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5-Part Blitz

1. What is the worldly name of France's top newspaper?
A: Le **Monde**
2. Mary Mallon, who worked in kitchens in New York during the early 1900s, was given what moniker?
A: **Typhoid** Mary
3. Comedian Kareem Rahma hosts what series of short interview segments that take place on New York's public transit?
A: **Subway Takes**
4. The coefficient in front of a sine or cosine function determines what property of its graph, equal to half of the difference between its minimum and maximum values?
A: **amplitude**
5. What titular object is "glazed with rainwater beside the white chickens" in a poem by William Carlos Williams?
A: red **wheelbarrow**

Double Jump

6. According to Judith Butler, what concept is "performative"?
A: **gender**
7. Butler laid out the theory of gender performativity in what 1990 book?
A: **Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity**

Double Jump

8. All of the rainwater in Ontario that does not drain into Hudson Bay ultimately drains into what body of water?
A: **Atlantic** Ocean (accept: **Gulf of St. Lawrence**)
9. All of the rainwater in Saskatchewan that does not drain into Hudson Bay ultimately drains into what two bodies of water?
A: **Arctic** Ocean AND **Gulf of Mexico** (prompt on: Gulf of America, Atlantic Ocean)

Set of 4: Fish

10. What type of fish live in sea anemones in a form of symbiosis?
A: **clownfishes**
11. In bony fish, what organ regulates buoyancy by adjusting gas pressure?
A: **swim bladder** (accept: **air bladder**, **gas bladder**)
12. What adjective describes the two paired fins at the front of a fish's torso, homologous to forelimbs or arms in tetrapods?
A: **pectoral**
13. What widespread type of fish comes in smallmouth and largemouth varieties?
A: **basses**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: At their largest recurring event, what group used a flag stained with the blood of a fallen supporter to consecrate other flags?
15. Part 2: This group, which emerged from an earlier one led by Anton Drexler, vigorously promoted the stab-in-the-back myth.
16. Part 3: This party gained significant power after blaming their rivals for the burning of a parliament building.
17. Part 4: After Paul von Hindenburg died, the leader of this party combined the offices of president and chancellor to become Fuehrer of Germany.
A: **Nazi** Party of Germany (accept: **Nazis**, **National Socialists**, **National Socialist** German Workers' Party, **NSDAP**) (accept: **SA**, **Brownshirts** on Part 1 only)

Set of 3

18. "Share the Land" was a hit for what band featuring Burton Cummings and Randy Bachmann, best known for "American Woman"?
A: the **Guess Who**
19. At the start of his first song in 7 years, who declared "Guess who's back!" to open his long-awaited followup to *The Chronic*?
A: Dr. **Dre** (accept: Andre **Young**)
20. Who starred opposite Katherine Houghton as a Black man engaged to a White woman in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*?
A: Sidney **Poitier**

5-Part Blitz

21. What is the charge of the sulphate anion?
A: **minus two** (accept: **two minus**, **negative two**, **two negative**)
22. What king was beheaded by the Parliamentarians in the English Civil War?
A: **Charles I** (prompt on: **Charles**)
23. Name either of the comedians who regularly host *Saturday Night Live's* Weekend Update segment.
A: Michael **Che** OR Colin **Jost**
24. Cities with laws designed to protect undocumented immigrants are referred to by what "S"-term?
A: **sanctuary** cities
25. Most of the oceanic crust is made up of what black igneous rock?
A: **basalt**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Marching Music & Add A Letter

Marching Music

26. To celebrate the Austrian Empire's victory over Italy at the Battle of Custoza, what march did Johann Strauss Senior compose in 1848 and name after the battle's winning commander?
A: **Radetzky** March

27. What Julius Fucik ["YOO-lee-us FOO-cheek"] march was titled after his interest in Roman history but is today known for its association with circuses?
A: "**Entrance of the Gladiators**" (accept: "**Entry of the Gladiators**", "**Grande Marche Chromatique**")
28. "The Liberty Bell" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" were both written by what composer, known as the "March King"?
A: John Philip **Sousa**
29. "March of the Volunteers" is the national anthem of what country?
A: **China** (accept: **PRC**, **People's Republic of China**) (reject: Republic of China)

Add A Letter

30. What letter can be added to a word meaning to rotate around an axis to get a word meaning a structure made of vertebrae?
A: **E** (spin to spine)
31. What letter can be added to the Spanish word for chicken to get a god of healing, music, and prophecy from ancient Greece?
A: **A** (pollo to Apollo)
32. What letter can be added to a word meaning a sharp twist to get a type of lizard that may have five lines on its back or a blue tail?
A: **S** (kink to skink)
33. What letter can be added to the name of a farm animal that produces milk and beef to get a word meaning a large hood?
A: **L** (cow to cowl)

Double Jump

34. What hypothetical kind of substance is made up of point-like particles that do not interact at the particle level, and is described by the equation $PV = nRT$, where R is its namesake constant?
A: **ideal gases**
35. What operation must be performed on the partial pressures of a mixture of ideal gases to find the total pressure of the mixture?
A: **addition** (accept **summation**) (accept clear equivalents)

Double Jump

36. In the 2000s BC, what river was the site of one of the earliest-ever advanced civilizations, in modern-day Pakistan and India?
A: **Indus** River
37. What was the largest city of the Indus Valley Civilization, home to a Great Bath and a Great Hall that some theorize was a granary?
A: **Mohenjo-Daro**

Set of 4: Name's the Same

Given a description of two people, give their full shared name.

38. The composer of *Nixon in China* and the second president of the United States.
A: **John Adams**
39. The full name of Rob McElhenny's character on *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, and a yellow and red clown that advertises burgers.
A: **Ronald McDonald**

40. The wife of William Shakespeare, and the main actress of *The Idea of You* and *The Princess Diaries*.
A: **Anne Hathaway**
41. A Scottish privateer who along with James Barry is considered the father of the American navy, and the bassist for Led Zeppelin.
A: **John Paul Jones**

4-Part Mystery

42. What word came at the end of the names of many old hockey arenas, such as the Maple Leafs' former home, and still comes at the end of the names of the Bruins' and Rangers' arenas?
A: **gardens**
43. Lengthy introspective stream-of-consciousness passages characterize what novel about a family's trips to the Isle of Skye?
A: **To the Lighthouse**
44. Which of the X-Men is a talented painter named Piotr Rasputin who can turn into metal?
A: **Colossus**
45. What word refers to any polyhedron with a base from which triangular sides depart to meet at an apex?
A: **pyramids**
[Theme: wonders of the ancient world]

5-Part Blitz

46. The graphic novels *V for Vendetta* and *Watchmen* were written by what English author?
A: Alan **Moore**
47. Breads like naan and roti are often baked by sticking them along the inner walls of what kind of vase-shaped clay oven?
A: **tandoors** (accept: **tandoori** oven)
48. What objects, inspired by the shape of Camembert cheese, are depicted melting in Salvador Dali's painting *The Persistence of Memory*?
A: **clocks** (accept: **watches**)
49. Name both landlocked South American countries.
A: **Bolivia** AND **Paraguay**
50. Spell the name of the aromatic substance that, along with gold and myrrh ["murr"], was given to the baby Jesus: frankincense.
A: **F-R-A-N-K-I-N-C-E-N-S-E**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Video Game Console History & Constellations

Video Game Console History

51. What is the highest-selling console of all time, released in 2000 and not discontinued until 2013?
A: **PlayStation 2** (accept: **PS2**)
52. In the so-called seventh generation of consoles, what was Microsoft's competitor to the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 3?
A: **Xbox 360** (prompt on: **360**)

53. The 32X, Saturn, Dreamcast, and Genesis were consoles made by what company?
A: **Sega**
54. From the 1970s through the '90s, most consoles played games that were inserted on what kind of objects?
A: game/ROM **cartridges**

Constellations

55. Due to their proximity in the sky, Orion is said to be hunting what other constellation?
A: **Taurus**
56. What constellation, whose five main stars are in a "W"-shape, can be used to locate the Andromeda galaxy, and is named for Andromeda's mother in Greek mythology?
A: **Cassiopeia**
57. After what animal did the Ancient Greeks name the constellations that contain the Big and Little Dippers?
A: **bears**
58. The four brightest stars in the constellation Crux form an asterism better known by what two-word name?
A: **Southern Cross**

Set of 3: Not the Olympics

59. Boccia, goalball, and wheelchair basketball are among the sports contested at what games for disabled athletes that take place weeks after the corresponding Olympics?
A: Summer **Paralympic** Games (accept: Summer **Paralympics**)
60. Who is the founding patron of the Invictus Games for wounded military personnel, himself an Afghanistan war vet?
A: **Prince Harry** (prompt on: Harry)
61. What practice does Australian businessman Aron d'Souza plan to allow at his upcoming Enhanced Games, taking place in Las Vegas in 2026?
A: **doping** (accept: taking **performance-enhancing drugs/PEDs/steroids**, clear equivalents) (prompt on other answers that mention drugs)

Jailbreak

62. Baghdad was founded as the capital of what Islamic caliphate?
A: **Abbasid** caliphate
63. In what board game do players draw tiles consisting of fields, roads, and cities in order to construct a landscape where they can place meeples?
A: **Carcassonne**
64. Set in the American South, what novel's first three sections are narrated by Benjy, Quentin, and Jason Compson, recurring characters created by William Faulkner?
A: *The **Sound and the Fury***
65. What protein are fingernails made of?
A: **keratin**
66. What spinoff series follows a protagonist of *The Big Bang Theory* during his childhood in Texas?
A: **Young Sheldon**
67. What country contains the Ennedi Plateau and the Tibesti Mountains in its north and its namesake lake on its west, where it lies at the junction of Nigeria, Niger, and Cameroon?
A: **Chad**
68. What Sanskrit word literally meaning "wandering through" refers to the cycle of death and rebirth in many Indian religions?
A: **samsara**

69. Who depicted five twisting red figures holding hands in a circle against a blue and green background in the Fauvist painting *La Danse*?
A: Henri **Matisse**
70. In two dimensions, what adjective describes two lines that never intersect?
A: **parallel**
71. Bryan Mills, Oskar Schindler, and Qui-Gon ["KWHY-gon"] Jinn have all been roles for what Irish actor?
A: Liam **Neeson**
72. Nepalese prime minister Sushila Karki was elected to lead an interim government following a referendum held by protesters on what online platform?
A: **Discord**
73. What award sarcastically recognizes those who "protect" the human gene pool by dying in outlandish or stupid ways?
A: **Darwin** Awards
74. What group's members have released solo albums such as *Faith in the Future*, *Mind of Mine*, and *Harry's House*?
A: **One Direction**
75. The short stories "Nevsky Prospekt", "The Overcoat", and "The Nose" were written by what Russian author?
A: Nikolai **Gogol**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: What city's central business district is known as the Golden Triangle, and contains a national monument in the form of an obelisk topped with a stone flame, known as Monas?
77. Part 2: This city's dialect, known as Betawi, influences the slang used across its country. It also contains the Autograph Tower, the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere.
78. Part 3: This city was declared in a recent UN report to have 9 million more inhabitants than Tokyo, surpassing it as the largest city on an island and the largest city in the world.
79. Part 4: Located on the world's most populous island, Java, this is still the capital of Indonesia.
A: **Jakarta**

Streak

80. Apart from Vesta, whose inclusion in the list is disputed, name up to all five Roman equivalents of the Olympian goddesses.
- A: **Juno**
- A: **Minerva**
- A: **Venus**
- A: **Diana**
- A: **Ceres**

Streak

83. Name up to every character who has been married to Ross Geller on *Friends*.
- A: **Rachel Greene** (accept either bolded part)
- A: **Emily Waltham** (accept either bolded part)

A: **Carol Willick** (accept either bolded part) (accept: **Carol** Geller)

Set of 5: Gravity

84. What quantity is squared in the Newtonian equation for gravitational force?
A: **distance** between the bodies (accept: **length**, **radius**) (prompt on: r)
85. What body's gravity is the main cause of tides in the Earth's waters?
A: the **Moon**
86. The gravitational bending of light around a massive object can cause what phenomenon, in which light from one object seems to reach an observer from multiple different places?
A: gravitational **lensing**
87. The gravitational forces of two larger bodies on a smaller third body are perfectly balanced with the centrifugal force at what kind of locations?
A: **Lagrange points** (accept: **Lagrangian points**)
88. Gravity is the only force that interacts with what hypothesized form of matter?
A: **dark** matter

12-Part Blitz

89. In which US state would you find the Green Mountains?
A: **Vermont**
90. What country traces its founding to 966, when Duke Mieszko ["MYESH-ko"] the First converted to Christianity?
A: **Poland**
91. What band is known for the hits "Tessie" and "I'm Shipping Up to Boston"?
A: The **Dropkick Murphys**
92. A period of what country's history is the subject of the *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*?
A: **China**
93. The Egyptian deity Ra was primarily considered the god of what?
A: the **sun**
94. What name is given to the highest possible straight flush in poker?
A: **royal flush** (prompt on: royal)
95. The fictional language of Lapine was created for what children's novel, wherein the members of the Sandleford warren build a new burrow on the titular hill?
A: **Watership Down**
96. What modern-day country was the site of an 1897 punitive expedition led by Harry Rawson that looted the Benin Bronzes?
A: **Nigeria**
97. Name either of the two actors who co-starred in the rom-coms *Blended*, *The Wedding Singer*, and *50 First Dates*.
A: Adam **Sandler** OR Drew **Barrymore**
98. In computer circuits, what two-word term refers to a device that performs a boolean operation on one or more binary inputs?
A: **logic gates**
99. Originating in Iran and India, what method of hair removal uses a twisted string to pluck out hair and is commonly used for shaping eyebrows?
A: **threading** (accept word forms)
100. What world capital is connected to Malmo by the Oresund Bridge?
A: **Copenhagen**

END OF GAME