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PACK 14

5-Part Blitz

1. "Little cheesy thing" is a literal translation of the name of what Mexican dish, consisting of melted cheese between two tortillas?
A: **quesadilla**
2. What two groups faced off in the Conflict of the Orders?
A: **patricians** AND **plebeians** (accept: **plebs**, **plebes**)
3. What author wrote a trilogy of novels centred around people who grew up in the town of Deptford, including *World of Wonders* and *Fifth Business*?
A: Robertson **Davies**
4. What Latin term refers to beginning a work of fiction in the middle of the story, rather than at the beginning?
A: **in medias res** (reject: *in media res*)
5. What mountain range bounds Siberia on the west?
A: **Ural** Mountains (accept: the **Urals**)

Double Jump

6. *Seafarers* and *Cities and Knights* are expansions for what board game, in which the players use five resources to build settlements and cities?
A: *The Settlers of* **Catan**
7. The *Seafarers* expansion adds what new kind of tile, which gives the player any resource of their choice?
A: **gold** field/river/tile

Double Jump

8. What writer and satirist created the fictional lands of Luggnagg, Laputa, and Lilliput in his novel *Gulliver's Travels*?
A: Jonathan **Swift**
9. In what satirical essay did Swift suggest that poor Irish people could improve their economic condition by selling their burdensome children as food to society's elite?
A: A **Modest Proposal**

Set of 4: Aquatic Songs

10. Contemporary issues such as the drug trade and HIV/AIDS are discussed in what song which warns listeners not to go chasing the title objects?
A: **"Waterfalls"**
11. What singer remarks "it's coming on Christmas, they're cutting down trees" and wishes, in light of a recent breakup, that she had a river she could skate away on?
A: Joni **Mitchell**
12. The question "What you know about rollin' down in the deep?" opens what song by Masked Wolf?
A: **"Astronaut in the Ocean"**

13. The narrator of what song remarks that “Superior, they said, never gives up her dead” after recounting the titular naval accident?
A: “The **Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald**”

Jackpot

14. Part 1: In the early 1900s, what country worked with the Ottoman Empire in an attempt to build a railroad from this country's capital to Baghdad?
15. Part 2: 8 of the first 17 Nobel Prizes in chemistry were awarded to scientists from this country, which dominated the world's chemical industry around the start of the 20th century.
16. Part 3: In the early 1900s, this country surpassed Britain to become the world's second-largest economy, behind the United States.
17. Part 4: This country became an industrial superpower after unifying in the 1860s and '70s under Chancellor Otto von Bismarck.
A: Imperial **Germany** (accept: the **German Empire**)

Set of 3

18. What French painter did Claude Monet call “the greatest of us all” and Pablo Picasso call “the father of us all” for his deep influence on modern art?
A: Paul **Cézanne**
19. Cézanne's later views of Mont Sainte-Victoire are among his influences on what later artistic movement, because of the way in which they represented natural features as three-dimensional geometric figures?
A: **cubism/cubist** movement
20. Cézanne's *Bathers* series inspired what other movement, in particular the painting *Le bonheur de vivre* by Henri Matisse?
A: **fauvism/fauvist/fauve**

5-Part Blitz

21. Having been banished and scarred by his father, who is ordered by the Fire Nation to capture Aang in *Avatar: The Last Airbender*?
A: Prince **Zuko**
22. A sci-fi author and a fantasy author must help each other escape from make-believe realms in what game by the creators of *It Takes Two*?
A: **Split Fiction**
23. In grammar, modifiers with an ambiguous target are most often described by what term?
A: **dangling** modifiers
24. What country controls Heard Island and the McDonald Islands?
A: **Australia**
25. What mountain range contains the Presidential Range, whose mountains are named for early American presidents, and covers much of northern New Hampshire?
A: **White** Mountains (prompt on: **Appalachian** Mountains/**Appalachians**)

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Fashion Fads & Trench Warfare

Fashion Fads

26. What clothing item consists of thick sleeves worn above the feet and was popularized by aerobics during the 1980s?
A: **leg warmers**
27. Associated with glam rock and disco, what kind of shoe or boot has an extremely thick sole?
A: **platform** shoes/boots
28. Due to its popularity as a design item, what specific animal names a type of felt skirt popular among teenage girls in the 1950s?
A: **poodle**
29. What hairstyle popular in the late 1990s and early 2000s consists of short, spiked hair that is bleached at the top?
A: **frosted tips** (reject: frosted tip)

Trench Warfare

30. What nickname refers to the area between opposing trenches?
A: **no-man's land**
31. The large majority of casualties on the Western Front of World War I were caused by what kind of weapons?
A: **artillery** (accept: **cannon**, **shells**)
32. What war is often compared to World War I because of its long trenches with barbed wire and machine gun outposts, attacks by human waves, and heavy use of poison gas, including on Kurdish civilians?
A: **Iran-Iraq** War
33. After a year of rapid advances and retreats, what war settled into two years of trench warfare until reaching a ceasefire, which still holds today because a peace treaty has never been signed?
A: **Korean** War

Double Jump

34. What geometric shape appears on the flags of Bangladesh and Japan?
A: red **circle** (accept: red **disk**)
35. What country's flag consists of thin horizontal red stripes at the top and bottom, a thick band of blue in between, and a white disk in the centre?
A: **Laos**

Double Jump

36. The breakup of what triatomic compound is catalyzed by halogen radicals in the atmosphere?
A: **ozone** (accept: **O3**)
37. What is the bond order between the central oxygen atom and the terminal oxygen atoms in a molecule of ozone?
A: **1.5** (accept: **3/2**, **one and a half**)

Set of 4: Division

38. The Dallas Cowboys play in which NFL division?
A: **NFC East** division

39. What theorem states that if the polynomial f of x is divisible by the quantity $(x - b)$, then b is an x -intercept of that polynomial?
A: **factor** theorem
40. Prokaryotes usually divide through what method?
A: binary **fission**
41. In Python, what is `38 // 7`?
A: **5**

Set of 4: Also a Poem

42. Adrian Veidt has what superhero name in *Watchmen*, also the name of a "King of Kings" in a Percy Shelley poem?
A: **Ozymandias**
43. What neighbourhood titles a poem that asks "what happens to a dream deferred" and also plays host to an exhibition basketball team known as the Globetrotters?
A: **Harlem**
44. Isa will defeat the false messiah, or Jesus will judge the living and dead, in the Islamic and Christian versions of what event, which titles a modernist poem about interwar Europe by William Butler Yeats?
A: the **second coming**
45. What Latin phrase from Horace's *Odes* also titles a Wilfred Owen poem that calls it "the old lie"?
A: "**Dulce et decorum est** pro patria mori"

5-Part Blitz

46. Contrasted with "tornado", which comes from the Spanish for "twist", the Spanish word for "straight" gives its name to what similar weather phenomenon with a sudden burst of thunderstorms and high winds?
A: **derecho**
47. "Human" featuring Echoes, "Shiver", and "Where You Are" are hits by what American DJ?
A: John **Summit**
48. By definition, any organic compound contains what element?
A: **carbon** (accept: **C**)
49. A human baby portrays what object in the *Teletubbies* universe?
A: the **Sun**
50. What is the largest fog desert in the world and, after Antarctica's McMurdo Dry Valleys, the second-driest desert?
A: **Atacama** Desert

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Cancer & Christian Sins

Cancer

51. Leukemia can be treated with a transplant of what material?
A: bone **marrow** (accept: hematopoietic **stem cell**, **HSC**)
52. What was the three-letter initialism of the cancer that former Montreal Canadiens captain Saku Koivu had?
A: **NHL**

53. What kind of doctors specialize in treating cancer?
A: **oncologist**
54. A cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma is a defining feature of stage 4 of what other disease and is caused by an utter destruction of the immune system?
A: **AIDS** (accept: **acquired immunodeficiency syndrome**)

Christian Sins

55. Medieval Christians' avoidance of what sin eventually led to Jewish dominance of the banking industry, since Jews were allowed to charge interest to non-Jews?
A: **usury** (prompt on: **charging interest**)
56. When Jesus said "let he who is without sin cast the first stone", he was forgiving a woman who had committed what sin?
A: **adultery** (prompt on: **cheating, infidelity**)
57. What sin is the focus of the commandment that precedes "thou shalt not commit adultery", leading many Christian groups to oppose suicide, abortion, and euthanasia?
A: **murder** (accept: **killing**)
58. The Catholic Church recognizes how many deadly sins?
A: **seven**

Set of 3: Banks

59. What word refers to a customer-facing employee at a bank, and is the second word in the initialism ATM?
A: **teller**
60. What city is home to the headquarters of the Bank of America, which names its NFL stadium?
A: **Charlotte**
61. Name either city whose name is referenced in the name of the UK's largest bank, HSBC.
A: **Hong Kong** OR **Shanghai**

Jailbreak

62. What two-word term refers to a situation in which there are more particles in excited states compared to unexcited states, crucial to the function of a laser?
A: **population inversion**
63. In inches, what are the dimensions of a tabloid-size sheet of paper?
A: **11** inches height/high by **17** inches width/wide (accept in either order)
64. Before becoming Pope, Leo XIV spent over a decade doing missionary work in what country, eventually becoming a citizen?
A: **Peru**
65. What civilization fought pre-arranged, ritualistic battles with its neighbours known as "Flower Wars", with captured soldiers often being sacrificed to the gods?
A: **Aztecs**
66. The 50th percentile in a data set is referred to by what "M"-word?
A: **median**
67. What nickname is often given to the third movement of Mozart's 11th piano sonata?
A: **Rondo Alla Turca** (accept: **Turkish Rondo, Turkish March**)
68. What is the most common meaning of the Latin root shared by words such as lucid and translucent?
A: **light**
69. What mountain, the highest in Turkey, is often identified as the final resting place of Noah's Ark?
A: Mount **Ararat**

70. In what show do a team of alien researchers live as the Solomon family in order to study humans and is named after Earth's position in the solar system?
A: **3rd Rock from the Sun**
71. In most non-English European languages, what power of 10 is a billion?
A: 10 to the **12**th power
72. In video games, what term refers to a virtual item that can be purchased with real-world money and provides the user with a random selection of other items, such as weapons?
A: **loot box** (accept: **loot crate**)
73. Bourbon Street runs through the French Quarter of what American city?
A: **New Orleans**
74. Ancient Egypt imported goods such as gold, ivory, and resins from what region to its southeast?
A: Land of **Punt**
75. What opera featuring extensive cello solos, a depiction of a storm, the Ranz des Vaches, and the March of the Swiss Soldiers in its famous overture was written by Gioachino Rossini?
A: **William Tell** (accept: **Guillaume Tell**)

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: What country's mythology describes the insectoid Creeping Doom, ape-like Vanyan, and two-headed Ibeji among the races that predate human settlement known as the Originators?
77. Part 2: This country is home to the Dora Milaje, a special forces group whose name translates to "the Adored Ones".
78. Part 3: The most common religion in this modern-day country venerates the goddess Bast and cultivates a plant known as the heart-shaped herb.
79. Part 4: Rulers of this country, such as T'Challa, have traditionally taken the title "Black Panther".
A: Kingdom of **Wakanda**

Streak

80. Name up to every prime minister whose name appears in the name of a Canadian airport.
A: Lester B. **Pearson**
A: **Pierre** Elliott **Trudeau** (accept: **PET**, **Trudeau Sr.**, **Trudeau père**) (prompt on: **Trudeau**)
A: John A. **Macdonald**
A: John George **Diefenbaker**

Streak

82. Name up to all six cities that host a World Marathons Major event.
A: **Berlin**
A: **Boston**
A: **Chicago**
A: **London**
A: **New York** City (accept: **NYC**)
A: **Tokyo**

4-Part Mystery

85. What set of numbers can be constructed from the rational numbers using Dedekind cuts, and can be visualized as every possible point on a continuous number line?
A: **real** numbers (prompt on: R)
86. Who founded Objectivist philosophy and repeated the question "Who is John Galt?" in her novel *Atlas Shrugged*?
A: Ayn **Rand**
87. Kublai Khan established what Mongol-ruled dynasty of China?
A: **Yuan** dynasty
88. What unit of weight is equal to one fourteenth of a stone?
A: one **pound**

12-Part Blitz

89. What physical property is found by dividing an object's mass by its volume?
A: **density**
90. What instrument plays the highest part in modern performances of Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto no. 6", plays the solo in Berlioz's *Harold in Italy*, and usually uses the alto clef?
A: **viola**
91. What portmanteau refers to the genre written by authors such as Rebecca Yarros and Sarah J. Maas, respectively creators of the series *Empyrean* and *A Court of Thorns and Roses*?
A: **romantasy**
92. In 2020, what brand of candy released a "gummy clusters" variant?
A: **Nerds** (reject: Nerd)
93. Winkler titrations are used to determine the concentration of what element dissolved in water?
A: **oxygen** (accept: **O**)
94. Especially common among Japanese tourists, what condition named after a city is caused by extreme disappointment upon visiting it?
A: **Paris syndrome**
95. Kumadori makeup is used in what genre with stylized performances that incorporate traditional dances from Japan?
A: **kabuki** theatre
96. After surprisingly falling just short in a first round of parliamentary voting, who was indeed elected Chancellor of Germany in a second round of voting on May 6th, following recent elections?
A: Friedrich **Merz**
97. What European language is widely spoken in Guinea-Bissau and Sao Tome and Principe?
A: **Portuguese**
98. Inner tubes can be found inside what component of a bicycle or a car?
A: **tires**
99. What is the shape of the Milky Way?
A: barred **spiral** galaxy
100. What series, created by Kevin Perjurer, documents failed projects at amusement parks?
A: **Defunctland**

END OF GAME