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PACK 8

5-Part Blitz

1. What novel about the relationship between Connell and Marianne was written by Sally Rooney?
A: **Normal People**
2. Who wrote *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*?
A: Edward **Gibbon**
3. Name any of the directors known as the Three Amigos of Mexican cinema.
A: Alfonso **Cuarón** OR Alejandro González **Iñárritu** (prompt on: **AGI**) OR Guillermo **del Toro** (prompt on: **GDT**)
4. What two Canadian cities contain national historic sites known as "citadels"?
A: **Halifax** AND **Quebec** City
5. Not including the oil or seasoning, what are the three primary ingredients in a caprese salad?
A: **tomato** AND fresh **basil** AND **mozzarella** cheese (prompt on: **cheese**)

Double Jump

6. What composer adapted Shakespearean plays into his operas *Macbeth*, *Otello*, and *Falstaff*, and also wrote *Aida*?
A: Giuseppe **Verdi**
7. "Va, pensiero", also known as the "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves", appears in what Verdi opera?
A: **Nabucco**

Double Jump

8. You will have five seconds. If everyone in a group of 5 people shakes hands with everyone else in the group, how many total handshakes will occur?
A: **10**
9. You will have 5 seconds. If everyone in a group of 5 couples shakes hands with everyone else in the group except their own partner, how many total handshakes will occur?
A: **40**

Set of 4

10. The chaotic buildup to what TV show's premiere is depicted in a 2024 film by Jason Reitman starring Gabriel LaBelle as producer Lorne Michaels?
A: **Saturday Night Live** (accept: **SNL**)
11. What seven-word phrase is usually spoken at the end of *SNL*'s cold open sketch?
A: **"Live from New York, it's Saturday night!"**
12. With 17 instances, what American actor has hosted *SNL* the most and is also known for his portrayals of Donald Trump in the lead-up to the 2016 election?
A: **Alec Baldwin** (prompt on: **Baldwin**)
13. What trio began working for *SNL* in 2005, where they produced Digital Shorts including comedy songs such as "Boombox", "Lazy Sunday", and "I'm on a Boat"?
A: The **Lonely Island**

Jackpot

Note: the answer to this question will be one word.

14. Part 1: A hollow blue circle is the most common symbol used to raise awareness of what?
15. Part 2: People who have this may experience complications such as ketoacidosis or retinopathy.
16. Part 3: People who are normally healthy may experience the gestational form of this condition during pregnancy.
17. Part 4: The two numbered subtypes of this condition are respectively caused by a lack of, or resistance to, insulin.
A: **diabetes**

Set of 3: Canadian Governors General

18. Who was the first woman to hold the office?
A: Jeanne **Sauvé**
19. Who flew aboard the *Discovery* in 1999 and became Canada's governor general in 2017?
A: Julie **Payette**
20. Who refused to dissolve parliament and call an election in July 1926?
A: Julian **Byng** (accept: Lord **Byng**)

5-Part Blitz

21. What language is the origin of the English words rucksack and blitz?
A: **German**
22. Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo and Thomas Bangalter were the members of what French electronic duo?
A: **Daft Punk**
23. What invading ruler withdrew from an attempt to take Rome after negotiations with Pope Leo I in 452 AD?
A: **Attila** the Hun
24. In Java, what keyword indicates that a method belongs to a class itself as opposed to a specific instance of that class?
A: **static**
25. What track, typically the last and most difficult in *Mario Kart* games, is usually set in outer space?
A: **Rainbow Road**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Romantic-Era Poetry & Medieval Monarchy

Romantic-Era Poetry

26. What flowers are described as "fluttering and dancing in the breeze" in "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" by William Wordsworth?
A: **daffodils**
27. Children with what profession, like little Tom Dacre, are told "if all do their duty, they need not fear harm" in a William Blake poem?
A: **chimney sweepers**

28. What poem includes the line “water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink” and tells the story of a seaman who kills an albatross?
A: “The **Rime of the Ancient Mariner**”
29. What titular object spurs the thought “beauty is truth, truth beauty” in a John Keats ode?
A: **grecian urn** (prompt on: urn)

Medieval Monarchy

30. What was the highest title held by Frederick Barbarossa and Otto the Great?
A: **Holy Roman Emperor** (accept: **Emperor of the Romans**)
(prompt on: Emperor) (reject: Roman Emperor)
31. What nickname is given to the period during which Empress Matilda and Stephen of Blois [“blwah”] vied for the English throne?
A: The **Anarchy**
32. What dynasty overthrew the Jin, and later the Southern Song under the rule of Kublai Khan?
A: **Yuan** dynasty (prompt on: Mongol dynasty)
33. What title was held by Harun al-Rashid and other rulers of the Abbasid dynasty between 750 and 1258?
A: Abbasid **caliph**

Double Jump

34. The states of Assam, Mizoram, and Tripura are found in the northeastern region of what country, in between China, Burma, Bhutan, and Bangladesh?
A: **India**
35. What nearby Indian state contains a narrow corridor that connects the northeastern regions to the rest of the country?
A: **West Bengal**

Double Jump

36. What object’s centre contains Sagittarius A star, a supermassive black hole?
A: **Milky Way** galaxy
37. The Milky Way, Andromeda, and Triangulum galaxies are the three major galaxies in what galaxy cluster?
A: **Local Group**

Set of 4: Ash

38. What two countries compete in The Ashes cricket series?
A: **England** AND **Australia**
39. What element gets its name from the vessel in which certain ashes are soaked in water?
A: **potassium** (accept: **K**)
40. What is the chemical formula of soda ash, or sodium carbonate?
A: **Na2CO3**
41. What was the first Pokemon owned by Ash Ketchum?
A: **Pikachu**

4-Part Mystery Link

42. What colour refers to a traditional, formal Western-style wedding, in part because it is the colour of dress worn by the bride?
A: **white**

43. What slang term for domestic servants titles a novel by Kathryn Stockett that was adapted into a movie with Emma Stone and Viola Davis?
A: the **help**
44. What kind of gun, used in Russian roulette, was patented by Samuel Colt?
A: **revolver** (prompt on: handgun, pistol)
45. What street in London is home to the former EMI Studios next to a famous pedestrian crossing?
A: **Abbey Road** (prompt on: Abbey)

5-Part Blitz

46. What central upland region of Saudi Arabia contains Riyadh?
A: the **Nejd** ["nezhd"]
47. Name any one of the three plates that move eastward under the North American plate to create the Cascadia subduction zone.
A: **Explorer** plate OR **Juan de Fuca** plate OR **Gorda** plate
48. The leaves of the plant *Camellia sinensis* are used to brew what widely consumed beverage?
A: **tea**
49. Often caused by a warm, less-dense substance rising over a colder, denser substance, what form of heat transfer occurs due to the motion of a fluid?
A: **convection**
50. What does the "m" in mRNA vaccines stand for?
A: **messenger**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Botanical Logos & Paintings of Women

Botanical Logos

51. A thistle forms the logo of what set of general knowledge books, first published between 1768 and 1771 in Scotland?
A: **Encyclopaedia Britannica** (prompt on: Britannica)
52. A pointed green, yellow and white sunflower is the logo of what 'supermajor' oil company headquartered in the UK?
A: **BP** (accept: **British Petroleum**)
53. What telecommunications company, whose logo resembles a blooming flower, was banned from Canada's 5G network in 2022?
A: **Huawei**
54. What imageboard with a four-leaf clover logo is notorious for hosting controversial content?
A: **4chan** .org

Paintings of Women

55. Who depicted a woman in a blue turban in *Girl with a Pearl Earring*?
A: Johannes **Vermeer**
56. What title was given to Virginie Amélie Avegno Gautreau in a portrait by John Singer Sargent?
A: **Madame X**

57. Lisa del Giocondo is generally held to be the subject of what portrait by Leonardo Da Vinci?
A: **Mona Lisa**
58. Who depicted herself “with thorn necklace and hummingbird” and “with monkey” in two self-portraits?
A: Frida **Kahlo**

Set of 3: Soccer Numbers

59. What number is traditionally worn by pure strikers, and is also the maximum number of points a team can earn in the group stage of the World Cup?
A: **9**
60. Attacking playmakers like Zinedine Zidane, Diego Maradona, and Lionel Messi wear what number, one fewer than the number of players on a team?
A: **10**
61. Goalies usually wear what number, equal to the number of World Cups won by England?
A: **1**

Jailbreak

62. Russia has 46 official and 2 internationally unrecognized examples of what subnational divisions?
A: **oblasts**
63. What novel by Lady Murasaki Shikibu is often referred to as the first novel ever written?
A: **The Tale of Genji**
64. What Japanese island is directly across the La Pérouse strait from Sakhalin?
A: **Hokkaido**
65. HCO₃ minus is the formula for what anion?
A: **bicarbonate** anion (accept: **hydrogencarbonate** anion)
66. Who opened for all of Taylor Swift’s Canadian shows on the Eras tour, shortly after releasing her song “That’s so True” in November 2024?
A: Gracie **Abrams**
67. What word for a deployment of troops from a defensive position originates from the French word for “exit”?
A: **sortie**
68. “Eternal Night Falls” is the first season of what currently wildly popular “superhero-based team PVP shooter”?
A: **Marvel Rivals**
69. What logic operation returns true if both inputs are different?
A: **XOR** (accept: **exclusive or**)
70. In the context of manufacturing and inventory management, what does the acronym J.I.T. stand for?
A: **just-in-time**
71. Give the first name of either of the Hardy Boys.
A: **Frank** OR **Joe**
72. Stewart Island is the third largest island of what country, whose largest two are the North and South islands?
A: **New Zealand**
73. When a plasma undergoes recombination, what state of matter does it become?
A: **gas**
74. One of the most successful to ever appear on *Shark Tank*, what company’s signature product is a kitchen sponge in the shape of a smiley face?
A: **Scrub Daddy**
75. Though they also called themselves caliphs, what was the main title used by Ottoman monarchs?
A: **sultans**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: What adjective appears in the name of a poker variant in which players must construct front, middle, and back hands out of 13 cards, and can collect royalties from other players?
77. Part 2: This adjective appears in the most common English name of a board game whose board is 9 lines wide and 10 lines long, with a river in the middle.
78. Part 3: This adjective appears in the name of a six-player game of German origin, where players race to move their 10 pieces to the opposite side of the board.
79. Part 4: This demonym appears in the name of a strategy game played on a board in the shape of a six-pointed star, where it precedes "checkers".
- A: **Chinese**

Streak

80. Name up to all of the three largest islands that are at least partially within the boundaries of New York City.
- A: **Manhattan** Island
- A: **Long** Island
- A: **Staten** Island

Streak

82. Name up to every book of the Pentateuch ["PEN-tuh-tewk"], the first five books of the Old Testament.
- A: Book of **Genesis**
- A: Book of **Exodus**
- A: Book of **Leviticus**
- A: Book of **Numbers**
- A: Book of **Deuteronomy**

Set of 5

84. In October 2024, former Dutch prime minister Mark Rutte took over as secretary general of what intergovernmental organization, succeeding Jens Stoltenberg?
- A: **NATO** (accept: **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**)
85. An attack on one NATO member state's territory "shall be considered an attack against them all", according to which article of the North Atlantic Treaty?
- A: Article **5**
86. Name either of the two most recent countries to join NATO, each of which applied for membership in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.
- A: **Finland** OR **Sweden**
87. In the 2014 Wales Declaration, NATO's members collectively agreed on a target to each spend what percentage of their respective GDPs on defence by 2024?
- A: **2** percent

88. Under Operation Reassurance, around 1600 Canadian troops are currently deployed to lead a NATO Enhanced Forward Presence battlegroup in which European country?
A: **Latvia**

12-Part Blitz

89. What term describes musicals that lack dialogue outside of their musical numbers?
A: **sung-through** musical
90. What team set the Major League Baseball record for losses in a season in 2024?
A: Chicago **White Sox** (prompt on: Chicago)
91. What portmanteau means a word that did not initially stand for anything, but gained a colloquial expanded form through later usage?
A: **backronym**
92. When rolling two dice, what is the probability of rolling boxcars, or double sixes?
A: **1/36**
93. Who credited God as a featured artist on the track "I am God" from his album *Yeezus*?
A: Kanye **West** (accept: **Ye**) (prompt on: Kanye)
94. What state's city of Sturgis is next to Black Hills National Forest?
A: **South Dakota**
95. What ethnic group was forcibly removed from their land in an event known as "Le Grand Dérangement" following the Siege of Louisbourg?
A: **Acadians**
96. Who directed the Martin Luther King biopic *Selma*, as well as *13th*, a documentary about the prison-industrial complex?
A: Ava **DuVernay**
97. Until the discovery of similar species like Aurornis ["aw-ROR-niss"] and Anchiornis, ["an-kee-OR-niss"] what late Jurassic dinosaur was widely considered to be the first bird?
A: **Archaeopteryx** ["ar-kee-OP-ter-iks"]
98. What French word is the equivalent to the Russian "see-VOHD-nya" or the Spanish "hoy" ["oi"]?
A: **aujourd'hui**
99. Liam Neeson voiced the protagonist's father James in what game, set in a post-apocalyptic Washington, DC?
A: **Fallout 3**
100. What explorer was awarded a medal by the Royal Society after he did not lose any crew members to scurvy on his first two voyages by providing fresh vegetables and fruit extract?
A: Captain James **Cook**

END OF GAME