence of which is his astronomical test batting average of 99.94. In cricket, batting average is calculated with the batsman's "number of times out" in the denominator and what other statistic in the numerator?

Answer: RUNS

Q4.: SCIENCE - The initials "cv" are used to abbreviate a two-word term that refers to a distinct type of plant that is produced by selective breeding but that does not grow in the wild. This two-word term is also (and maybe more often) contracted into what single word? (Note, the answer is one single word.)

Answer: CULTIVAR

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - "A repeating plaid pattern consisting of a tan background, light tan vertical and horizontal lines, white squares, and red vertical and horizontal lines." The preceding is a formal description of a registered trademark owned by what British luxury brand?

Answer: BURBERRY

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC -Jarabes,sones jaliscienses,canciones rancheras, andcorridos are among the varied repertory of what traditional ensemble of western Mexico, which today can consist of one or more trumpets and violines, avihuela,guitarras, and aguitarrón?

Answer: MARIACHI

Q1.: TELEVISION - "Mr. Television" was the moniker of what early TV star, who was the first host of the televised Texaco Star Theater in June 1948, became the permanent host later that year, and hosted the show (which was eponymously renamed in 1953) on Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm until 1956?

Answer: MILTON BERLE

Q2.: FILM - Two different films that were nominees for the Academy Award for Best Picture at the February 2008 ceremony—one directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the other by Joel and Ethan Coen—were being shot on location at the same time in 2006 in and around Marfa, Texas. Name either film.

Answer: THERE WILL BE BLOOD, NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN

Q3.: BUS/ECON - What word most often precedes "life insurance" to specify the type of life insurance that offers coverage for a preset and limited amount of time (in contrast to "universal" life insurance or "whole" life insurance)?

Answer: TERM

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Frank Schoonmaker, Michael Broadbent, Jancis Robinson, Robert Parker, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Jay McInerney (beginning in the 1990s), Eric Asimov, Lettie Teague, and James Suckling are all writers who have found success specializing in what topic?

Answer: WINE

Q5.: WORLD HIST - The Conservative Party in the United Kingdom was formed in the 1830s under the leadership of Sir Robert Peel as an evolution from (or perhaps a rebranding of) what other political party, which dates back to the 1670s in a rivalry with the Whigs?

Answer: TORY

Q6.: LITERATURE - "The offing was barred by a black bank of clouds, and the tranquil waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth flowed sombre under an overcast sky—seemed to lead into the [REDACTED] of an immense [REDACTED]." So ends what 1899 novella, whose three-word title includes the two words redacted in the quote?

Answer: HEART OF DARKNESS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What country, formerly administered by New Zealand, gained independence in 1962 and lost the "Western" part of its name in 1997?

Answer: SAMOA

Q2.: FILM - The Beaver Building, located in Lower Manhattan at 1 Wall Street Court and for decades the home of the New York Cocoa Exchange, provides the exteriors for the city's sanctuary Continental Hotel in what film series?

Answer: JOHN WICK

Q3.: SCIENCE - Ötzi, the Copper Age person who was found in a region of the Ötztal Alps bordering Austria and Italy in 1991, is frequently referred to by what nickname, based on the condition in which he was found (which contributed to his preserved state, despite being over 5,000 years old)?

Answer: ICEMAN

Q4.: LANGUAGE - The Germanic god Tiw (aka Týr), from whose name the Modern English word "Tuesday" (as well as the equivalent word in some other Germanic languages) is derived, is equated with what Roman god—who likewise is the source of the same day's name in many Romance languages?

Answer: MARS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - What was the name of the space station, launched in February 1986, whose name translates to English as "peace"?

Answer: MIR

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In competitive swimming, the medley relay consists of four legs performed by four different swimmers, each swimming one of the four swimming styles. By necessity, which of the four strokes is swum first?

Answer: BACKSTROKE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - The most popular polyurethane products developed as non-expanding recreational foam in various forms are sold under what brand name?

Answer: NERF

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1896, the Boston Symphony premiered the Gaelic Symphony, widely cited as the first symphony written and published by an American woman. Who is this composer?

Answer: AMY BEACH

Q3.: AMER HIST - While Haudenosaunee is the name by which the nations of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca referred to their 17th- and 18th-century confederation (which later included the Tuscarora), the French and English used what other word when naming this league?

Answer: IROQUOIS

Q4.: FILM - The 1975 comedy musical film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and its original stage production *The Rocky Horror Show*, were variations on what classic 19th-century novel (evidenced by the name of Tim Curry's character in the film and the title of the musical's third song)?

Answer: FRANKENSTEIN

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - The 7th-century-BCE Greek king Byzas, according to one legend, is the founder of the city that today has what name?

Answer: ISTANBUL

Q6.: POP MUSIC - "Push Ups", "Taylor Made Freestyle", "6:16 in LA", "Family Matters", "Meet the Grahams", "Not Like Us", and "The Heart Part 6" are songs from April and May 2024 in a beef between what two individuals?

Answer: DRAKE, KENDRICK LAMAR

Q1.: SCIENCE - The names of the medications sold under the brand names Lipitor, Mevacor, Zocor, Pravachol, and Crestor all have what suffix, which is also used as the name for this class of drugs used to treat high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease?

Answer: STATIN

Q2.: AMER HIST - Martin Luther King Jr.'s August 28, 1963, "I Have a Dream" speech begins with the line "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation." It ends—as Dr. King states, "in the words of the old Negro spiritual"—with what three words?

Answer: FREE AT LAST

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The nation of Germany is divided into 16 states (Länder), three of which are smaller Stadtstaaten ("city-states") while the remainder are Flächenländer ("area states"). Of the 16, which Flächenland is both the southernmost and the largest in area?

Answer: BAVARIA/BAYERN

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Once (and perhaps again?) a common breakfast dish in Britain, kippers are made with what fish, which are split, gutted, and cold-smoked?

Answer: HERRING

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Name the pitcher who played for six MLB teams from 1992 to 2003, mostly as a reliever, compiling a record of 42-39 in a respectable career whose success has already been greatly surpassed by the career of his pro-athlete son.

Answer: PAT MAHOMES

Q6.: POP MUSIC - An appearance in the 2023 film Saltburn led to a resurgence in popularity of a Sophie Ellis-Bextor song from 2001 whose lyrical subject matter involves a murder where?

Answer: ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Q1.: FILM - A legendary July 1985 event in London's Wembley Stadium provides the climax for what 2018 film?

Answer: BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Q2.: ART - "In [BLANK] art the idea or [BLANK] is the most important aspect of the work. When an artist uses a [BLANK] form of art, it means that all of the planning and decisions are made beforehand and the execution is a perfunctory affair." In this quote, from a 1967 article by American artist Sol LeWitt, a form of the same word fills in all three blanks. What is that word (in adjective or noun form)?

Answer: CONCEPTUAL/CONCEPT

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What university has won NCAA Division I softball's Women's College World Series (WCWS) eight times since the year 2000, including seven times since 2013 and all four years from 2021 to 2024?

Answer: UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Q4.: TELEVISION - The year 2020 marked the 60th anniversary of what British soap opera, which centers on the lives of residents on a cobbled thoroughfare in the fictional Greater Manchester town of Weatherfield?

Answer: CORONATION STREET

Q5.: SCIENCE - NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), whose purview includes the development and control of uncrewed spacecraft, is managed for the agency by what university?

Answer: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CALTECH)

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Jerry Byrd, Pete Drake, Buddy Emmons, Lloyd Green, Shot Jackson, and Ralph Mooney were all members of a broad and legendary "Nashville A-Team" of musicians that performed on hundreds of hit country albums over the decades. They were all elite players of what instrument, which is most closely associated with country music as well as Hawaiian music?

Answer: STEEL GUITAR

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Marianne Joan Elliott-Said, frontwoman of the punk rock band X-Ray Spex (and songwriter of the band's anthem "Oh Bondage Up Yours!"), when deciding on a stage name, consulted the Yellow Pages to find "a name of the time, something plastic" and settled on what material used for packing peanuts, disposable food containers, egg cartons, consumer-electronics packaging, and insulation panels?

Answer: POLY STYRENE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic work of children's literature from 1911 involves the protagonist Mary's discovery and restoration of a secret what?

Answer: GARDEN

Q3.: AMER HIST - "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The preceding is an excerpt from the Education Amendments passed by the US Congress in 1972. This legislation, which is often (but not exclusively) referenced with respect to intercollegiate athletics, is usually known by what name? The name, with a slight orthographic adjustment, has been borrowed by a retailer that sells "athletic wear and outdoor clothes for active women."

Answer: TITLE IX

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - A "dirty" martini is distinguished from a standard one sometimes by a change of garnish and always by the former's addition of what salty, nonalcoholic, liquid ingredient?

Answer: OLIVE BRINE

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - Of the seven members of the intergovernmental forum known as the Group of Seven (G7), six have governments led by men (Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the UK, and the US). What country is the seventh member and the only one led by a woman?

Answer: ITALY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - The former Danish passenger ferry Fredericia was converted into a pirate radio ship and started broadcasting off the eastern coast of England in 1964 under what new name, taken from that of an American girl who was six years old at the time?

Answer: CAROLINE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - Eduardo Lonardi, Pedro Eugenio Aramburu, Arturo Frondizi, José María Guido, Arturo Illia, Juan Carlos Onganía, Roberto Marcelo Levingston, Alejandro Agustín Lanusse, Héctor José Cámpora, Raúl Alberto Lastiri. In this incomplete, chronologically ordered list, which spans the period from September 1955 to October 1973, the name of one person could be added at both the beginning and the end. What is that name?

Answer: JUAN PERÓN

Q2.: THEATRE - The hit 1984 single "One Night in Bangkok" by Murray Head, written by ABBA's Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus with lyricist Tim Rice, was part of an album released to raise money for what subsequently produced musical (in which the song appeared)?

Answer: CHESS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - Video-game director Hidetaka Miyazaki andA Song of Ice and Fireauthor George R. R. Martin collaborated on the story and lore for what hit video game, in which players set forth to restore a mythical artifact that both governs the laws of the Lands Between and gives the game its name?

Answer: ELDEN RING

Q4.: ART - As opposed to prime, zoom, telephoto, and wide-angle, what word is used most often to refer to the type of lens designed specifically for focusing in extremely-close-up photography? Such lenses typically have a magnification ratio of at least 1:1, allowing for a large reproduction ratio.

Answer: MACRO

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Johnson & Johnson introduced Johnson's Baby Shampoo in 1953 with what three-word tagline, a registered trademark now owned by the J&J Consumer Healthcare spinoff Kenvue Inc.?

Answer: NO MORE TEARS

Q6.: SCIENCE - The invertebrates of the taxonomic phylum Platyhelminthes are worms so named for their shape. Helminth is the Greek word for "worm" and platy- is the Greek for what?

Answer: FLAT

Q1.: SCIENCE - Flowering plants (angiosperms) are divided into two classes based on the number of seed leaves present. Those with one seed leaf have a name with the prefix "mono-", whereas those with two begin with "di-". What four-syllable word completes the names of these two classes?

Answer: COTYLEDON

Q2.: WORLD HIST - British artist Barbara Hepworth's sculpture Single Form, which is on public display in the United Nations Plaza in New York, was commissioned as a memorial to what man, a Swede and friend of Hepworth's who perished in a plane crash in September 1961?

Answer: DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

Q3.: ART - A famous artwork by the artist Hieronymus Bosch has, in the artist's native Dutch, a traditional title that ends with the word lusten ("lusts"). The painting is housed in Madrid's Museo del Prado, where the title ends with the word delicias. In English, the piece's common modern title ends with what two words?

Answer: EARTHLY DELIGHTS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - Ntozake Shange's 1982 novel Sassafrass, Cypress, & Indigo is a story of three sisters and the other members of their South Carolina family who belong to what ethnic group, which predominantly inhabits the state's Lowcountry and Sea Islands?

Answer: GULLAH/GEECHEE

Q5.: TELEVISION - On the TV sitcom Parks and Recreation, Ron Swanson's mother and both of his ex-wives share a name that also belongs to the title character of a 2014 film starring Melissa McCarthy. What is that name?

Answer: TAMMY

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - According to a rap written by British American documentarian Louis Theroux in 2000, which went viral in 2022 (thanks in part to an appearance on Chicken Shop Date with Amelia Dimoldenberg), his "money don't jiggle jiggle, it" does what instead?

Answer: FOLDS

Q1.: TELEVISION - What animated TV series' cast includes J.K. Simmons as Omni-Man, Sandra Oh as Debbie Grayson, and Steven Yeun as Mark Grayson/the title character?
Answer: INVINCIBLE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - According to (likely false) legend, Apple engineer Dave Hyatt named a product in 2003 after a Beach Boys song, the first track on the band's 1962 debut album of the same name. What is the name of that Apple product?
Answer: SAFARI

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Following the Japanese civil war of 1467-77, the country's central authority was dissolved. The emperor and his military commander (shogun) held only nominal authority, and real power was held by feudal lords called what? The first such lord to attempt reunification was the mid-16th-century local ruler Oda Nobunaga, and these lords would subsequently become vassals of the shogun.
Answer: DAIMYO

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the English football (soccer) league system, the top division is the Premier League. What, perhaps counterintuitively, is the name of the second-highest division of the pyramid, to which three Premier League teams are relegated after each season?

Answer: (EFL SKY BET) CHAMPIONSHIP

Q5.: LITERATURE - What color, similar to vermillion or cinnabar, is central to a critically acclaimed 1850 novel that was one of the first books to be mass-produced in the United States?

Answer: SCARLET

Q6.: LANGUAGE - The letter thorn (þ, also known as þorn) was in the alphabets of some historical Germanic languages, including Old Norse and Old English, but lives on today exclusively in the orthography of what modern language?

Answer: ICELANDIC

Q1.: SCIENCE - A mechanical system whose name sounds like a pair of fundamentals in American football is commonly used on sailing ships for the lifting of heavy loads. What is that name?

Answer: BLOCK AND TACKLE

Q2.: LITERATURE - A series of interviews conducted from 1963 to 1965 resulted in the posthumous October 1965 publication of the autobiography of whom?

Answer: MALCOLM X

Q3.: ART - The collection of buildings that constitute Russia's State Hermitage Museum includes the Small Hermitage, Old Hermitage, New Hermitage, Hermitage Theatre, and—most prominently—what other building (which, incidentally, does not have "Hermitage" in its name)?

Answer: WINTER PALACE

Q4.: MATH - The symbol known as the cap symbol, such as in the expression $A \cap B$, is used in mathematics to represent the operation most often given what name?

Answer: INTERSECTION

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - What perennial, despite (or perhaps because of) the tart flavor of its petioles, is a vegetable commonly used as a primary ingredient in sweet dessert pies—so much so that, in the US, it is nicknamed the "pie plant"?

Answer: RHUBARB

Q6.: AMER HIST - In 1733, James Oglethorpe, with a charter from the current British king, brought the first group of about 120 settlers to what colony?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The southernmost state of India is, per its name, the land of what people, whose name also refers to the Dravidian language spoken there?

Answer: TAMIL

Q2.: POP MUSIC - Though its founding brothers were born in Glasgow, Scotland, and its long-time (44 years and counting) lead vocalist is from Northern England, near Newcastle, what band was formed in Sydney in 1973 and is (by many measures) the internationally greatest-selling musical act from Australia?

Answer: AC/DC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Joppiesaus, Comeback Sauce, Louis dressing, remoulades, Marie Rose sauce, and Samouraï sauce are all made with what emulsive base?

Answer: MAYONNAISE

Q4.: SCIENCE - The astronomical phenomenon in which distant stars traveling away from the observer are redshifted, while those approaching are blueshifted, is an example of an effect named after what Austrian mathematician and physicist?

Answer: CHRISTIAN DOPPLER

Q5.: FILM - What term fills in the blank in the following excerpt from a 1966 interview of Alfred Hitchcock by François Truffaut? "It might be a Scottish name, taken from a story about two men in a train. One man says, 'What's that package up there in the baggage rack?' And the other answers, 'Oh that's a [BLANK].'"

Answer: MACGUFFIN

Q6.: AMER HIST - The danger of close links between defense contractors and the armed forces, and the damaging effects this unified entity can have on public policy, were outlined in President Dwight Eisenhower's 1961 farewell address, remembered today for its popularization of what three-part term?

Answer: MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Q1.: THEATRE - Peter Quince, Nick Bottom, Francis Flute, Tom Snout, Robin Starveling, and Snug are Shakespearean characters known collectively as what?
Answer: (RUDE) MECHANICALS

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The NHL player who won the league's Hart Memorial Trophy (for most valuable player) in 2017, 2021, and 2023 shares his first name with the NHL player who won the league's Calder Trophy (for rookie of the year) in 2024, and with the player who won the league's Vezina Trophy (for best goaltender) in 2020 and 2024. What is that first name?

Answer: CONNOR

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Although today it commemorates all the servicemembers of Australia and New Zealand, what holiday was originally designated on April 25 in those countries to honor the members of the Army Corps who served in World War I's Gallipoli campaign?

Answer: ANZAC DAY

Q4.: LITERATURE - Some of the stories in a 1981 short story collection by Raymond Carver have influenced or have been adapted into film, including 2014's *Birdman*, whose plot centers on a Broadway production of one of the stories. That story, like the collection itself, is titled "What We Talk about When" what?

Answer: WE TALK ABOUT LOVE

Q5.: SCIENCE - One word is often used to denote fatty acids with only single bonds between carbons in the hydrocarbon chain, whereas another, opposite word denotes fatty acids in which the hydrocarbon chain contains one or more double bonds. What are those two words?

Answer: SATURATED, UNSATURATED

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Matty Tingles is one of several popular YouTubers who specialize in videos with auditory and visual stimuli that, to many of his fans, trigger a sensation commonly known by what four-letter initialism?

Answer: ASMR

Q1.: MATH - In mathematics, the sum of a real number and an imaginary number, expressed typically as $x+iy$ or $a+bi$, is referred to most often as what kind of number?
Answer: COMPLEX NUMBER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - What word, defined as a large trunk or suitcase used for traveling, is perhaps better known in its newer, literary sense, as coined and utilized frequently by Lewis Carroll?

Answer: PORTMANTEAU

Q3.: TELEVISION - Lisa Turtle on Saved by the Bell, The Cheetah Girls' Galleria Garibaldi, Buttercup in The Princess Bride, Det. Tony Costas in the straight-to-video Collision Course, and Margaret White in the 1976 film Carrie—all of these roles were portrayed by actors who have first names with what commonality?

Answer: NAMES OF BIRDS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Four teams in college football's highest-level Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) took in zero players through the transfer portal in 2024. One of the four was Clemson. Name any one of the other three, all of which share a particular and unique distinction among FBS teams.

Answer: ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE

Q5.: ART - What type of object appears in Claude Monet's The Gare Saint-Lazare (quite fittingly) as well as René Magritte's Time Transfixed (much less so)?

Answer: TRAIN/LOCOMOTIVE

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Traveller (2015), From A Room: Volume 1 (2017), and Starting Over (2021), all of which won the Academy of Country Music Awards Album of the Year, the Country Music Association Awards Album of the Year, and the Grammy Award for Best Country Album, are releases by what artist?

Answer: CHRIS STAPLETON

Q1.: LITERATURE - Society hostess Anna Pavlovna Scherer, at a party she is hosting in July 1805, during the era of Napoleonic conflicts, is the first among the nearly 600 named characters to be introduced in what novel?

Answer: WAR AND PEACE

Q2.: SCIENCE - The first human-made object to exit the heliosphere and enter interstellar space, doing so in August 2012, was one of the two probes launched by NASA as a part of what program? The program's other probe entered interstellar space in November 2018.

Answer: VOYAGER

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What durable, soft, suede-like leather, a gently brushed and buffed full-grain leather, was once produced from the hides of young deer (hence its name)?

Answer: NUBUCK

Q4.: FILM - Schecky Moskowitz, Robbie Hart, Bobby Boucher Jr., Sonny Koufax, Paul Crewe, Zohan Dvir, Lenny Feder, and Howard Ratner are all characters portrayed in film by what actor?

Answer: ADAM SANDLER

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Which of the four railroads on the standard Monopoly game board was inspired by an interurban that ran from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to nearby communities (as opposed to the others, which were named after longer, interstate operators)?

Answer: SHORT LINE

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Al-Mamlakah al-Maghribiyah("Kingdom of the West") is the official name of what country?

Answer: MOROCCO

Q1.: TELEVISION - Jazmine Sullivan, H.E.R., and Ne-Yo are among the many artists whose earliest television appearances were as "amateurs" on a series recorded at, and named after, what Uptown Manhattan venue?

Answer: APOLLO THEATER

Q2.: LANGUAGE - Which letter of the Greek alphabet was used in antiquity as a symbol for death, presumably because it was the first letter of the Greek word for "death" and also perhaps because it roughly resembles a human skull. Some engravings would avoid the letter's use by showing the letters delta and epsilon in its place.

Answer: THETA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - Neoclassicism in music is closely associated with some of the works of what composer, in particular works composed during the period from *Pulcinella* (1920) to *The Rake's Progress* (1951)?

Answer: IGOR STRAVINSKY

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What four-letter word means "son of" in the Kalenjin language, such as in the name of the man who served from 1978 to 2002 as president of Kenya?

Answer: ARAP

Q5.: BUS/ECON - Cryptocurrency (technically, the private keys that provide access to cryptocurrencies) is stored in wallets. What antonyms are most commonly used to distinguish wallets that are connected to the internet and those that are not? (Two answers required.)

Answer: HOT, COLD

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What tree links US President Andrew Jackson, the 1951-52 Indiana high school boys basketball champs in a 1986 film, and the largest city in Catawba County, North Carolina?

Answer: HICKORY

Q1.: POP MUSIC - The lyrics to a smash 2024 single by Sabrina Carpenter, the second single from Short n' Sweet, frequently repeat what word (including three times in the title)? The word also appeared frequently, and twice in the title, of a hit released 61 years prior.

Answer: PLEASE

Q2.: BUS/ECON - From its launch in December 2001 until production ceased in June 2020, what was the world's best-selling (but, at 140,000 units, still not really very great-selling) brand of self-balancing, two-wheeled "Personal Transporter"?

Answer: SEGWAY

Q3.: THEATRE - A historical set of six individuals are the central characters of the hit musical Six. Give the first name of any one of the six.

Answer: ANNA, ANNE, CATHERINE, KATHERINE, JANE

Q4.: AMER HIST - Jamaica-born activist Marcus Garvey, founder of the Pan-African UNIA, was also involved in the founding of a shipping line with what name? The name is ostensibly a play on that of the British line whose vessels included the Atlantic, Britannic, and Titanic.

Answer: BLACK STAR LINE

Q5.: SCIENCE - The main types of volcanoes are composite (e.g., Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Fuji), made up of alternating layers of lava and ash; cinder (e.g. Arizona's Sunset Crater), composed of small lava fragments and having steep sides; lava domes (e.g. California's Lassen Peak), which are thick and pasty lava layers; and what fourth type, which have large and broad shapes (hence their name), and which are exemplified by the Hawaiian Islands?

Answer: SHIELD

Q6.: FILM - The hit-and-run manslaughter of a pedestrian is one of the many crimes committed by high schoolers who have descended into chaos in what 1936 anticanabis exploitation film, which has a cult following today despite (or due to) being widely regarded as terrible?

Answer: REEFER MADNESS

Q1.: BUS/ECON - A metonym is a figure of speech in which an entity or concept is referred to by a name closely associated with that entity (e.g., "Wall Street" for the US financial markets). What simple name, formally that of a local authority district of England, is commonly used as a metonym for the United Kingdom's financial-service industries?

Answer: THE CITY (OF LONDON)

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Seretse Khama, heir to the chieftainship of the Ngwato, founded the Bechuanaland Democratic Party in 1956, and later became the president of what landlocked republic in southern Africa, from its independence in 1966 until his death in 1980?

Answer: BOTSWANA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Hanshin Electric Railway, ORIX Corporation, Nippon Ham Co., Yakult Honsha Company, and the holding company of the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper are all otherwise unrelated Japanese business enterprises connected by their ownership of entities in an organization known as Nippon Yakyū Kikō, or "Nippon Professional" what?

Answer: BASEBALL

Q4.: TELEVISION - What current ABC News program debuted in 1979 initially to cover the Iran Hostage Crisis (and was in fact titled The Iran Crisis—America Held Hostage), and was anchored from 1980 until 2005 by English-born journalist Ted Koppel?

Answer: NIGHTLINE

Q5.: LITERATURE - The 1933 novel The Case of the Velvet Claw was the first novel by Erle Stanley Gardner and the first to feature what lawyer?

Answer: PERRY MASON

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Mozart's Serenade No. 13 for Strings in G Major is much better known by what three-word German name, provided by the composer himself via a notation he made in his catalog that describes the piece?

Answer: EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK

Q1.: ART - A certain pair of items in the permanent collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art were designed in 1956 and have been available for purchase from Herman Miller continuously since that year. Name the designing couple responsible for this particular set.

Answer: CHARLES AND RAY EAMES

Q2.: FILM - Identify the phrase coined by Lauren Bacall to describe a certain set of actors in the 1950s and the adapted term used by journalist David Blum to describe a separate set of actors in the 1980s. (Two answers required.)

Answer: RAT PACK, BRAT PACK

Q3.: WORLD HIST - In 1349, the future King Charles V of France purchased land which gave its name to the title of the eldest son of the reigning French monarch (until 1830). What was that title?

Answer: DAUPHIN

Q4.: POP MUSIC - One Thomas—Thomas Andrew—was born in 1899 and is remembered as "The Father of Gospel Music". The other, Thomas Francis, was born in 1905, went by "Tommy", and was "The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing". What last name did these two Thomases share?

Answer: DORSEY

Q5.: SCIENCE - Although some fertilizers contain micronutrients, including metals such as zinc and iron, most fertilizers used in gardening and agriculture contain the three basic plant nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus, and what third?

Answer: POTASSIUM

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Whereas Monaco, a small country with an area of less than one square mile, is the most densely populated country in the world, the most densely populated "nonsmall" country in the world is what Asian nation—the eighth-most populous country overall, with around 170 million people within its 57,000 square miles? (Here, we arbitrarily define a "nonsmall" country as one with an area greater than 3,000 square miles, though we could go much lower and keep the same answer.)

Answer: BANGLADESH

Q1.: LITERATURE -The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, The Silver Chair, and The Magician's Nephew are all books set in what mythical realm?

Answer: NARNIA

Q2.: ART - What is the name used for the characters created by American illustrator Rose O'Neill in 1909, as cherub-faced baby characters in magazine illustrations and a comic strip, that became extremely popular and sought after as porcelain and later plastic dolls? Their mythology-derived name is now used for Japan's leading mayonnaise brand, which uses the doll as its emblem.

Answer: KEWPIE

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The name of what small city of around 34,000 residents in Washington State is on a particularly distinctive list that includes a tourist destination with luxury resorts in the Society Islands of French Polynesia, a spa town in far southwestern Germany, the capital of American Samoa, a maximum-security prison in New York's Westchester County, and a Pennsylvania community that hosts the headquarters (and is the namesake) of a convenience-store chain?

Answer: WALLA WALLA

Q4.: SCIENCE - What two-word phrase is the most common colloquial term for carbon dioxide (CO₂) in solid form?

Answer: DRY ICE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The standard recipe for eggs Benedict consists of two halves of an English muffin, each topped with Canadian bacon, a poached egg, and what else (plus perhaps a sprinkled garnish)?

Answer: HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Hacks, back lines, tee lines, and hog lines are all elements of the playing surface during a game of what sport?

Answer: CURLING

Q1.: LANGUAGE - Most commonly, what is the Spanish equivalent of the French's 'il vous plaît?

Answer: POR FAVOR

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In tennis, when the ball hits the net during a serve and lands in the correct service box, the umpire calls out a word and the players replay the point. What is this three-letter word?

Answer: LET

Q3.: AMER HIST - The Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act of 1883 addressed the "spoils system", in which numerous government employees lost their jobs each time a new president took office. The act was prompted in large part by whose death two years earlier (at the hands of a disappointed government job seeker)?

Answer: JAMES A. GARFIELD

Q4.: FILM - A lion, a hippo, a giraffe, and a zebra are the main characters of what 2005 film (though none of the four species are native to the film's titular location)?

Answer: MADAGASCAR

Q5.: POP MUSIC - The TR-707, TR-808, and TR-909 drum machines, as well as the Juno-106 and D-50 synthesizers, were massively influential electronic musical instruments produced in the 1980s by what manufacturer?

Answer: ROLAND

Q6.: SCIENCE - Histidine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, and phenylalanine are all categorized as what type of acid?

Answer: AMINO ACIDS

Q1.: LITERATURE - "Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself, (I am large, I contain [BLANK].)" In this quote from Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself", what word fills the blank?

Answer: MULTITUDES

Q2.: SCIENCE - An eighteenth-century New England farmer and agricultural scientist with the last name of Hanson promoted the use of a particular native European grass to farmers in Great Britain and the American South for pasture grass and hay. The tall grass, occasionally approaching five feet in height, with small, green, "cattail" flower heads two to six inches long, is known by what name, which was Hanson's first name?

Answer: TIMOTHY

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - The Sahara is widely believed to be the largest desert in the world, but to be precise, the largest desert on earth is actually what?

Answer: ANTARCTICA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A semi-secret federation known as the FAI was formed in 1927 to maintain the revolutionary anarchist orthodoxy of the CNT (English: "National Confederation of Labor") amid the CNT's increasing syndicalism. The FAI eventually gained significant influence within the CNT during the period known as the Second Republic. In what country did these events take place?

Answer: SPAIN

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The R&A is the name of an organization that serves as a governing body for the game of golf, roughly an international analog to the USGA. According to its namesake, from which the organization spun off in 2004, what do the letters in "R&A" stand for?

Answer: ROYAL, ANCIENT

Q6.: THEATRE - A 1964 drama by Peter Weiss, structured as a play-within-a-play performed by inmates of a French asylum, has a formal name (in English) that is 25 words long but is best known by what much shorter title?

Answer: MARAT/SADE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Beginning in 2023, a series of viral videos revolves around a conflict pitting humanoids with TVs, speakers, and cameras for heads against what common everyday objects (but "Skibidi" and with human heads)?

Answer: TOILETS

Q2.: AMER HIST - A legendary wilderness guide and U.S. Army officer of the Wild West era, a hugely popular icon of expansionism and the American frontier during his lifetime, became—10 years before his death in 1868—the namesake of a settlement that is now the capital of what state?

Answer: NEVADA

Q3.: GEOGRAPHY - From 1932 until the fall of the Soviet Union, the Volga River city of Nizhny Novgorod was named after what writer and Marxist activist who went by the first name Maxim and was born there in 1868? The name is still used for a large park in central Moscow.

Answer: GORKY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Basalt, diabase, and gabbro are among the rock types characterized as mafic. This word, mafic, was invented to describe these rocks, based on the fact that they are rich in what two metallic elements?

Answer: MAGNESIUM, IRON

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - Identify the athlete who, as a senior at Cleveland's East Technical High School, entered his first national scholastic track meet in 1933 and set world scholastic records in the 100- and 220-yard dashes and the broad jump.

Answer: JESSE OWENS

Q6.: LITERATURE - "I've got the name for our publishing operation. We just said we were going to publish a few books on the side at [REDACTED]." This quote is from Bennett Cerf's posthumous 1977 memoir, in which he recounts the naming of the publisher he co-founded. What word has been redacted, which is the first word of the publishing firm's name?

Answer: RANDOM (HOUSE)

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - A spirited and heated debate in 1964 rejected an option called the Pearson Pennant as well as an existing Red Ensign in favor of a now-iconic design centered on an arboreal emblem of the genus Acer. What is that emblem?

Answer: MAPLE LEAF/CANADIAN FLAG

Q2.: ART - What word is used to describe monuments such as the Wellington Monument in Dublin, the Monument to the People's Heroes in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, and the Washington Monument on the National Mall in DC, while the word itself is used in the names of similar monuments in Stockholm and Buenos Aires?

Answer: OBELISK

Q3.: POP MUSIC - "Sad But True" by Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, "Holier Than Thou" by Off!, "The Unforgiven" by Cage the Elephant, "Wherever I May Roam" by J Balvin, "Through the Never" by The Hu, and "Nothing Else Matters" by Phoebe Bridgers are among the songs on a 2021 album recorded as a 30th-anniversary tribute to an album by what band?

Answer: METALLICA

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What term was used in a derogatory sense by parliament supporters to describe royalists who fought for Charles I during the English Civil Wars of the 1640s, evoking long-haired, sword-bearing, war-mongering, swaggering courtiers?

Answer: CAVALIERS

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What language, primarily spoken by the inhabitants of Tanzania, Kenya, and Mozambique, is the most widely spoken in the Bantu language family of central and southern Africa?

Answer: SWAHILI

Q6.: FILM - A 2010 movie whose plot revolves around the production of a certain Tchaikovsky work has a title that is the same as a phrase used for rare events, specifically, in recent times, ones that have extreme impact and lead to retrospective explanation. What is this title?

Answer: BLACK SWAN

Q1.: TELEVISION - Ted Allen, the original food and wine connoisseur on Bravo's Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, has hosted what cooking competition reality series since its debut in 2009?

Answer: CHOPPED

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - The five members of the 2023-24 All-NBA 1st Team represent five different countries in international competition. One country is the US (represented by Jayson Tatum)—name any one of the other four countries.

Answer: CANADA, GREECE, SERBIA, SLOVENIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - In physics, of the various quantities that characterize a given wave, which is defined as the distance from the equilibrium point of the wave to the highest point of a crest or the lowest point of a trough?

Answer: AMPLITUDE

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What three-letter word is defined as a slot or notch cut in wood to receive another piece of wood and is also familiar in the world of carpentry and other trades as the name of a leading manufacturer of caulks and sealants?

Answer: DAP

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - The Bringer of War, The Bringer of Peace, and The Winged Messenger are subtitles of three of the seven movements of what orchestral suite that premiered in 1917?

Answer: THE PLANETS

Q6.: LITERATURE - In Samuel Taylor Coleridge's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, the "bird of good omen" is what kind of bird?

Answer: ALBATROSS

Q1.: SCIENCE - A fiercely predatory African fish with extremely large teeth, several species of moth with distinctive patterns and coloration, and a large species of shark notorious for its willingness to eat almost anything (and for its rare attacks on humans) all have names that include the name of what other animal?
Answer: TIGER

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - "Pep-O-Mint" was the first flavor of what confection and mints brand, introduced in 1912 and currently owned by Mars Inc.? The brand has had more than 40 flavors in its portfolio over the years.

Answer: LIFE SAVERS

Q3.: CURR EVENTS - In August 2024, Russian billionaire Pavel Durov was taken into custody by French authorities on an arrest warrant alleging crimes including drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering, and other offenses on what service, of which Durov is the founder and CEO?

Answer: TELEGRAM

Q4.: WORLD HIST - What word for a magnate or great personage comes from the name of the Muslim dynasty, of Turkish origin with strong Persian influence, that ruled India from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries?

Answer: MOGUL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the 20 regions of Italy, Sicily is the largest in area, followed closely by Piedmont. Which of the 20—also large in area and home to the cities of Milan, Brescia, and Bergamo—is by far the most populous?

Answer: LOMBARDY

Q6.: POP MUSIC - Bill Monroe, the music legend and "Father of Bluegrass" who essentially created the genre, was a master of what instrument, one of the core instruments of the traditional bluegrass five-piece band?

Answer: MANDOLIN

Q1.: TELEVISION - In 2003, the television network TV Land produced an animated special titled The Alan Brady Show, which was a spin-off of what sitcom that premiered 42 years earlier?

Answer: THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW

Q2.: WORLD HIST - A large estate with a manor house in Latin America that was granted to the upper class for profit-making activity (plantations, mines, etc.) was sometimes known in Argentina as estancia, but in Mexico and elsewhere, it was typically known as what? The word has become common in the US in the names of apartment complexes and Mexican restaurants, and it is also an architectural style that mixes Spanish colonial and indigenous Mexican influences.

Answer: HACIENDA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What game, a long-time popular pencil-and-paper game dating back to the early twentieth century under various names, was first released as a board game with plastic boards and pegs by Milton Bradley in 1967?

Answer: BATTLESHIP

Q4.: LITERATURE - In 1936, the American educator and author Dale Carnegie published a book, which eventually sold millions of copies, that (according to its title) instructed its readers on how to do what (five words)?

Answer: WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE

Q5.: LIFESTYLE - A river in (and region of) the northwestern United States, within northern Idaho and southeastern Washington, is the source of the name for what popular and distinctive American horse breed, known for its patient disposition and colorful spotted coat pattern?

Answer: APPALOOSA

Q6.: BUS/ECON - Tennis legends Rod Laver and Stan Smith were contemporaries and rivals on the court, as well as contemporaries (and perhaps rivals) with eponymous products produced by what company?

Answer: ADIDAS

Q1.: ART - Although he was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1907 and died there nearing the age of 105, architect Oscar Niemeyer is probably most closely associated with what other city, particularly in his collaboration with fellow countryman Lúcio Costa?

Answer: BRASILIA

Q2.: SCIENCE - Ionization and deionization are terms for phase changes between a gas and what other state of matter?

Answer: PLASMA

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - The title character of Gioachino Rossini's last opera, which premiered in 1829, was Guillaume. What was his last name?

Answer: TELL

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Avignon, now a municipality in southern France, was from 1378 to 1417 home to a rival and schismatic line of "anti" what?

Answer: POPES

Q5.: LITERATURE - Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow features the spirit of a Hessian soldier from the American Revolutionary War who was known as what (though it might've just been that mischievous Brom Bones)?

Answer: HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - An archipelago in the North Atlantic which is an autonomous region of Portugal, and the largest tributary of the Amazon, both take their names from a Portuguese word for "wood." What is that word?

Answer: MADEIRA

Q1.: TELEVISION - In a climactic scene from a season-three episode of the dramatic TV series *Lost*, the character Charlie, immediately before his death, holds up his hand on which he has written three words. The first two are "Not Penny's"—what is the third?

Answer: BOAT

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What fancy English main course, a signature of chef Gordon Ramsay, is nominally related to nineteenth-century British general Arthur Wellesley?

Answer: BEEF WELLINGTON

Q3.: LITERATURE - "I believe in periods, in capitals, in the occasional comma, and that's it." Name the author of this declaration, who followed it with the lack of quotation marks and semicolons in his 1992 novel *All the Pretty Horses*.

Answer: CORMAC MCCARTHY

Q4.: SCIENCE - What distinctive, gland-filled part of human anatomy has a name that translates from Latin as "little grape" (which, it could be argued, it resembles)?

Answer: UVULA

Q5.: ART - Identify the American artist, born in Greenwich, New York, in September 1860, whose famous works include *Out for the Christmas Tree*(1946), *A Country Wedding*(1951), and *Bennington*(1953).

Answer: GRANDMA (ANNA MARY ROBERTSON) MOSES

Q6.: FILM - The blockbuster film from 2024 that became the highest-grossing R-rated film of all time featured what Marvelous duo?

Answer: DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE

Q1.: SCIENCE - What Russian word for "east" is included in the name, appropriately enough, of the capital of the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia, and is also the name of the Russian research station in Antarctica that recorded the lowest temperature on Earth (-128.6°F) as well as the Soviet space program that sent the first human into space?

Answer: VOSTOK

Q2.: AMER HIST - What increased steadily in size over the years from its creation until the year 1929, when it was fixed at 435 (where it remains today)?

Answer: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 1984 Madonna song that she performed memorably at the inaugural MTV Video Music Awards and the 1989 Madonna song whose video was condemned by the Vatican both begin with what word?

Answer: LIKE

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - The United States won the most gold medals and most medals overall in Track and Field events at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris (with 14 and 34 respectively). What nation finished second in both measures, with four gold medals and eleven track and field medals overall?

Answer: KENYA

Q5.: LITERATURE -What's Nextby Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack, which made the New York Times Hardcover Nonfiction Best Sellers list in the summer of 2024, is advertised as a behind-the-scenes look into the creation and legacy of what television series, as told by members of its cast and crew?

Answer: THE WEST WING

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - A river that rises in the Czech Republic and flows through Germany to the North Sea has a name that, by changing one letter, becomes the name of a small island off the coast of Italy that achieved a specific historical distinction in the 1810s. Give the name of either.

Answer: ELBE, ELBA

Q1.: SCIENCE - "I will use those dietary regimens which will benefit my patients according to my greatest ability and judgment, and I will do no harm or injustice to them." This is a translation of a portion of text commonly attributed to whom?
Answer: HIPPOCRATES

Q2.: TELEVISION - The Lifetime network television series *Any Day Now* and the BBC/Netflix series *Peaky Blinders* were both set in cities with what name?
Answer: BIRMINGHAM

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the common types of broths used for ramen dishes are Shio, seasoned primarily with salt (as 塩 "shio" = salt), Miso (miso paste), Tonkotsu (pork bone), and Shoyu, which is primarily flavored with what?
Answer: SOY SAUCE

Q4.: BUS/ECON - Otis, ThyssenKrupp, KONE, Fujitec, and Kleemann are companies that are among the world's leading manufacturers of what machines? (American English or British English is acceptable.)
Answer: ELEVATOR/LIFTS

Q5.: LITERATURE - *My Brilliant Friend* is the first of the Neapolitan Novels by what Italian author?

Answer: ELENA FERRANTE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The splendiferous French king Louis XIV, who ruled for 72 years beginning in 1643 at the age of four, is remembered for many things during his long reign, including his famous protestation, *L'État, c'est [BLANK]*. (Fill in the blank.)

Answer: MOI

Q1.: MATH - British mathematician Andrew Wiles, born in Cambridge, England, in 1953, will forever be inextricably linked via the Taniyama-Shimura-Weil conjecture with what other mathematician born 346 years earlier?

Answer: PIERRE DE FERMAT

Q2.: FILM - The title of a 1996 Michael Bay action thriller starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage equals the star of the 2015 action thriller San Andreas. What is that 1996 movie?

Answer: THE ROCK

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In an athletic sense, what word is the French equivalent of the Spanish Vuelta and the Italian Giro?

Answer: TOUR

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The marriage of Ferdinand and Isabel in the city of Valladolid in October 1469 was monumental for uniting the two major Spanish kingdoms. Name both of these kingdoms.

Answer: ARAGON, CASTILE

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name of the simple musical scale, also known as the 12-tone scale and often considered the opposite of diatonic, which contains 12 pitches (notes) separated by a semitone in a stepwise scale ?

Answer: CHROMATIC SCALE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Ta-Nehisi Coates's brutal and honest 2015 book Between the World and Me, a thorough and illuminating exploration of America's racial history, is structured as a letter from the author to whom?

Answer: HIS SON

Q1.: THEATRE - In 2000 and again in 2017, the Tony Award for Best Play was won by a play whose title is the name of a national capital city. Name either of these cities, which are just over one hour apart by plane.

Answer: COPENHAGEN, OSLO

Q2.: LITERATURE - What is the portmanteau title of William Gibson's seminal and influential 1984 cyberpunk novel, the first (and only) to win the Nebula, Hugo, and Philip K. Dick awards?

Answer: NEUROMANCER

Q3.: ART - An 1872 work by French Impressionist Claude Monet has a title that gave the movement its name. The title begins Impression. What English word, or two French words, completes the title?

Answer: SUNRISE/SOLEIL LEVANT

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The photographer Roger Fenton, the nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, and the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson are all, for different reasons, closely associated with what war?

Answer: CRIMEAN WAR

Q5.: TELEVISION - What word was used beginning in the late 1970s and early 1980s to describe television channels such as Atlanta's WTBS and Chicago's WGN, including in their own branding and marketing, as they expanded their local reach to become national broadcasters at the dawn of the cable television era in America?

Answer: SUPERSTATION

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - What antioxidant-rich plant, the subject of an 1893 US Supreme Court decision regarding its classification, originated in the Andes region and was cultivated by the Inca and Aztec peoples?

Answer: TOMATO

Q1.: BUS/ECON - The interest rate charged by the US Federal Reserve on loans it makes to commercial banks (which is one mechanism for influencing other interest rates) is a rate most commonly known by what name?

Answer: DISCOUNT RATE

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - In association football (soccer), when the ball is kicked out of bounds behind the goal line by the defensive team, what is awarded to the offensive team to restart play?

Answer: CORNER KICK

Q3.: TELEVISION - The unseen dictator of a 1949 novel provides the name of a television series whose US version debuted in July 2000. What is the name of this series?

Answer: BIG BROTHER

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - The Mexican political party named the National Regeneration Movement (Movimiento Regeneración Nacional) is one of the country's three major political parties and the party of 2024 presidential election-winner Claudia Sheinbaum as well as majorities of both the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. By what abbreviation is this party best known (which also alludes to the country's patron saint, the Virgin of Guadalupe)?

Answer: MORENA

Q5.: FILM - Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning film *The Departed* was a remake of a film made four years earlier that is regarded by many as one of the best action films ever to come out of Hong Kong. By what punny English name is this original Cantonese-language film known?

Answer: INFERNAL AFFAIRS

Q6.: AMER HIST - The "Contract with America", a commitment to curb wasteful spending in the federal government (among other provisions), was spearheaded during the 1994 US congressional election campaign by what Georgia Republican, who was punished by the House for ethics violations three years later?

Answer: NEWT GINGRICH

Q1.: LANGUAGE - What fellow West Germanic language, still spoken by a small population in Northwestern Europe bordering the North Sea, is generally considered to be the modern language closest to English? While not mutually intelligible with English, its "Old" version was possibly so with the Anglo-Saxon language (Old English).

Answer: FRISIAN

Q2.: WORLD HIST - Established in 1908 by medical students in the city then known as Batavia, Budi Utomo was an organization that laid the groundwork for the broader nationalist movement and eventual independence of what country?

Answer: INDONESIA

Q3.: SCIENCE - The doughnut-shaped regions of space surrounding the Earth that are rich in charged (and potentially dangerous) particles are belts discovered by, and named after, what eminent physicist and NASA researcher?

Answer: JAMES VAN ALLEN

Q4.: MATH - What term in geometry is defined as the shortest path between two points on a curved surface, such as a sphere (or, as is commonly applied in architecture, a dome)?

Answer: GEODESIC

Q5.: FILM - The name of what childhood home fills the blank in this partial, chronological list: Casino Royale, Quantum of Solace, [BLANK], Spectre, No Time to Die?

Answer: SKYFALL

Q6.: LITERATURE - Jean Rhys's feminist and postcolonialist 1966 prequel to Jane Eyre, which fleshes out the story of Bertha Mason (Antoinette Cosway), uses what body of water—in the story and in the title—to symbolize Antoinette's displacement and turmoil?

Answer: (WIDE) SARGASSO SEA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - In the summer of 2024, the color specified by the Pantone code 3507C, or by the hex code #8ACE00, was a startling and verdant hue widely referred to by what four-letter word?

Answer: BRAT

Q2.: AMER HIST - According to the popular slogan and song used by the Whig Party in the US presidential election of 1840, what was the nickname of candidate William Henry Harrison, who was renowned for his achievements during Tecumseh's War as a military leader and governor of the Indiana Territory?

Answer: (OLD) TIPPECANOE

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Among the tediously numerous and unverifiable origin stories for what cocktail is the claim by bartender Daniel Negrete that he (allegedly) invented it in 1936 at the Garci-Crespo Hotel and named it after his girlfriend?

Answer: MARGARITA

Q4.: ART - Like many gothic cathedrals, the cathedrals of Chartres and Notre Dame de Paris were built with distinctive, external, arched supports (allowing for very tall but relatively thin stone walls) that are commonly known by what two-word term?

Answer: FLYING BUTTRESS

Q5.: GAMES/SPORT - The final 2023 WSL rankings saw Filipe Toledo (BRA) finish ahead of Ethan Ewing (AUS) and Griffin Colapinto (USA) on the men's side, while Caroline Marks (USA) ended in first place over Carissa Moore (HAW) and Tyler Wright (AUS) on the women's. The WSL is the governing body for professionals in what sport?

Answer: SURFING

Q6.: POP MUSIC - While it came to represent the US music publishing industry in general, what term originally referred specifically to a stretch of West 28th Street in Manhattan between Fifth and Sixth Ave. that was once home to Harry von Tilzer Music Publishing Company, Paul Dresser Publishing Company, Shapiro & Bernstein Publishers, and many others?

Answer: TIN PAN ALLEY

Q1.: FILM - Who directed the 1983 film Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads, a master's thesis project at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts that won a Student Academy Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?
Answer: SPIKE LEE

Q2.: THEATRE - A literary comedy by Aristophanes, produced in 405 BCE, depicts Dionysus descending into Hades to bring Euripides back to improve the quality of Athenian tragedy, but instead he brings back Aeschylus. This play was titled *Batrachoi*, which translates into English as what animals?

Answer: FROGS

Q3.: LITERATURE - What 1905 novel by E.M. Forster has a title taken from a line in Alexander Pope's "An Essay on Criticism" that begins, "Fools rush in...?"
Answer: WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The city of Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte is a national administrative capital and a suburb of what other city?

Answer: COLOMBO

Q5.: SCIENCE - In 2000, researchers confirmed the existence of a fifth taste known by a word first proposed for this usage in the early twentieth century by the chemist Kikunae Ikeda. What is this word?

Answer: UMAMI

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - The women's professional golf tournament known as the Chevron Championship, one of the LPGA Tour's major championships, is sometimes referred to by the name of what late television personality—who co-founded the event in 1972 and whose name was included in the tournament's official name until 2000?

Answer: DINAH SHORE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - Circles with a radius of 15 feet (and thus a circumference of 30π feet), of which there are five in total, are a key component in the game play of what sport?

Answer: ICE HOCKEY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What adjective used to describe the city and civilization of Carthage is derived from the name of the Semitic civilization that originally founded Carthage as a colony?

Answer: PUNIC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - Also known as chapati, what is the name of the flatbread—very common in South Asian cuisines—that is made from whole wheat flour and is unleavened (one of the aspects that distinguishes it from naan)? The name comes from a Sanskrit word for bread.

Answer: ROTI

Q4.: LANGUAGE - Año Nuevo, Día de la Constitución, Natalicio de Benito Juárez, Día del Trabajo, Día de la Independencia, Día de la Revolución, [BLANK]. What Spanish word completes this chronological list of Mexicanías de asueto?

Answer: NAVIDAD

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In the names of the classic American aircraft DC-8, DC-9, and DC-10 (and their so-named predecessors), the "C" stands for "Commercial". The "D" represents the name of the original manufacturer, which merged with another aerospace manufacturer in 1967, and that combined company merged with Boeing in 1997. What does the "D" stand for?

Answer: DOUGLAS

Q6.: TELEVISION - Rwandan-Scottish actor Ncuti Gatwa portrays the fifteenth "official" version of a character from what popular television series?

Answer: DOCTOR WHO

Q1.: FILM - What campy 1989 Patrick Swayze movie, perhaps remembered for its ridiculous fight scenes, was remade into an equally brawly 2024 version with Jake Gyllenhaal in the lead role?

Answer: ROAD HOUSE

Q2.: POP MUSIC - In the lyrics of the 1971 song "Imagine", John Lennon invites listeners to imagine that certain things, ideas, etc., do not exist. What is the first thing he says to imagine there isn't?

Answer: HEAVEN

Q3.: SCIENCE - What is the name of the hard, black variety of lignite—a lightweight and carvable gemstone capable of being highly polished—that can be found in North America and continental Europe but is sourced chiefly from Yorkshire, England? Its name is possibly more familiar via an expression used to describe something extremely dark in color.

Answer: JET

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What name for a type of fish would also fit on a list that includes coho, chum, pink, and sockeye?

Answer: CHINOOK

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - What word, which in English can be defined as an introductory proposal, took on a new meaning in the mid-seventeenth century for a particular type of musical piece for instruments?

Answer: OVERTURE

Q6.: WORLD HIST - Nations and territories that have undergone partition (legally or effectively) in modern history include Germany, India, Ireland, Korea, Vietnam, and what other island country, a member of the European Union since 2004?

Answer: CYPRUS

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Binky, Bongo, Akbar, and Jeff are among the characters in what comic strip and Simpsons precursor created by Matt Groening in the late 1970s? Compilations published in book form have titles with the same last word, and switch out the strip's first word with "Love", "Work", "School", and others.

Answer: LIFE IN HELL

Q2.: SCIENCE - Because of the way they eat their food and the food itself, and perhaps also somewhat due to a general resemblance in appearance and size, manatees and dugongs are sometimes referred to as "sea" versions of what landlubber animal?

Answer: COW

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - What is the name of the fairy, both in Irish folklore as well as that of Scotland's West Highlands, who shrieks and wails when a death is imminent in the family to which she is attached?

Answer: BANSHEE

Q4.: LITERATURE - Joy, Triangle, Resurrection, Trial by Fire, Never Too Late, Only the Brave, and Upside Down are 2024 novels by what prolific writer of romance, whose massive oeuvre of over 200 books includes about two dozen that have been adapted into TV movies or miniseries?

Answer: DANIELLE STEEL

Q5.: AMER HIST - Name the man who famously and floridly mocked opponents of US involvement in the Vietnam War as "an effete corps of impudent snobs" and "nattering nabobs of negativism", only to later plead no contest to a charge of income tax evasion, subsequently withdrawing from office and public life.

Answer: SPIRO AGNEW

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - A standard deck of 108 Uno cards contains five different types of "special action" cards: Skip, Draw Two, Wild, Wild Draw Four, and what other?

Answer: REVERSE

Q1.: LIFESTYLE - Per the guidelines initially set forth by the International Telecommunication Union and its predecessors (and still in place today in nearly all cases), the country dialing codes for European countries should begin with one of two digits. What are those two digits?

Answer: 3, 4

Q2.: BUS/ECON - In banking, the fraudulent activity of depositing and drawing checks between accounts at two or more banks, to take advantage of the time it takes checks to clear (the "float"), is known by what term, evocative of the activity of keeping the transaction from landing?

Answer: KITING

Q3.: POP MUSIC -Ain't Misbehavin'is a Broadway musical tribute to (and named after a song by) what bandleader and virtuoso of the stride piano?

Answer: FATS WALLER

Q4.: SCIENCE - A class of chemical compounds that contain an oxygen-oxygen single bond, often indicated as -O-O-, are known as what (i.e., compounds that contain this bond have this word in their names)?

Answer: PEROXIDES

Q5.: AMER HIST - The American patriotic vow known as the "Pledge of Allegiance", which is recited at certain ceremonies such as those for new citizens, includes a phrase that was added in 1954 (more than 60 years after its original publication date) and has engendered controversy with respect to the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution's First Amendment. What is that phrase?

Answer: UNDER GOD

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - In 1871, to celebrate the opening of the Khedivial Opera House in Cairo, Isma'il Pasha commissioned what opera, for 150,000 francs?

Answer: AIDA

Q1.: LITERATURE - The Persian wordrubaiyat, such as those written by Omar Khayyam in the 11th and 12th centuries, translates into English as a collection of what (a word for a certain type of poem or stanza)?

Answer: QUATRAIN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What city, today the most populous predominantly Spanish-speaking city on the Pacific coast, was one of the capitals in the Empire of Spain in the New World until the 19th century?

Answer: LIMA, PERU

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What player led the NBA in total rebounds in the 1990s, winning the league's rebounding title seven seasons in a row from 1991 to 1998 despite averaging fewer than seven points per game during the decade?

Answer: DENNIS RODMAN

Q4.: SCIENCE - A period of axial rotation on Mars, which lasts around 24 hours and 40 minutes and is the Martian version of Earth's "day", is known by what other three-letter word?

Answer: SOL

Q5.: FILM - Identify the performer who won an Oscar for her performance in 1961's *West Side Story*, a Grammy in 1973 for her work on the soundtrack to "The Electric Company", a Tony in 1975 for her role as Googie in *The Ritz*, and Emmy Awards in 1977 and 1978 for guest spots on *The Muppet Show* and *The Rockford Files*.

Answer: RITA MORENO

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The battles of St Albans, Northampton, Wakefield, Barnet, Tewkesbury, and Bosworth Field were among the significant engagements in what wars of the Late Middle Ages?

Answer: WARS OF THE ROSES

Q1.: FILM - Names of various roles played by esteemed actor Edward James Olmos over his long career include Jaime Escalante, William Adama, Martin Castillo, and Abraham Quintanilla. Name any one of these four productions in which he appeared.
Answer: STAND AND DELIVER, BATTLESTAR GALACTICA, MIAMI VICE, SELENA

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - A popular variant of Texas Hold 'Em poker, in which players must use precisely two hole cards (of the four dealt) and three community cards (of the five), is named after what city that sits roughly 700 miles by car from Amarillo?
Answer: OMAHA

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The name of what cereal reflects its manufacturer's goal in 1955 to market it as a differentiated, high-protein, low-fat, unique, and health-conscious product (as well as, "initially" speaking, the name of the manufacturer itself)?

Answer: SPECIAL K

Q4.: SCIENCE - A special membrane of skin called the patagium, which stretches from its wrists to its ankles, is the most distinctive feature of what mammal, and is what gives the mammal its namesake ability (although this ability is technically a misnomer)?

Answer: FLYING SQUIRREL

Q5.: POP MUSIC - Bruce Springsteen's was "to Run", Lana Del Rey's was "to Die", and Albert King's was "under a Bad Sign". What was the parallel 1968 Steppenwolf phrase?

Answer: (BORN) TO BE WILD

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The signing of the Munich Pact between Britain and Germany in 1938, followed less than a year later by the German invasion of Poland, infamously led Neville Chamberlain to proclaim that the agreement had procured a notorious four-word phrase with the structure "[BLANK] for [BLANK] [BLANK]". What is that phrase?

Answer: PEACE FOR OUR TIME

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - There are exactly two European countries whose flags use the color scheme of blue and yellow, with no other colors. Name both of these countries.

Answer: SWEDEN, UKRAINE

Q2.: LITERATURE - Aschenputtel, Schneewittchen, Dornröschen, Rotkäppchen, and Der Froschkönig are all names closely associated with what Germans born in the mid-1780s?

Answer: BROTHERS GRIMM

Q3.: LANGUAGE - What word, not a neologism (as is commonly asserted) but not in frequent use at the time, was popularized by Warren G. Harding in the US presidential election of 1920, in connection with his promise to bring the country back to a calm social and political order after the turmoil of the Wilson years?

Answer: NORMALCY

Q4.: SCIENCE - Ursus maritimus is the scientific name for an animal most commonly known as what?

Answer: POLAR BEAR

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - The history of what company began in 1866 as the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company before merging a few decades later with – and adopting the name of – another company, the creator of Farine Lactée infant formula?

Answer: NESTLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Work at a Pizza Place, MeepCity, Piggy, Royale High, Tower of Hell, Brookhaven, and Adopt Me! are among the millions of games available on what online platform popular with younger audiences and launched in 2006?

Answer: ROBLOX

Q1.: POP MUSIC - What city in northern Alabama, today musically associated with its eponymous "sound" and famous music studios, was named (according to one story) after a feature of the adjacent Tennessee River that was once bountiful with a certain mollusk?

Answer: MUSCLE SHOALS

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - What word does Pizza Hut use to identify (and describe) its menu item which is a pizza topped with beef, pork, pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, and green peppers? It becomes "Super" with the addition of Italian sausage, ham, and black olives.

Answer: SUPREME

Q3.: BUS/ECON - In stock trading, a simple order to buy or sell a security immediately at the best available price is called a "market order", while an order to buy or sell at a specified price (or better) is best known as what?

Answer: LIMIT ORDER

Q4.: AMER HIST - One of the important routes for settlers moving west during the frontier expansion of the United States ran from Franklin (and later from Independence), Missouri, to what current state capital city (after which the trail is named)?

Answer: SANTA FE

Q5.: MATH - The equation $y^2 = 4ax$ represents what type of conic section, lying symmetrically about the x-axis with its vertex at the origin, the directrix at the line $x = -a$, the focus at $(a, 0)$, and a latus rectum length of $4a$?

Answer: PARABOLA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What English word for a particular type of dwelling or house comes from a Hindi word meaning "belonging to [a particular redacted region of the Indian subcontinent]" (a region where this type of home was common and climate-appropriate)?

Answer: BUNGALOW

Q1.: SCIENCE - In 5W-30 motor oil, the W stands for "winter", as the 5 indicates a certain characteristic of the oil in winter performance, while the 30 indicates this characteristic at high temperatures. This characteristic—the oil's thickness and resistance to flow—is most commonly known by what word?

Answer: VISCOSITY

Q2.: AMER HIST - "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." This famous quote was written by U.S. Navy Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry in a dispatch reporting victory in a battle on what body of water, which has not seen significant military action in its waters in the 200+ years since?

Answer: LAKE ERIE

Q3.: LITERATURE - My Man [BLANK], The Inimitable [BLANK], Very Good, [BLANK], Thank You, [BLANK], Right Ho, [BLANK], Carry On, [BLANK], and Much Obliged, [BLANK]: The name of what highly competent, unflappable, and resourceful fictional Englishman fills in all the blanks in these titles?

Answer: JEEVES

Q4.: ART - The Lion of Belfort in Belfort, France, the Vercingétorix Monument in Clermont-Ferrand, and two eponymous fountains in Washington, DC, and Lyon, France, are well known works by the French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, but his best known work by far is known by what name?

Answer: STATUE OF LIBERTY/LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD

Q5.: FILM - American author Annie Proulx, a Pulitzer-winner in 1994 for *The Shipping News*, published the 1999 collection *Close Range: Wyoming Stories* which contained a short story that—like *The Shipping News*—was adapted to film. What is the title of that short story and subsequent film?

Answer: BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN

Q6.: TELEVISION - Give the four words that complete this statement, as uttered on television by Tyra Banks on hundreds of occasions from 2003 to 2018: "You're still in the running towards becoming [REDACTED]."

Answer: AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL

Q1.: LITERATURE - A severed pig's head is the titular object in what classic novel published in 1954?

Answer: LORD OF THE FLIES

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was declared in August 1990 as the 19th province of Iraq?

Answer: KUWAIT

Q3.: ART - A work of digital art by the artist Mike Winkelmann titled Everydays: The First 5000 Days was sold (specifically, its associated NFT was sold) in 2021 for 42,329 Ether. By what moniker is Winkelmann better known, taken from the name of an interactive plush toy sold in the 1980s?

Answer: BEEPLE

Q4.: POP MUSIC - A stripped-down version of a Grammy-nominated song by Nine Inch Nails was recorded by a country music legend in 2002, one year before his death. Name both the title of this song, and the artist who performed this highly acclaimed cover version.

Answer: HURT, JOHNNY CASH

Q5.: TELEVISION - What were Tag Winbury (played by Liev Schreiber) and Greer Garrison Winbury (Nicole Kidman), at least according to the title of their 2024 Netflix miniseries based on Elin Hilderbrand's 2018 novel?

Answer: THE PERFECT COUPLE

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - Un molcajete y tejolote se usa comúnmente en los restaurantes mexicanos para preparar ¿qué plato popular de aguacate que se suele servir con totopos?

Answer: GUACAMOLE

Q1.: POP MUSIC -Memory Lane;Time, Tequila, & Therapy;Happy Endings; and an eponymous LP are the most recent albums by what chart-topping and award-winning country band, which formed in 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee, but is named after the state of Virginia, where the band members have a connection?

Answer: OLD DOMINION

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - In 1963, a machine called the Bunn-O-Matic was introduced that revolutionized the making of what product? In the 1970s, a smaller model was developed and sold for home use, and such machines are still extremely common today.

Answer: COFFEE

Q3.: LITERATURE - Emiko, the central character in Paolo Bacigalupi's 2009 dystopian science fiction novel, is a genetically engineered humanoid designed for servitude known as what type of girl, as referenced in the book's title?

Answer: WINDUP

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - In October 2024, US officials confirmed that what country had recently sent troops to Russia to join in its fight against Ukraine, a move that was described both as a serious escalation and also a sign of desperation?

Answer: NORTH KOREA

Q5.: SCIENCE - Computer scientist Katie Bouman led the development of the algorithm that, in 2019, helped produce the first-ever image of what time dilator?

Answer: BLACK HOLE

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Although it now calls a different area of London home, what football (soccer) team was founded in 1886 in the southeast London district of Woolwich, by a group of workers at a local munitions factory?

Answer: ARSENAL

Q1.: SCIENCE - What word, which for centuries had a military connotation, is now commonly used in computer programming to describe a data structure that stores multiple elements of the same data type in a sequential memory space? In Ruby, an example can be found in the following line of code: numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Answer: ARRAY

Q2.: ART - Perhaps the best-known work by the graffiti artist Banksy is a series of stencil murals, the first of which appeared on London's Waterloo Bridge in 2004, depicting a young girl extending her hand toward what object?

Answer: (HEART-SHAPED) BALLOON

Q3.: TELEVISION - Asylum, Coven, Freak Show, Hotel, and Roanoke are subtitles of some of the seasons of what anthology television series that debuted in 2011?

Answer: AMERICAN HORROR STORY

Q4.: THEATRE - Bryan Cranston won a Tony Award for Best Actor in 2019 for his portrayal of news anchor Howard Beale in what play, which was adapted for the stage by British playwright Lee Hall?

Answer: NETWORK

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - In 1986, an African country formally declared that it would no longer recognize non-French translations of its name, and requested that its French name be used in all languages. What is this French name?

Answer: CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Q6.: LITERATURE - Dr. Seuss famously wrote Green Eggs and Ham using only 50 words. Of those 50, 49 are one syllable, none are two syllables, and one is three syllables. What is the (unhyphenated) three-syllable word?

Answer: ANYWHERE

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The battle in 31 BCE that ended the Roman Republic, led to Octavian's ascension to the title of Augustus and the beginning of the Roman Empire, and was followed shortly thereafter by the deaths of Mark Antony and Cleopatra by suicide, was a naval engagement fought near what Greek city, after which the battle is named?

Answer: ACTIUM

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - The sixth millennium BCE eruption of Mount Mazama in the southern Cascade Range, a blast estimated to have been over 40 times greater than the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, created the deepest body of fresh water in the US, which is named what?

Answer: CRATER LAKE

Q3.: MATH - Much of the groundwork for human understanding of geometry and mathematical logic was laid in a book written by Euclid around 300 BCE. What is that book's name (in English)?

Answer: ELEMENTS

Q4.: FILM - Name the man who was nominated for an Academy Award in 1974 for The Sting, in 1981 for Ordinary People, and in 1995 for Quiz Show.

Answer: ROBERT REDFORD

Q5.: CURR EVENTS - In elections held in October 2024, the Liberal Democratic Party coalition in what country lost its majority in the 465-seat lower house, ending the party's nearly uninterrupted 69-year rule?

Answer: JAPAN

Q6.: ART - An iconic and famous 1932 photograph, once credited to Charles C. Ebbets but now attributed to "unknown" by the Rockefeller Archive, captures, as its title suggests, a group of workers eating "Lunch atop a" what (a relatively new word in that particular context)?

Answer: SKYSCRAPER

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Of the thousands of islands that make up the land area of Japan, the four largest are considered "mainland Japan". The largest of these four is Honshū. Name one of the other three.

Answer: HOKKAIDŌ, KYŪSHŪ, SHIKOKU

Q2.: TELEVISION - Provide the concluding two words from the following tagline of a pioneering reality TV series that debuted in 1992: "Find out what happens when people stop being polite... and start [BLANK]."

Answer: GETTING REAL

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The Major League Baseball franchise that called Philadelphia home from 1901 to 1955 and Oakland home from 1968 until its ignominious departure in 2024 called what other city home in that intervening period in the 1950s and 60s?

Answer: KANSAS CITY

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - While virtually non-existent in the United States (and unavailable for purchase), one car has been Europe's best-seller since 2017 for retail sales (at least according to its manufacturer's own press release). Identify the Renault-owned Romanian make of this low-cost vehicle, or its model name.

Answer: DACIA SANDERO

Q5.: SCIENCE - The work of biochemist Jennifer Doudna and microbiologist Emmanuelle Charpentier is primarily credited with the development of a groundbreaking technology known by what six-letter acronym? This technology most commonly uses a protein called Cas9, which is often appended to its name.

Answer: CRISPR

Q6.: AMER HIST - While its utility has mostly been replaced by other words in the English-speaking world, what word, originating from one used in Anglo-Saxon England for a high-ranking official, is still used today for elected municipal representatives in cities such as St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Chicago?

Answer: ALDERMAN

Q1.: TELEVISION - What compound word, referring to the individual responsible for the day-to-day operations of a television series, was first used in 1989 in reference to Neil Marlens and Carol Black of The Wonder Years and has more recently been applied to Vince Gilligan of Breaking Bad, David Chase of The Sopranos, Phoebe Waller-Bridge of Fleabag, and many others?

Answer: SHOWRUNNER

Q2.: BUS/ECON - According to Apple, the most downloaded free app on iPhones in 2023 was the shopping app, subtitled "Shop Like a Billionaire", for what Chinese online marketplace?

Answer: TEMU

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What is the name of the town in Greece, roughly 25 miles or so northeast of Athens, that was the site of a famous 490 BCE battle in which the Athenians and their Plataean allies defeated the invading Persians?

Answer: MARATHON

Q4.: FILM - Tiger Style, Crane Style, Monkey Style, Snake Style, and Mantis Style are different martial arts techniques featured in what 2008 movie (and its sequels)?

Answer: KUNG FU PANDA

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What African country, the smallest on the mainland and one of only two on the continent to border exactly one other country (Senegal on three sides), is among the small number of countries in the world with a definite article in its common name?

Answer: THE GAMBIA

Q6.: LANGUAGE - In the name of the restaurant chain PFK, which has several locations throughout the province of Quebec, what word does the letter "P" stand for?

Answer: POULET

Q1.: LITERATURE - What name sometimes used in literary or poetic contexts to refer to Great Britain comes from the Latin word for "white", referring to the chalky Cliffs of Dover?

Answer: ALBION

Q2.: THEATRE - The Greasers and the Socs are the rival gangs in what Tony-winning Broadway musical, its 1983 predecessor movie, and the 1967 novel from which both were adapted?

Answer: THE OUTSIDERS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The 2004 album Barrio Fino, considered one of the most influential and pivotal in the history of reggaeton music, was released by what Puerto Rican artist, whose real name is Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez?

Answer: DADDY YANKEE

Q4.: WORLD HIST - A decree issued in 196 BCE by the priests of Memphis in honor of Ptolemy V was discovered in Egypt in 1799, in the port city near the mouth of the Nile known as Rashid. By what other name is this city also known today?

Answer: ROSETTA

Q5.: TELEVISION - Milwaukee's Shotz Brewery was the employer of the protagonists in what 1970s/80s television series (as well as the show's occasional setting)?

Answer: LAVERNE & SHIRLEY

Q6.: CURR EVENTS - The 29 European countries that have abolished passport control and other forms of border control, allowing the free movement of goods, services, and people across their mutual borders, are known as what "Area", named after the town in Luxembourg where the defining agreement was signed in 1985?

Answer: SCHENGEN AREA

Q1.: LANGUAGE - To promote international cooperation (kunlaboron) and world peace (mondpacon), what did Polish physician (pola kuracisto) L. L. Zamenhof invent in 1887?

Answer: ESPERANTO

Q2.: SCIENCE - In electrical engineering, what's the most common (and precise) term for the property of a conductor or circuit, measured in farads (F), that is defined as its ability to store and release electric charge?

Answer: CAPACITANCE

Q3.: WORLD HIST - Who is the most famous person today to have earned a doctorate in physics from the Academy of Sciences of the GDR in East Berlin in 1986, working for a time as a researcher before she decided to shift careers a few years later?

Answer: ANGELA MERKEL

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In their six Super Bowl wins, the New England Patriots defeated five other franchises. Name the one franchise that the Patriots defeated twice. Note, only the team name (e.g., "Patriots") is needed—the team's location is not required.

Answer: (ST. LOUIS/LOS ANGELES) RAMS

Q5.: LITERATURE - What idealized land of rural contentment, literally a mountainous district in the southern Greek Peloponnese, provides the title for Sir Philip Sidney's 1590 prose romance and Tom Stoppard's 1993 stage play?

Answer: ARCADIA

Q6.: FILM - The 2019 movie *The Irishman* was the fourth cinematic appearance of what acting duo with that movie's director? They previously appeared together in his movies in 1980, 1990, and 1995. (Note: Name the acting duo.)

Answer: ROBERT DE NIRO, JOE PESCI

Q1.: POP MUSIC - Mairéad Carlin, Muirgen O'Mahony, Órla Fallon, Éabha McMahon, Méav Ní Mhaolchatha, and Hayley Westenra are all current or former members of what musical ensemble and public television staple founded in Dublin in 2004?

Answer: CELTIC WOMAN

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - A secure storage facility for the world's crop seeds known as the Global Seed Vault is located on the island of Spitsbergen, the largest island in an archipelago governed by Norway and located halfway between the country's mainland and the North Pole. What is the name of this island group?

Answer: SVALBARD

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The "Space Command" remote control was an innovation of what television manufacturer, whose slogan was "The quality goes in before the name goes on", and which was the last major company to produce TVs in the US when it ceased production in the 1990s?

Answer: ZENITH

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - A scoreline such as 14.11 (95), indicating 14 goals, 11 behinds, and 95 points, is typical in what sport? (Note, please give the full three-word name by which the sport is widely known.)

Answer: AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Q5.: SCIENCE - The two most common strains of cannabis have Latin names—indica, meaning "from India", and what other, meaning "cultivated"?

Answer: SATIVA

Q6.: WORLD HIST - In a historical sense, the man who served as General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party from 1982 to 1987, Hu Yaobang, is now closely associated—especially his death—with what iconic Chinese landmark built in the 17th century?

Answer: TIANANMEN SQUARE

Q1.: TELEVISION - The television series "Toast of the Town" debuted on CBS on the evening of Sunday, June 20, 1948, and remained in its time slot until its final episode on March 28, 1971, after being renamed in 1955 (after its long-time host) to what?

Answer: THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - At dog shows sanctioned by the American Kennel Club and by the UK's Kennel Club, dogs are exhibited in seven different groups. While the group names and breeds within the groups do not match exactly, for both organizations, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Rottweilers, and Saint Bernards are all categorized within what group?

Answer: WORKING GROUP

Q3.: ART - A 19th-century man named Alexander Brun owned a villa he named "Louisiana" after his three wives, all of whom were named Louise. Many years later, this property was purchased and is now home to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, which is located in what country?

Answer: DENMARK

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Which of the Olympic track and field events is the only one in which competitors run more than 10 but fewer than 20 laps around a standard-length outdoor track?

Answer: 5000 METERS

Q5.: LITERATURE - A classic example of the use of simile is the first line (and title) of an 1804 poem by William Wordsworth, in which he writes, "I wandered lonely as a" what?

Answer: CLOUD

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - Works by Friedrich Nietzsche and Richard Strauss were inspired by what prophet and worshipper of Ahura Mazda?

Answer: ZARATHUSTRA (ZOROASTER)

Q1.: SCIENCE - Developed to combat vitamin A deficiency, what is the name of genetically modified rice that produces beta-carotene by inserting genes (initially from daffodils, later from corn) and a bacterium into the rice genome?

Answer: GOLDEN RICE

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Italian cleric who was elected pope of the Roman Catholic Church in the conclave that ended on August 26, 1978, took what papal name, becoming the first in over 1,000 years to adopt a name that had never previously been used? (Please note, though he used a regnal number, a number is not required, as he was the first.)

Answer: JOHN PAUL (I)

Q3.: POP MUSIC - While the radio station serving the southeastern Oklahoma community of Hartshorne and environs at 94.3 on the FM dial is proudly called "McAlester's Christian Music Station", its call letters evoke by name what other, distinctly different genre?

Answer: KPOP

Q4.: ART - In sculpture, what term, taken directly from the French, is used for a small-scale preliminary model or prototype used as a preparatory tool to visualize and plan the final full-scale piece?

Answer: MAQUETTE

Q5.: FILM - The name of what 1998 film fills in the blank in this quote from the movie? "Someday we might look back on this and decide that [BLANK] was one decent thing we were able to pull out of this whole godawful shitty mess."

Answer: SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The rise of sea levels around 7,000 years ago created what is now known as Cook Strait (Te Moana-o-Raukawa), separating two theretofore connected land masses of what country?

Answer: NEW ZEALAND/AOTEAROA

Q1.: THEATRE - In theatre, the planning of actors' movements, positions, and interactions within a scene is known by what term, derived from what directors used to represent actors on a miniature stage model in an early theatrical practice?

Answer: BLOCKING

Q2.: WORLD HIST - In 2005, a shape referred to as a crystal joined two other symbols of the same color (adopted formally in 1864 and 1929, respectively) as emblems of certain international societies. Identify these other two symbols. (Two answers required.)

Answer: (RED) CROSS, CRESCENT

Q3.: POP MUSIC - The chart-topping 2007 hit song "Crank That" was recorded by what artist, whose name was also the song's parenthetical subtitle as well as its accompanying viral dance?

Answer: SOULJA BOY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - What ice cream flavor is widely believed to have been invented in 1929 by William Dreyer, who chopped up marshmallows and walnuts and mixed them into chocolate ice cream, playfully naming the concoction in acknowledgment of the harsh challenges faced during the Great Depression?

Answer: ROCKY ROAD

Q5.: LITERATURE - What was the last name of the character who accompanied the Frenchman Passepartout on a famous literary circumnavigation in the autumn of 1872? (Please note, per the wording of this question, the first name is not required, but answers with incorrect first names will be marked incorrect in accordance with LL official rules.)

Answer: (PHILEAS) FOGG

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - The Turkish-language form of the name of the country of Turkey begins "Tür". Correctly spell the remaining letters in that Turkish-language name, as it was adopted for international use by the country in December 2021.

Answer: KİYE (TÜRKİYE)

Q1.: LITERATURE - Naguib Mahfouz, widely regarded as the father of the Arabic novel, produced a body of work that primarily reflects life in what city, where he was born in 1911?

Answer: CAIRO

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - Englishmen Ronnie O'Sullivan, Kyren Wilson, Judd Trump, and Mark Selby are currently among the most successful and popular players on the professional circuit in what cue sport?

Answer: SNOOKER

Q3.: AMER HIST - The famous American frontierswoman Martha Jane Burke, known for her horseback riding and shooting skills, is said to have warned that any man who attempted to woo her would be met with what type of disastrous event (hence her nickname)?

Answer: CALAMITY

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2024, YouTubers Logan Paul, KSI, and MrBeast introduced what prepackaged lunch kit, competing in the same market segment as Oscar Mayer's Lunchables, with products from the influencers' existing brands?

Answer: LUNCHLY

Q5.: FILM - A Zamundan royal aide named Semmi, a barber named Morris, and an energetic preacher named Reverend Brown are among the film characters portrayed by what actor and comedian?

Answer: ARSENIO HALL

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What is the Hindi word for "province" or "state", as in the names beginning with Uttar("Northern") and Madhya("Central")?

Answer: PRADESH

Q1.: TELEVISION - The fictionalized and anachronistic Hulu comedy-drama series The Great is based on the rise of what long-reigning 18th-century monarch?
Answer: CATHERINE (THE GREAT)/CATHERINE II

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Cullinan Diamond, the largest diamond ever discovered at more than 3,100 carats, is the source of one of the largest cut diamonds in the world—the 530-carat Star of what (referring to the location of the Cullinan's discovery)?
Answer: AFRICA

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - A British linguist renowned for his work in phonetics and the development of the International Phonetic Alphabet, a Welsh composer and contemporary of Dylan Thomas who composed thirteen symphonies, and a North Carolina native and recent New York Giant all share what first and last name?
Answer: DANIEL JONES

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - The 18th-century Spanish province of Las Californias was split in 1804 into two new California—Baja California, which is coterminous with the modern Mexican states of Baja California and Baja California Sur, and what other "opposite" California, which included all of the present-day US states of California, Nevada, and Utah, as well as parts of Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Colorado?
Answer: ALTA (CALIFORNIA)

Q5.: ART - "Energy and Atmosphere", "Water Efficiency", and "Materials and Resources" are among the categories assessed in a framework for the certification of sustainable and environmentally responsible buildings, which is recognized internationally and managed by the US Green Building Council. This certification is commonly known by what four letters?

Answer: LEED

Q6.: SCIENCE - What Latin word was first used in a physics context by Johannes Kepler in 1617 and defined in principle by Isaac Newton in his first law of motion toward the end of that century?

Answer: INERTIA

Q1.: TELEVISION - A beloved Cartoon Network series that ran from 1999 to 2009 featured three preteen boys who lived on a suburban cul-de-sac and all had the same first name. Give any one of the three ways their names were indicated in the show's title.

Answer: ED, EDD, N EDDY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - What was the commonly used acronym for the council, founded by Joseph Stalin in 1949 and dominated by the USSR, for the purpose of mutual economic assistance among the Soviet Union and nearly a dozen other states in Europe and Asia, established to counteract the political and financial power of the West?

Answer: COMECON

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - What Spanish dance is the basis (and the name) of a repetitive and extremely popular orchestral work written by Maurice Ravel in 1928?

Answer: BOLERO

Q4.: BUS/ECON - What term, also familiar at the local pharmacy, is used for trading in stocks other than through a stock exchange (as the companies are often too small to be listed)?

Answer: OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC)

Q5.: ART - A Florentine from the Gherardini family, who was the wife of a silk merchant named Francesco del Giocondo, is widely believed to be the inspiration for a work most commonly known by what name?

Answer: MONA LISA

Q6.: FOOD/DRINK - In 2023, what Mexican beer ended Bud Light's 22-year run as the best-selling beer in the US?

Answer: MODELO (ESPECIAL)

Q1.: BUS/ECON - In 1986, The Economist introduced a tool for analyzing the purchasing power parity of currencies by comparing the prices in different countries of what food item, after which the "Index" is named, and which is standardized and available worldwide?

Answer: BIG MAC

Q2.: THEATRE - The plot of Harold Pinter's ambiguous and unconventional "comedy of menace" that was first staged in 1958, and which was initially met with decidedly mixed reviews (though it is acclaimed today), centers on what type of organized celebration?

Answer: BIRTHDAY PARTY

Q3.: SCIENCE - A quantity of Mg(OH)₂ in a liquid suspension with various inactive ingredients (and no other active ingredients) is a laxative and antacid known by what name?

Answer: MILK OF MAGNESIA

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - Although it occurs at least once (and often many times) in many Division I games today, what was officially banned in NCAA college basketball prior to the 1967-68 season (after Lew Alcindor/Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sophomore year at UCLA) until 1976?

Answer: SLAM DUNK

Q5.: AMER HIST - During his one campaign for US president, what long time senator's slogan was "In your heart, you know he's right"—a sentiment apparently shared by only 38.5% of voters?

Answer: BARRY GOLDWATER

Q6.: POP MUSIC - EDM musician Skrillex (Sonny John Moore), with his hits "Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites" and "Bangarang", was probably the most successful artist in what subgenre of EDM, which originated in the underground scene of South London in the late 1990s and early 2000s and was coined as a term in 2002?

Answer: DUBSTEP

Q1.: MATH - What mathematical term was coined by British statistician Karl Pearson in his 1894 lecture "The Scientific Aspect of Monte Carlo Roulette", and are the two words that fill in the blank in the following quote from the lecture: "[F]or every type of experiment there is a numerical quantity, depending partly on the chance of the single event succeeding, and partly on the total number of the trials of it, which we may term the [BLANK]"?

Answer: STANDARD DEVIATION

Q2.: FILM - Hollywood legend and multiple-Oscar winner Rick Baker has been credited with several "below-the-line" roles in films. A typical one is the following, from 1981's *An American Werewolf in London*, in which one word is redacted: Special [REDACTED] effects designer and creator. What is that redacted word?

Answer: MAKEUP

Q3.: WORLD HIST - What word is often used for the effigies burned in the UK on the evening of November 5, the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot? It has come to be roughly synonymous with "men".

Answer: GUYS

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - "The Drive", "The Fumble", a controversial 1996 relocation drama, and a 17-year playoff drought beginning in 2003 are among the countless heartaches suffered by fans of what NFL franchise (location and team name required)?

Answer: CLEVELAND BROWNS

Q5.: SCIENCE - What bird, a native of the northern hemisphere and member of the grouse family, has a name that begins with an unetymological consonant pair—as the bird's original Gaelic name just begins with the letter "T", and a Greek-influenced silent letter was added at the beginning in the 17th century?

Answer: PTARMIGAN

Q6.: GEOGRAPHY - Identify (in English) the lake, the largest of the European Alpine lakes, which straddles the border between southwest Switzerland and southeast France, and is known in French as Lac Léman?

Answer: LAKE GENEVA

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - Excluding accent marks, exactly one independent continental South American country's common one-word name is spelled differently in English and its prevailing official language. What is that country?

Answer: BRAZIL/BRASIL

Q2.: LITERATURE - The 2003 book *The Meaning of Everything*, by London-born author Simon Winchester, tells the story of what other work, which was first published in 1884, and formally under its current title since 1933?

Answer: OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY (OED)

Q3.: BUS/ECON - The retail establishment widely cited as the first legitimate department store opened its doors to provide a "good bargain" to local Parisians in 1838. What was the name of this store?

Answer: LE BON MARCHÉ

Q4.: TELEVISION - Christian Slater played the title character of what television series that aired on the USA Network from 2015 to 2019, playing an enigmatic anarchist who leads a group of hacktivists aiming to take down the multinational "Evil Corp"?

Answer: MR. ROBOT

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - A popular but surely false etymology for the name of what cut of beef, taken from between the lower ribs of the animal and the rump, regards England's King James I, who appreciated the cut so much he elevated it to knighthood?

Answer: SIRLOIN

Q6.: SCIENCE - What gland, named for its shape and located deep in the brain near the corpus callosum, synthesizes the hormone melatonin, and thus plays a significant role in biological rhythms such as the sleep-wake cycle?

Answer: PINEAL GLAND

Q1.: WORLD HIST - A legendary military tactician of the 2nd and 3rd centuries BCE, a charming but terrifying psychiatrist introduced in a 1981 novel, and the first vice-president of the United States from the present-day Republican Party all shared what first name?

Answer: HANNIBAL

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the airline that serves as Spain's flag carrier (but, notably, and perhaps counterintuitively, not Portugal's, which is TAP)?

Answer: IBERIA

Q3.: ART - Trieste-born American Leo Castelli spent most of his life in what profession, of which he was perhaps the most influential figure of the 20th century?

Answer: ART DEALER

Q4.: POP MUSIC - In blues legend John Lee Hooker's classic song and tale of woe from 1966—first recorded by Amos Milburn and later by George Thorogood and the Destroyers—he finds solace in one each of a trio of drinks. What are those three drinks, in order?

Answer: BOURBON, SCOTCH, BEER

Q5.: FILM - Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren are the inspiration for what film series, whose namesake debut introduced the duo in 2013 and whose latest installment, released in 2021, is subtitled *The Devil Made Me Do It*?

Answer: THE CONJURING

Q6.: LITERATURE - A #1 New York Times best-selling 2018 novel by American author Madeline Miller is a nuanced retelling of the story of what Greek sorceress, who transformed most of Odysseus's crew into swine in Homer's *Odyssey* and then hosted them for a year on her island of Aeaea?

Answer: CIRCE

Q1.: FOOD/DRINK - The sturdy-heeled Deba, the versatile Santoku, the delicate Usuba, and the narrow Yanagiba are all different Japanese types of what?

Answer: KNIVES

Q2.: MATH - In a regular polyhedron, all faces are congruent regular polygons. There are five such solids: the cube, tetrahedron, octahedron, icosahedron, and what other?

Answer: DODECAHEDRON

Q3.: SCIENCE - What saturated fatty acid, a waxy solid commonly found in lard and beef tallow (its name comes from "tallow" in Greek) but also present in plant oils such as shea butter and cocoa butter, is widely used in the production of soaps and candles and has extensive pharmaceutical and industrial applications?

Answer: STEARIC ACID

Q4.: TELEVISION - The nickname given by a stalker named Martha to her target named Donny is the title of what award-winning and critically lauded Netflix miniseries?

Answer: BABY REINDEER

Q5.: BUS/ECON - In early 2002, the euro replaced the schilling, franc (three different ones), markka, deutschmark, drachma, pound, guilder, escudo, and peseta. One currency is missing from this list—what is its name?

Answer: LIRA

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What term is used for the religious movements, primarily found in Melanesia since the late 1800s and during the period of Western colonization, in which adherents believe that the arrival of a supernatural shipment of goods sent by spirits will signal a new paradise?

Answer: CARGO CULTS

Q1.: ART - In September 1925, what 18-year-old suffered multiple serious injuries while riding a bus that slammed into a speeding electric trolley car, and revisited the setting in 1929's *The Bus*, a painting currently housed at the Museo Dolores Olmedo.

Answer: FRIDA KAHLO

Q2.: CLASS MUSIC - What is the name for the type of musical composition, such as famous works by Frederic Chopin and John Field, that are often languid, meditative, and lyrical, evoking the period of time after which they are named?

Answer: NOCTURNE

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - In 1972, Atari released an arcade version of a simple game similar to one originally invented by William Higinbotham, an Instrumentation Head at Brookhaven National Laboratory who (maybe foolishly) did not patent it when he created it 14 years earlier. What was the name of this revolutionary and lucrative Atari game, which was even more directly inspired by a similar game on the Magnavox Odyssey?

Answer: PONG

Q4.: SCIENCE - What chemical element, in the halogen group on the periodic table just below chlorine and above iodine, is notable for being one of only two elements that is liquid at room temperature (along with mercury), and for having a particularly sharp and unpleasant odor (its name comes from the Greek for "stench")?

Answer: BROMINE

Q5.: FOOD/DRINK - Despite holding his current rank since his introduction in 1963, what seafaring brand mascot with disembodied eyebrows only began wearing sleeves with the appropriate four bars in July 2023?

Answer: CAP'N CRUNCH

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - Marshall McLuhan, the 20th-century media theorist and author of *The Gutenberg Galaxy* and *Understanding Media*, is credited with coining in the first chapter of that latter work the expression "the medium is the [BLANK]" (fill in the blank).

Answer: MESSAGE

Q1.: GAMES/SPORT - In September 2024, Argentinian Mauricio Pochettino was named the new head coach for a team widely known by what five-letter abbreviation/initialism?
Answer: USMNT

Q2.: LITERATURE - The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL. D., considered by many to be the finest biography ever written in the English language, is a work by what Scottish lawyer, who was himself the subject of a similarly titled 1999 biography? His work is so highly regarded that his surname has become a general term for a dedicated admirer and chronicler of another's life and deeds.

Answer: JAMES BOSWELL

Q3.: POP MUSIC - What hit 1984 song begins with a memorable saxophone riff, followed by a softly delivered reflection of shame and sadness, and a subsequent chorus in which the singer asserts that he is never going to dance again in a certain way?

Answer: CARELESS WHISPER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - Identify the narrow peninsula that was settled by the Moors in 711, taken by Spain in 1462, and ceded to Great Britain in 1713.

Answer: GIBRALTAR

Q5.: LANGUAGE - What is the honorific in Sanskrit-rendered in the Devanagari script as श्री and perhaps familiar in a geographic context—that roughly corresponds to the English "Mr.", and is more accurately translated as "Honorable" or "Respected"?

Answer: SRI

Q6.: MATH - The abbreviations for trigonometric functions (sin, cos, tan, etc.), when represented with an "h" at the end (sinh, cosh, tanh, etc.), become those for what other set of functions?

Answer: HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

Q1.: LITERATURE - 1) The priestess of Greek legend who was the lover of Leander. 2) The Alexandrian mathematician who devised the formula for expressing the area of a triangle using its sides (one name for him, at least). 3) A falsely accused Shakespearean bride-to-be. These three all share what name?

Answer: HERO

Q2.: AMER HIST - Charles Conrad, Alan Bean, Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, David Scott, James Irwin, John Young, Charles Duke, Eugene Cernan, and Harrison Schmitt are ten members of an exclusive group of twelve. Name either of the two missing members.

Answer: NEIL ARMSTRONG, EDWIN/BUZZ ALDRIN

Q3.: LANGUAGE - Mkhedruli is the name of a writing script used primarily for a language which belongs to the Kartvelian family of languages, which are primarily spoken in what country?

Answer: GEORGIA

Q4.: POP MUSIC - Songs from 2024 by Lainey Wilson and from 2025 by Travis Scott both include what vehicle type/mathematical expression in their titles?

Answer: 4X4

Q5.: SCIENCE - A mammal native to Africa and South Asia, distinctive for its coloration—dark brown to black with a pale yellowish-grey stripe extending from the top of its head along its back—as well as for its fearlessness, is known as a ratel but is better known as what?

Answer: HONEY BADGER

Q6.: BUS/ECON - November 2021 saw the grand opening of a store in the Metro Manila city of Pasay that encompasses 65,000 square meters (700,000 sq ft), making it the company's largest. It surpassed a 55,000-square-meter facility that first opened in 1965 in a shopping area called Kungens Kurva, which translates to "The King's Bend" in English. What is the company?

Answer: IKEA

Q1.: LITERATURE - Rachel Carson's groundbreaking 1962 work *Silent Spring* is widely credited as a contributing factor to the establishment of what U.S. federal regulatory body in 1970?

Answer: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - What Major League Baseball franchise modified its team name in 2008? The change may not have been due to criticism from Christian groups, but it was immediately followed by a dramatic change in the team's results. Note, location and team name (current or former) required.

Answer: TAMPA BAY (DEVIL) RAYS

Q3.: FILM - What word appears in the titles of a 2025 film based on a bestselling graphic novel by Dav Pilkey, a 2021 Western drama directed by Jane Campion, and a 1975 crime drama classic directed by Sidney Lumet?

Answer: DOG

Q4.: ART - The bowler-hatted gentleman in 1964's *The Son of Man* is a self-portrait of what Walloon?

Answer: RENÉ MAGRITTE

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - What landlocked country located at the southern end of the Great Rift Valley shares its name with the lake that forms much of its eastern border?

Answer: MALAWI

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The individual of greatest international historical significance with the first name Syngman served from 1948 to 1960 as the president of what country?

Answer: SOUTH KOREA/REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Q1.: WORLD HIST - In 1916, Irish republicans launched an armed uprising intended to end British rule and establish an independent Irish Republic. This particular rebellion, which was suppressed by British forces after six days, was initiated immediately after what holiday?

Answer: EASTER

Q2.: SCIENCE - What is the common name given to the standard code that was developed in America in 1963 and used for information interchange by encoding the letters A-Z, digits 0-9, punctuation marks, and other characters in binary form? This code was later extended by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Answer: ASCII

Q3.: THEATRE - A certain system and approach to acting is associated with the techniques originated by the Russian Konstantin Stanislavsky, and came into wider use in the mid-20th century thanks in large part to Lee Strasberg and others at New York's Actors Studio. What is the best-known term for this emotionally immersive approach to acting?

Answer: METHOD ACTING

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - The year 622 CE marks the beginning of what lunar 12-month calendar? This calendar follows a cycle of each year having 354 or 355 days, with (in its tabular variation) leap years that include the additional day in 11 out of 30 years.

Answer: ISLAMIC (HIJRI) CALENDAR

Q5.: CLASS MUSIC - Hungarian-born conductor George Szell received international acclaim during his time from 1946 until his death in 1970 as the musical director of the symphony orchestra in what US city? At the start of his tenure, the city was near its peak population of 915,000 (today, it's less than half of that).

Answer: CLEVELAND

Q6.: ART - Oslo's National Museum of Norway is home to the most famous version of what 1893 painting, which is widely regarded as the most famous painting by a Norwegian?

Answer: THE SCREAM

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - What microstate is notable for having Europe's highest capital city in elevation, for having no airport or railway station, and for being the only country in the world to have Catalan as its sole official language?

Answer: ANDORRA

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Sticks of dough that are fried, coated in sugar, and sometimes dipped in chocolate – this describes numerous desserts all over the world, but in Spain and Latin America, they're often known by what name, purportedly after a breed of Spanish sheep with ridged horns?

Answer: CHURROS

Q3.: POP MUSIC - In 1977, it was the second single released from Fleetwood Mac's Rumours LP; in 1986, the second single during Van Halen's Sammy Hagar era; and in 1992, the debut single by the Irish band The Cranberries. What is this one-word title?

Answer: DREAMS

Q4.: AMER HIST - What was the name of the committee of the US House of Representatives established in 1938 to investigate disloyalty and subversion among federal government employees, before finally being abolished in 1975? (Full name or common 4-letter abbreviation acceptable.)

Answer: UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (HUAC)

Q5.: LITERATURE - The period of Roman literature during which Virgil, Ovid, and Horace flourished, and an era of English literature with which Alexander Pope, Jonathan Swift, and John Dryden are associated, are both known as what "Age"?

Answer: AUGUSTAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - In competitive platform and springboard diving, there are diving positions based on four distinct shapes of the body, categorized by the letters A through D. A is "Straight" position and D is "Free" position—what positions do B and C represent? (Two answers required, in either order.)

Answer: PIKE, TUCK

Q1.: WORLD HIST - By way of 1800's Third Treaty of San Ildefonso, in exchange for territories in Tuscany, Napoleon Bonaparte (re-)acquired what North American territory, which he subsequently sold three years later?

Answer: LOUISIANA

Q2.: SCIENCE - While minor sources include anglesite, cerussite, and litharge, the main ore of what metallic element is the sulfide galena?

Answer: LEAD

Q3.: LITERATURE - Published in 1637, Discourse on the Method was the first major work of what "father of modern philosophy"?

Answer: RENÉ DESCARTES

Q4.: LANGUAGE - What word, derived etymologically from Latin and earlier Greek words relating to turning, refers to a terrestrial boundary where the sun appears to "turn back" after reaching its maximum distance from Earth's equator?

Answer: TROPIC

Q5.: BUS/ECON - What company, listed on the Nasdaq Copenhagen, saw its market capitalization surpass Denmark's gross domestic product in August 2023?

Answer: NOVO NORDISK

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Justin and Trent are the first names (though they don't go by those names) of brothers and multi-year NFL All-Pro defensive players whose last name is what?

Answer: WATT

Q1.: WORLD HIST - The title of Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP) was held by what individual who oversaw the post-World War II occupation of Japan from 1945 until his dismissal by President Harry S. Truman in 1951?

Answer: DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - Laverie Automatique, located on Place du Marché Saint-Honoré in Paris's First Arrondissement near the Jardin des Tuileries, is one of many places that could reasonably be described using the name of what renowned restaurant in Napa Valley's wine country?

Answer: FRENCH LAUNDRY

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A 1969 Bob Fosse-choreographed number featuring Gwen Verdon, titled "Mexican Breakfast", clearly inspired the music video for what chart-topping, award-winning song from 2008, taken from the album I Am... Sasha Fierce?

Answer: SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - What word refers to the highest category of roads in the UK's "Strategic Road Network"? Roads in this category are designated with a prefix or suffix that matches this word's first letter.

Answer: MOTORWAYS

Q5.: LITERATURE - Derived from a word meaning "to stride over" (or perhaps "to leap over"), what term in poetry describes the continuation of a sentence or phrase from one line to the next without punctuation or pause?

Answer: ENJAMBMENT

Q6.: SCIENCE - What term refers to the sugary fluid, up to 90% sucrose in some species, that flows through the phloem of plants to store and transport carbohydrates produced during photosynthesis?

Answer: SAP

Q1.: MATH - What mathematical term, which may have an astrological homophone depending on one's accent, refers to a surface formed by revolving a circle around an axis in its plane?

Answer: TORUS

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - A certain marmot named Phil is linked to a tradition that may or may not involve three fortnights. In what US state does this soothsayer reside?

Answer: PENNSYLVANIA

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - The historical game jeu de paume, which originated in France and evolved over centuries, is today known as the "court", "royal", or "real" version of what sport?

Answer: TENNIS

Q4.: GEOGRAPHY - What is the name of the Monegasque district on the Mediterranean coast founded in 1856 by and named after Charles Grimaldi (Prince Charles III)?

Answer: MONTE CARLO

Q5.: LITERATURE - Mary Norton's Borrowers and Alice near the beginning of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland—after imbibing from the "Drink Me" bottle—share a notable characteristic with what Hans Christian Andersen heroine, who marries the flower-fairy prince?

Answer: THUMBELINA

Q6.: SCIENCE - In internal combustion engine vehicles, metals like platinum, palladium, and rhodium are most commonly found in what component?

Answer: CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Q1.: FILM - What film series saw releases in 1979, 1981, 1985, 2015, and 2024, with the first film made on a budget of approximately \$350,000 and the most recent costing \$168 million?

Answer: MAD MAX

Q2.: GEOGRAPHY - Often compared to Ellis Island in the U.S., the historic site Pier 21 is located in what Canadian city and provincial capital, known for having one of the world's largest and deepest natural harbors?

Answer: HALIFAX

Q3.: CLASS MUSIC - In music, the masculine form of this Italian word denotes a fast or lively tempo. In medicine, the feminine form is a popular brand name for fexofenadine. Give either form of this word in question.

Answer: ALLEGRO, ALLEGRA

Q4.: THEATRE - In London theatre, "off-West End" is a rough equivalent to New York's "off-Broadway", but there's no true "off-off-West End" to match "off-off-Broadway". Instead, what word is often used for this category, its use originating in the late 1940s via an offshoot of the annual Edinburgh International Festival?

Answer: FRINGE

Q5.: TELEVISION - Stephanie Abrams, Mike Bettes, Jen Carfagno, Dr. Greg Forbes, and Jim Cantore are all known for their work on what television network?

Answer: THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Q6.: WORLD HIST - The historic city of Petra, settled by the Nabataeans in the 4th century BCE and later conquered by Rome in the 2nd century CE, is located in what present-day country?

Answer: JORDAN

Q1.: TELEVISION - What television series has been produced by United Plankton Pictures Inc. since the company's founding in 1998 by former marine science educator Stephen Hillenburg?

Answer: SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

Q2.: SCIENCE - If a molecule is repelled by water, it is termed hydrophobic. What is the corresponding opposite term for a molecule attracted to water?

Answer: HYDROPHILIC

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - On the weekend of the first Saturday every May, revelers in Louisville, Kentucky, ritualistically consume over 1,000 pounds of fresh foliage from what perennial?

Answer: MINT

Q4.: POP MUSIC - The following classic songs all include what word in their titles? A 1934 standard by Rodgers and Hart, recorded by The Marcels and by Elvis Presley; a 1940 standard by Morgan Lewis and Nancy Hamilton, performed by Les Paul & Mary Ford and by Ella Fitzgerald; a 1954 standard by Bart Howard, sung by Frank Sinatra and by Tony Bennett; and a 1961 standard by Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer, sung by Audrey Hepburn and by Andy Williams.

Answer: MOON

Q5.: AMER HIST - The US-based website VOTE411.org, which provides candidate and election information based on a user's location, is run by what nonpartisan and nonprofit political organization founded in 1920 (a year which, in a technical sense, one might argue is the earliest this nationwide organization could theoretically have existed)?

Answer: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Q6.: LANGUAGE - What seven-letter mnemonic acronym related to coordinating conjunctions is also, unrelatedly, the title of a 2009 movie about a group of Star Wars enthusiasts (and a word that describes them)?

Answer: FANBOYS

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The approximately 10,000-foot mountain known as Haleakalā rises near the center of—and forms the majority of the land area of—what island?

Answer: MAUI

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The Treaties of Nanjing (1842) and Tianjin (1858) ended wars named after what dried extract?

Answer: OPIUM

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - Viber, Telegram, WeChat, and iMessage are all global competitors in a certain market category, but what service leads them all with well over two billion active users—more than four times the number it had when Facebook (now Meta) acquired it in 2014?

Answer: WHATSAPP

Q4.: LITERATURE - A jovial and extroverted merrymaker named Mr. Fezziwig is a character, and a counterpoint of sorts, in what story from 1843?

Answer: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Q5.: FILM - Exploring the aftermath of King T'Challa's death, the 2022 sequel to Black Panther was one of that year's top-grossing films. By what two-word subtitle is this film commonly known?

Answer: WAKANDA FOREVER

Q6.: TELEVISION - Jerry Seinfeld played "Jerry Seinfeld" in Seinfeld, and Will Smith played "Will Smith" in The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. The same convention (star's name = character's name) was used in a 1995–2004 sitcom set in Ohio, starring what actor?

Answer: DREW CAREY

Q1.: TELEVISION -Here's the Story: Surviving [REDACTED] and Finding My True Voiceis a 2008 book by Maureen McCormick that recounts her life during and after her time playing what memorable television character, whose name has been redacted from the title? (First and last name required.)

Answer: MARCIA BRADY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The famous heptad that includes the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Pharos of Alexandria, and the Great Pyramid of Giza, also includes a statue by Phidias of whom?

Answer: ZEUS

Q3.: GAMES/SPORT - What distinctively odorous substance, invented in the 1930s to clean coal residue from wallpaper, has been manufactured since 1991 by Hasbro, who trademarked its scent in 2016?

Answer: PLAY-DOH

Q4.: LIFESTYLE - A viral four-word phrase that originated in August 2024 in a satirical video by TikTok content creator Jools Lebron has "very" as its first and third words. What are both of the other two words in this phrase?

Answer: DEMURE, MINDFUL

Q5.: GEOGRAPHY - Give the modern name of either of the straits that lie at opposite ends of the sea known in classical antiquity as Propontis.

Answer: BOSPORUS, DARDANELLES

Q6.: FILM - George Burns (as Mr. Kite), Frankie Howerd (Mean Mr. Mustard), Peter Frampton (Billy Shears), and Sandy Farina (Strawberry Fields) appeared in what poorly received 1978 musical pastiche film?

Answer: SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND

Q1.: FILM - While four of the five films (so far) in the Rambo series include the name "Rambo" in the title, the first film did not--though its title proved fitting nonetheless. What was the title of that first film?

Answer: FIRST BLOOD

Q2.: GAMES/SPORT - On a standard traditional Scrabble board, what words appear in the bonus squares on the outer edges positioned at 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock? (Note, this three-word phrase appears in multiple locations on the board.)

Answer: TRIPLE WORD SCORE

Q3.: POP MUSIC - A hit 1995 hip hop anthem by 2Pac featuring Dr. Dre celebrates (per its title) their shared love for what, though 2Pac himself was born in New York City?

Answer: CALIFORNIA

Q4.: FOOD/DRINK - Gianduja, a creamy and smooth confection from Italy's Piedmont region, traditionally blends chocolate with what other ingredient, which also provides the primary flavor in the Piedmontese liqueur Frangelico?

Answer: HAZELNUTS/FILBERTS

Q5.: WORLD HIST - Who was born to Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg in 1921 on the island of Corfu?

Answer: PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Q6.: LITERATURE - What 1956 Saul Bellow novella, whose title is an English translation of a famous Latin phrase, follows a pivotal 24-hour period in the misfortune-filled life of Tommy Wilhelm, an unemployed divorcé and struggling actor facing personal and financial crises?

Answer: SEIZE THE DAY

Q1.: FILM -Young Mr. Lincoln(1939),The Grapes of Wrath(1940),My Darling Clementine(1946), andFort Apache(1948): Combining the first name of a star of all of these films with the last name of the director of these films results in the name of what industrialist? (First and last name required.)

Answer: HENRY FORD

Q2.: LIFESTYLE - According to a UK Parliament act from July 1993, only a tweed that is "handwoven by the islanders at their homes in the Outer Hebrides, finished in the Outer Hebrides, and made from pure virgin wool dyed and spun in the Outer Hebrides" can have what name, taken from an island in (unsurprisingly) the Outer Hebrides?

Answer: HARRIS TWEED

Q3.: TELEVISION - The total pool of prize money during the first season of what TV show, which premiered in September 2021, ultimately amounted to ₩45.6 billion?

Answer: SQUID GAME

Q4.: GAMES/SPORT - In the world of professional sports, Doug Harvey, Bill Klem, Joe West, Jim Joyce, Bruce Froemming, Don Denkinger, and Ángel Hernández all held what occupation?

Answer: (BASEBALL) UMPIRE

Q5.: SCIENCE - A term for a severe weather condition associated with blizzards is a homophone of a certain brand of error-corrector. What is that term?

Answer: WHITEOUT/WITE-OUT

Q6.: CLASS MUSIC - What piano-like instrument, in which metal plates or bars are struck with felt hammers when its keys are pressed, traditionally produces the twinkling sounds that represent the fairy in Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy"?

Answer: CELESTA

Q1.: SCIENCE - Twenty "short" hundredweights equal 2,000 pounds (a "short" ton), and twenty "long" hundredweights equal 2,240 pounds (a "long" ton). In between those is 2,204.62 pounds, which equals what other kind of ton (tonne)?
Answer: METRIC TON

Q2.: TELEVISION - Since the launch of The Great British Bake Off(also known as The Great British Baking Show), one judge has remained throughout. This judge's last name is also the name of what famous neighborhood?

Answer: HOLLYWOOD

Q3.: FILM - In his Oscar-winning role in The French Connection(1971), Gene Hackman played a character with what nickname—also shared by a famous comic strip character who first appeared in 1929 before becoming popular in animated shorts and other media?

Answer: POPEYE

Q4.: CURR EVENTS - While he serves as the country's president, Xi Jinping is considered the de facto paramount leader of China because he leads two key entities: the CCP and the CMC. What is the full English name of either of these?
Answer: CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION

Q5.: ART - What word meaning "eye" refers to the circular opening at the top of a dome, such as the one in Rome's Pantheon?

Answer: OCULUS

Q6.: AMER HIST - Over the course of the American Civil War, four men held the title of Commanding General of the United States Army, the Army's highest-ranking officer. The last was Ulysses S. Grant. Give the last name of any one of the preceding three.

Answer: SCOTT, MCCLELLAN, HALLECK

Q1.: FILM - The 2020 film subtitled Mugen Train is based on a popular Japanese anime and manga series and became the highest-grossing anime film of all time. In the story, Tanjiro adopts what two-word role after the slaughter of his family and transformation of his sister? This role is also the primary title of the film and series.

Answer: DEMON SLAYER

Q2.: FOOD/DRINK - The tangy brown pulp extracted from the pods of what tropical tree is a staple in South Indian and Goan cuisine—flavoring curries, chutneys, and lentils—and is produced in greater quantities by India than any other country in the world by far?

Answer: TAMARIND

Q3.: LIFESTYLE - In 1970, Women's Wear Daily coined what two-word term (originally written as one word) for a fashion item the magazine later described as "tight-fitting short shorts made from a variety of fabrics, including velour, corduroy, and leather"?

Answer: HOT PANTS (HOTPANTS)

Q4.: ART - What is the English title of the 1931 painting often accurately described as "the one with the melting clocks"?

Answer: THE PERSISTENCE OF MEMORY

Q5.: POP MUSIC - American actress Riley Keough is the sole owner and trustee of what mansion, declared a National Historic Landmark in March 2006?

Answer: GRACELAND

Q6.: WORLD HIST - More than 50 years after its failed attempt at secession, what historical region of Nigeria still today maintains significant local support for independence through separatist groups like IPOB and MASSOB?

Answer: BIAFRA

Q1.: POP MUSIC - According to the lyrics of a song that currently shares the record for most weeks at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, "There's a party downtown near 5th Street, everybody at the bar" doing what?

Answer: GETTIN' TIPSY

Q2.: WORLD HIST - The 1973 agreement among North and South Vietnam and the United States was officially named the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet Nam, but is colloquially better known as "Peace Accords" named after what city, where the agreement was signed?

Answer: PARIS

Q3.: LANGUAGE - The prefix "petro-", used in words such as petroleum and petrology, comes from Latin and earlier Ancient Greek words for what?

Answer: STONE/ROCK

Q4.: LITERATURE - What is the last name of the sisters Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine, and Lydia in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice?

Answer: BENNET

Q5.: SCIENCE - Remains of a subspecies of Homo erectus found in northern China starting in the 1920s are known as what "Man", a term now often used for all Homo erectus fossils from China?

Answer: PEKING MAN

Q6.: GAMES/SPORT - Mario, Pikachu, Kirby, Donkey Kong, Sonic, Ryu, Sora, Link, Pac-Man, and Wii Fit Trainer are among the characters that have appeared in what Nintendo fighting game series?

Answer: SUPER SMASH BROS.

Q1.: LITERATURE - In Robert McCloskey's beloved 1948 children's book, a girl named Sal is picking and eating fruit with her mother when they encounter a mother bear and her cub doing the same. What fruit are they picking?

Answer: BLUEBERRIES

Q2.: AMER HIST - Beginning in 1778, Polish engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko led the design and construction of fortifications at what site of critical importance during the American Revolution, which remains a key military location today?

Answer: WEST POINT

Q3.: SCIENCE - What Latin word meaning "hollow" appears in the names of the two main veins in the human body, which carry deoxygenated blood to the heart from the upper and lower body?

Answer: CAVA

Q4.: FILM - What is the name of the famous Hollywood stock sound effect first recorded for the 1951 film Distant Drums? Named after a character who was shot with an arrow in the 1953 film The Charge at Feather River, this "Scream" has been used in countless movies, including Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Toy Story.

Answer: WILHELM SCREAM

Q5.: THEATRE - Opening on Broadway on the unlucky date of March 5, 2020, before reopening in 2022, the jukebox musical Girl from the North Country features the music of what artist? This artist was certainly from an area that could be called the North Country, but was not a girl (the title comes from his 1963 ballad of the same name).

Answer: BOB DYLAN

Q6.: LIFESTYLE - What magazine, once the most widely read in the U.S. by some measures, was a nationwide Sunday newspaper supplement known for features like James Brady's celebrity interviews, Marilyn vos Savant's "Ask Marilyn" column, and its annual "High School All-American" teams? It published its final print edition in November 2022.

Answer: PARADE

Q1.: GEOGRAPHY - The first battle of the Mexican-American War was fought in May 1846 among the "tall timber" (or in the "high stick" area) near present-day Brownsville, Texas—not near what northern California city the battle's name might evoke?

Answer: PALO ALTO

Q2.: TELEVISION - Woody Paige, Tim Cowlishaw, Bill Plaschke, Kevin Blackistone, and Jackie MacMullan are frequent panelists on what ESPN daytime show, hosted by Tony Reali since 2004?

Answer: AROUND THE HORN

Q3.: FOOD/DRINK - The most recent iteration of what fictional character, first created in 1921 by the company known today as General Mills, is a composite based on 75 real women of various demographics?

Answer: BETTY CROCKER

Q4.: WORLD HIST - The statesman Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a central figure in the founding of what modern-day nation?

Answer: PAKISTAN

Q5.: LANGUAGE - If 1,000 millivanilli equal one vanilli, and 1,000 vanilli equal one kilovanilli, then one trillion (10^{12}) vanilli equal one what?

Answer: TERAVANILLI

Q6.: ART - One word is the name of an American automaker founded in the early 1900s. Another describes a playing card discarded from the top of a deck. Together, and separated by "and", they form the name of a classic darkroom technique, now used in digital photo editing, to brighten or darken parts of an image. What is this phrase?

Answer: DODGE AND BURN