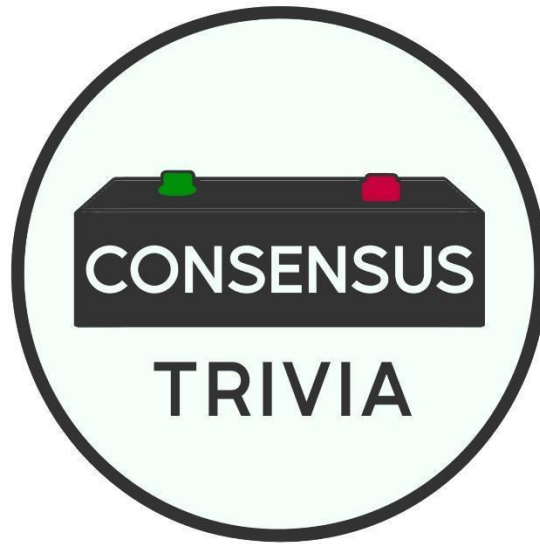




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PACK 1

5-Part Blitz

1. The first two notes of "My Bonnie" form what musical interval?
A: **major sixth** (prompt on: sixth)
2. What physical quality of a chemical describes how easily it vapourizes?
A: **volatility** (accept: being **volatile**)
3. Love bracelets are produced by what French luxury brand?
A: **Cartier**
4. What video game, released worldwide in the summer of 2025, features anthropomorphized characters based on real-life racehorses?
A: **Umamusume: Pretty Derby**
5. What author wrote "Call the roller of big cigars" to open his poem "The Emperor of Ice Cream"?
A: Wallace **Stevens**

Double Jump

6. What country hosts a tennis tournament that splits the men's and women's fields between its two biggest cities, takes place before the Cincinnati Open in August, and is currently sponsored by National Bank and Rogers?
A: **Canada**
7. What 18-year-old Canadian won the Canadian Open in 2025?
A: Victoria **Mboko**

Double Jump

8. Coming from the old English word for one tenth, what word refers to donations made to a religious body?
A: **tithes** (accept: **tithing**)
9. 2.5% of one's income is required to be given to the poor by which pillar of Islam?
A: **zakat**

Set of 4: Alliterative History

10. In 1983, the Soviet Union readied nuclear forces for a potential strike in response to a NATO-led military exercise known by what name?
A: **Able Archer** 83
11. Pulaski, Tennessee is the birthplace of what organization, which experienced a revival after the release of the film *The Birth of a Nation* in 1915?
A: **Ku Klux Klan** (accept: **K.K.K.**) (prompt on: the Klan)
12. Dedan Kimathi led the Kikuyu people in what four-year long uprising in Kenya?
A: **Mau Mau** uprising/rebellion/revolt
13. Following the Battle of Zela in 47 B.C., what three-word Latin phrase is Julius Caesar said to have written in a letter to the Roman Senate?
A: **veni, vidi, vici** ["WEN-ee, WEED-ee, WEEK-ee"]

Jackpot

14. Part 1: What actor plays a character who is fired from a grocery store job, declines a gift of a fruit basket, and then buys a pear for his wife, who is grateful for it?
15. Part 2: In another movie, this actor's character falls for a woman campaigning for Senator Charles Palantine, and later attends one of Palantine's rallies with his hair in a mohawk.
16. Part 3: This actor's roles include Johnny Boy in *Mean Streets*, Mike in *The Deer Hunter*, and William King Hale in *Killers of the Flower Moon*.
17. Part 4: This man was nominated for an Oscar for *Taxi Driver*, and won Oscars for *Raging Bull* and for playing a young Vito Corleone in *The Godfather: Part II*.
A: Robert **De Niro**

Set of 3

18. What architectural style is exemplified by Detroit's Fisher Building, Toronto's R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant, and New York's Chrysler and Empire State Buildings?
A: **Art Deco**
19. Who is depicted in the world's largest Art Deco sculpture, which stands on Corcovado Mountain overlooking Rio de Janeiro?
A: **Jesus Christ** the Redeemer (accept either bolded part)
20. What city's baseball stadium can be reached by the Hope Memorial Bridge, which contains eight Art Deco statues known as the "Guardians of Traffic"?
A: **Cleveland**

5-Part Blitz

21. What city contains airports with the codes P.K.X. and P.E.K.?
A: **Beijing**
22. What term refers to crosswords in which each clue is a word puzzle instead of a direct definition?
A: **cryptic** crosswords (accept: **cryptics**)
23. Two objects have the same final velocity after what sort of collision?
A: **perfectly inelastic** collisions (accept: **completely inelastic** collisions) (prompt on: **inelastic** collisions)
24. Large fires in Arizona and California have been caused by what kind of events, a celebration where a baby's biological sex is announced?
A: **gender reveal** party/parties
25. Taking place in situ, in what process are rocks and minerals broken down by contact with water, sunlight, or chemicals, contrasted with erosion?
A: **weathering**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Asian Literature & Yellowstone National Park

Asian Literature

26. What South Korean author and Nobel Prize winner wrote about the consequences of Yeong-hye's decision to stop eating meat in *The Vegetarian*?
A: **Han Kang**
27. In what Chinese novel is a nine-toothed rake wielded by Zhu Bajie ["bah-JYEH"], a humanoid half-pig monster who accompanies the Monkey King?
A: ***Journey to the West*** (accept: ***Xiyou Ji***)
28. What author described Aomame's ["AH-oh-mah-may"] discovery of a parallel world in 1Q84 ["one-Q-eighty-four"] and Toru's search for his missing cat in *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*?
A: Haruki **Murakami**
29. What country is the setting of *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Kite Runner*, both written by Khaled Hosseini?
A: **Afghanistan**

Yellowstone National Park

30. Yellowstone is home to the majority of the world's examples of what kind of features, including Old Faithful?
A: **geysers**
31. Although small sections belong to Montana and Idaho, most of the park is in which American state?
A: **Wyoming**
32. What kind of geographical feature covers a large central portion of the park, including Yellowstone Lake, and was responsible for several prehistoric disasters?
A: **caldera** (accept: **supervolcano**)
33. After being extirpated a century ago, what animals were reintroduced to Yellowstone in the 1990s and now have a stable population?
A: grey **wolves** (accept: grey **wolf**)

Double Jump

34. "Night writing" was a predecessor of what writing system, invented in the early 1800s by a French teenager to allow for tactile representation of characters?
A: **Braille**
35. How many different characters can be represented in modern Braille?
A: **64**

Double Jump

36. Quotes from *Jane Eyre*, *Middlemarch*, and *Frankenstein* provided episode titles for what 2017 C.B.C. show based on a classic Canadian novel by L.M. Montgomery?
A: ***Anne with an E***
37. What actress played the titular role of Anne Shirley on *Anne With An E*?
A: Amybeth **McNulty**

Set of 3: Branches of Economics

38. The study of individual firms and consumers as they make decisions is the subject of what fundamental branch of economics?
A: **microeconomics**
39. The reasoning and decision-making of individuals, including cases of irrationality, are studied in what branch, linked to psychology?
A: **behavioural** economics

40. What subfield of macroeconomics studies the booms and recessions that characterize market economies?
A: **business cycle** macroeconomics/economics/theory

Set of 3

41. Shows such as *Flower Drum Song*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music* had their music and lyrics composed by what duo?
A: Richard **Rodgers** AND Oscar **Hammerstein II**
42. What was the first musical written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, set in the early 1900s and depicting the love triangle between Laurey, Jud Fry, and Curly in the titular state?
A: **Oklahoma!**
43. What Rodgers and Hammerstein song, originally sung by Nettie Fowler to comfort Julie Jordan in the musical *Carousel*, has since become an anthem of Liverpool F.C.?
A: **"You'll Never Walk Alone"**

Linked Set of 7

44. What quantity can be measured in slugs or tonnes?
A: **mass**
45. On which day of the week do Catholics celebrate Mass?
A: **Sundays**
46. Which of the Big Four sports leagues plays most of its games on Sundays?
A: **N.F.L.** (accept: **National Football League**)
47. How long in yards is the field between the goal lines in the N.F.L.?
A: **100** yards
48. What two countries fought each other in the Hundred Years' War?
A: **England** AND **France**
49. What aircraft were operated from 1969 to 2002 by British Airways and Air France?
A: **Concordes**
50. What war began with two skirmishes at Lexington and Concord?
A: **American War of Independence** (accept: **American Revolutionary** War) (prompt on: **Revolutionary** War, American **Revolution**)

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Breakup Songs & The Capture of Nicolas Maduro

Breakup Songs

51. What singer rose to prominence with numerous songs about her breakup with Joshua Basset, including "traitor", "good 4 u", and "drivers license"?
A: Olivia **Rodrigo**
52. What band released several songs inspired by the breakup between its members Lindsay Buckingham and Stevie Nicks, including "Silver Springs" and "Go Your Own Way"?
A: **Fleetwood Mac**
53. Lines like "one taught me love" and "one taught me patience" appear in what 2019 song, inspired by the breakup of Pete Davidson and Ariana Grande?
A: **"Thank u, Next"**

54. Concerning an artistic breakup with Porter Wagoner, what song was originally written by Dolly Parton but popularized by Whitney Houston?
A: **"I Will Always Love You"**

The Capture of Nicolas Maduro

55. What term beginning with "N" refers to the kinds of charges on which Maduro was indicted?
A: **narco-terrorism** (accept: **narco-terrorist**)
56. Following Maduro's ousting, what vice president was appointed in charge of the interim government?
A: Delcy **Rodriguez**
57. Following the military operation, Donald Trump justified the U.S.'s actions by citing what 19th-century foreign policy advocating American control over the Western Hemisphere?
A: **Monroe Doctrine**
58. Maduro was captured from what official residence of Venezuelan presidents in Caracas?
A: **Miraflores** Palace

Set of 3: Statistics

Consider a data set consisting of one 1, two 2s, three 3s, and four 4s.

59. Both the mean and median of this data set are what value?
A: **3**
60. You will have 5 seconds. What is the probability of selecting two 4s without replacement?
A: **2/15**
61. Dividing the sum of squared deviations from the mean by what number is the final step in calculating the unbiased sample variance with Bessel's correction?
A: **9**

Jailbreak

62. What real-time co-operative board game sees players try to steal equipment and then escape from the titular structure without talking to each other?
A: **Magic Maze**
63. Popularized by Dutch and Flemish artists in the late 16th century, what genre of painting uses inanimate, commonplace objects as subject matter?
A: **still-lives** (reject: still lives)
64. Who caused the death of nearly 300 Protestants in her namesake persecutions, which attempted to reverse the English Reformation and led to her "Bloody" moniker?
A: Queen **Mary I** (accept: Queen **Mary Tudor**) (prompt on: Bloody Mary, Queen Mary)
65. What title is shared by a 1922 F.W. Murnau film and a 2024 Robert Eggers film?
A: **Nosferatu**
66. What Asian country is home to a large city called George Town, as well as the cities of Putrajaya, Kuching, and Kuala Lumpur?
A: **Malaysia**
67. What ripples in spacetime carry energy away from rapidly moving massive objects, and were first observed in 2015 when two black holes collided?
A: **gravitational waves**
68. The Ancient Greek word "khloros" and the Latin word "viridis" both refer to what colour?
A: **green**
69. How many total atoms are in a phosphate ion?
A: **5** atoms

70. In what modern-day country did the Rampjaar ["ROMP-yar"], or "disaster year", incite a mob of rioters to lynch and partially cannibalize Grand Pensionary Johan de Witt?
A: The **Netherlands** (accept: **Holland**)
71. What video game studio owns Steam?
A: **Valve**
72. What abstract data type is implemented in Python as a list?
A: **arrays**
73. How many symphonies did Ludwig van Beethoven write?
A: **9**
74. In 2024, who took over from Pat Sajak as the host of *Wheel of Fortune*?
A: Ryan **Seacrest**
75. What disputed historic region is divided between China, India, and Pakistan?
A: Jammu and **Kashmir**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: What word refers to the aerosol particles, also sometimes called seeds, which serve as surfaces for the condensation of cloud droplets from vapour?
77. Part 2: Three different types of D.N.A. in eukaryotes are named for plastids, mitochondria, and this word respectively.
78. Part 3: In another context, this word names a structure whose two types of components are held together by the residual strong force.
79. Part 4: That structure can undergo a namesake fission, which serves as the basis for a powerful bomb.
A: **nucleus** (accept: **nuclear**, **nuclei**)

Set of 5: International Restaurant Chains

80. What is the primary dish served at Haidilao, consisting of raw meats and vegetables cooked by patrons in simmering broth?
A: Chinese **hot pot**
81. Although it was founded in South Africa, what restaurant chain is known for its Portuguese-style chicken with peri peri sauce?
A: **Nando's**
82. What food item is dipped into rice flour batter rather than cornmeal and topped with panko breadcrumbs in Chung Chun's Korean-style variation of a traditional American dish?
A: **hot dogs** (accept: **wieners**, **sausages**, **corn dogs**, **rice dogs**)
83. The Chickenjoy and Yumburger, as well as spaghetti with sweet sauce and hot dogs, are signature dishes of what Filipino chain?
A: **Jollibee**
84. A bespectacled chef is the logo of what chain known for soft, souffle-style cheesecakes?
A: **Uncle Tetsu's** Cheesecake

Set of 4: Historical Disease Names

85. What "A"-word originally referred to having a stroke, but now refers to being extremely and uncontrollably angry?
A: **apoplectic** (accept: **apoplexy**)
86. What archaic disease name comes from the wasting away experienced by sufferers of tuberculosis?
A: **consumption**
87. Chorea ["core-AY-uh"], a disorder leading to involuntary spasms, is also known as what saint's "dance"?
A: Saint **Vitus**'s dance
88. Due to its free reporting on the outbreak, what country was mistakenly believed to be the epicentre of the 1918 influenza epidemic?
A: **Spain**

12-Part Blitz

89. Because of the love of Emily Elizabeth, what character grew to be about 25 feet tall in most depictions?
A: **Clifford** the Big Red Dog
90. In poetic or formal English, what accent is sometimes added to words like learned ["LUR-nedd"] to show that the "-ed" is its own syllable?
A: **grave** accent (reject: **accent grave**)
91. Which two Canadian provinces share their highest point, known as either Mount Caubvick or Mont d'Iberville?
A: **Newfoundland and Labrador** AND **Quebec**
92. Kate Turabian's *A Manual for Writers* provides instructions for using what citation style, commonly used in academic history and humanities writing and named for an American university?
A: **Chicago**-style citations (accept: **Chicago** citation style)
93. Advising his son "to thine own self be true", who is the father of Laertes in *Hamlet*?
A: **Polonius**
94. The three crowns, or tre kronor, are a motif primarily associated with what country?
A: **Sweden**
95. What modern-day South American country was home to one of the six cradles of civilization, the Norte Chico culture?
A: **Peru**
96. What does L.P. stand for, referring to a full-length album of music?
A: **long plays**
97. According to Hanlon's razor, one should never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by what other specific trait?
A: **stupidity**
98. What artist depicted a scene in Havana harbour in which a boy is being saved from a shark attack, in his painting *Watson and the Shark*?
A: John Singleton **Copley**
99. Crewed for about six months in the 1970s, what was the first American space station?
A: **Skylab**
100. In English, what nickname is given to the constitutional principle that allows Hong Kong and Macau to be part of the People's Republic of China but have some autonomy in law and politics?
A: **one country, two systems**

END OF GAME