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PACK 8

5-Part Blitz

1. A line from the 2002 film *Scooby-Doo* inspired the name of what D.J., known for the track "Marea (we've lost dancing)"?
A: **Fred Again** (accept: **Fred**)
2. What philosophical question contrasts the omniscience and omnipotence of God with God's omnibenevolence?
A: the **problem of evil**
3. A "one, five, six, three, four, one, four, five" chord progression is repeated 28 times throughout what piece?
A: **Pachelbel's Canon** in D (accept: **Canon in D**)
4. Located just east of Gold and west of Sword, what beach was the landing site of the third Canadian Infantry Division during D-Day?
A: **Juno** Beach
5. A remake of the South Korean film *Save the Green Planet!*, what dark comedy by Yorgos Lanthimos sees two conspiracy theorists kidnap a C.E.O. they believe to be an alien?
A: **Bugonia**

Double Jump

6. What kind of reaction commonly occurs between compounds containing hydroxide and compounds containing hydrogen, resulting in a solution with a pH closer to 7?
A: acid-base **neutralization** reaction
7. You will have five seconds. List every substance formed by the neutralization reaction between sodium carbonate and hydrofluoric acid.
A: **water** (accept: **H2O**) AND **sodium fluoride** (accept: **NaF**) AND **carbon dioxide** (accept: **CO2**)

Double Jump

8. Primarily used in reference to royal families, what word refers to a celebration for a milestone or anniversary?
A: **jubilees**
9. What is used in the name of the jubilee celebrating a monarch's 40th anniversary?
A: **ruby** (accept: **rubies**)

Set of 4: Family Feuds

10. Power struggles between members of what Australian media family are the loose inspiration for the T.V. show *Succession*?
A: **Murdoch** family (accept: the **Murdochs**)
11. Partially due to allegations of racism, what two people announced they would step back from their duties as members of the British royal family?
A: **Meghan Markle** (accept either bolded part) (accept: **Duchess of Sussex**) AND Prince **Harry** (accept: **Duke of Sussex**)

12. The Big Sandy River served as an unofficial boundary line between what two feuding families during the American Civil War and Reconstruction period?
A: **Hatfield** family (accept: the **Hatfields**) AND **McCoy** family (accept: the **McCoys**)
13. A longstanding feud between the Dassler brothers after World War II led to the development of what two rival German sportswear companies?
A: **Adidas** AND **Puma**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: What kind of animal is Morla, the oldest living Fantastican who is allergic to youth, in *The Neverending Story*?
15. Part 2: This kind of animal is a benevolent god who appears across several works by Stephen King, including the *Dark Tower* series and *It*, named Maturin.
16. Part 3: In another work, the king of these animals attempts to expand his kingdom by standing on his subjects, only to fall when one on the bottom burps.
17. Part 4: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* features a "mock" one of these animals. In a children's book series, an anthropomorphic version of this animal can "count by twos and tie his shoes" and is named Franklin.
A: **turtles** (accept: **tortoises** on Parts 1, 2, and 3 only) (prompt on: **reptiles** on Parts 1, 2, and 3 only)

Set of 3

18. During what war does a soldier romance the nurse Catherine Barkley in Ernest Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*?
A: **World War I** (accept: **First World War**)
19. The always-hungry Tjaden ["CHAH-den"] is one of Paul Baumer's fellow soldiers in what novel written by German author Erich Maria Remarque?
A: **All Quiet on the Western Front**
20. *The Good Soldier* is a novel by what British author who set his *Parade's End* tetralogy during the First World War?
A: Ford Madox **Ford**

5-Part Blitz

21. Which geologic period, sometimes divided into the Mississippian and the Pennsylvanian, saw the formation of Pangaea?
A: **Carboniferous** period
22. The Vedas are the oldest scriptures of what religion?
A: **Hinduism**
23. What disco and funk group is best known for the hits "Get Down Tonight" and "That's the Way (I Like It)"?
A: **KC and the Sunshine Band**
24. Give either letter whose NATO phonetic alphabet code word is the name of a dance.
A: **F OR I**
25. Engravings such as *St. Jerome in his Study* and *Melencolia I* were produced by what German Renaissance artist?
A: Albrecht **Durer**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: U.S. Landmarks & Africa at the FIFA World Cup

U.S. Landmarks

26. The Hoover Dam is along the border of which two states?
A: **Nevada** AND **Arizona**
27. Who is the most recent of the four presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore?
A: **Theodore Roosevelt** (accept: **Teddy Roosevelt**) (prompt on: Roosevelt)
28. What landmark stands 555 feet tall and is roughly halfway between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial?
A: **Washington Monument**
29. A hyperbolic cosine, and not a parabola that opens down as many math textbooks might make you believe, is the shape of what landmark in St. Louis?
A: **Gateway Arch**

Africa at the FIFA World Cup

30. What country's elimination caused FIFA to change its rules so that final group stage matches would be played simultaneously, after Germany and Austria colluded to both advance in 1982?
A: **Algeria**
31. By defeating Portugal 1-0 in 2022, what country became the first African team to advance to the World Cup semifinals?
A: **Morocco**
32. Who gave a passionate dressing room speech after his team qualified for the 2006 World Cup, which was credited with helping achieve a ceasefire in the First Ivorian Civil War?
A: Didier **Drogba**
33. What first came to international prominence during the 2009 Confederations Cup in South Africa and later during the 2010 World Cup, and was blamed for potentially causing hearing loss?
A: **vuvuzelas**

Double Jump

34. How much is a half plus a third?
A: **5/6**
35. How much is five sixths minus three fourths?
A: **1/12**

Double Jump

36. What game's protagonist was forced to retire after the destruction of his mecha suit and now works in a role where he must decide which superhero to send to different crime scenes?
A: **Dispatch**
37. Which *Dispatch* character uses an amulet to activate her powers and also serves as the manager of the Los Angeles branch of the Superhero Dispatch Network?
A: **Blonde Blazer** (accept: **Mandy**)

Set of 4: Trials

38. Who was acquitted on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice by the U.S. Senate following efforts to conceal a relationship with Monica Lewinsky?
A: **Bill Clinton** (accept: **President Clinton**) (prompt on: Clinton)
39. Following Socrates's trial for corrupting the youth of Athens, what poison was he forced to drink?
A: **hemlock**
40. Of what crime were Martha Corey, George Burroughs, and Mary Eastey all found guilty in colonial Massachusetts?
A: practising **witchcraft** (accept: being a **witch**, clear equivalents)
41. In 2012, Thomas Lubanga Dyilo became the first person convicted by what body, after being tried for using child soldiers during the Congolese Civil Wars?
A: **International Criminal Court** (accept: **I.C.C.**)

Set of 5: Nutrition

42. Table salt is reinforced with what halogen for thyroid health?
A: **iodine** (prompt on: I)
43. With soluble and insoluble types, what term means plant matter that cannot be broken down completely by the digestive system, promoting bowel movement?
A: dietary **fibre**
44. The deficiency of what molecule, an important cofactor in collagen synthesis, causes scurvy?
A: **vitamin C** (accept: **ascorbic acid**)
45. What does the abbreviation I.U. stand for on nutrition labels?
A: **international units**
46. What Greek letter is used to denote the distance from the terminal methyl group in fatty acid chains?
A: **omega**

4-Part Mystery

47. What first name is shared by former Tennessee Governor Haslam and former Mayor of New York de Blasio?
A: **Bill** (accept: **William**) (reveal: Bill)
48. On what body of water are Puducherry and Chennai, as well as all of India's east coast?
A: **Bay of Bengal** (prompt on: Indian Ocean)
49. What was the name for the generation of deities that preceded the Olympians in Greek mythology?
A: **Titans**
50. What *Family Guy* character is often seen hanging out at the Drunken Clam with Joe, Quagmire, and Peter?
A: **Cleveland Brown** (accept either bolded part)
[Theme: N.F.L. teams]

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Romantic-Era Poetry & *Star Wars* Memes

Romantic-Era Poetry

51. In what city was a stately pleasure dome decreed by Kubla Khan in a Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem?
A: **Xanadu**

52. What poet wrote the phrase "Five years have passed" to begin a poem he composed near Tintern Abbey?
A: William **Wordsworth**
53. A statue of what ruler "in an antique land" bears an inscription reading "look on my works ye mighty, and despair" in a Percy Bysshe ["bish"] Shelley poem?
A: **Ozymandias** (accept: **Ramesses II**) (prompt on: Ramesses)
54. Anna Laetitia Barbauld wrote a poem framed as an epistle to what British politician, upon his unsuccessful 1791 bill to end the slave trade?
A: William **Wilberforce**

Star Wars Memes

55. What character's lines in the prequel trilogy include "Hello there!", "Only a Sith deals in absolutes", and "It's over, Anakin, I have the high ground!"?
A: **Obi-Wan Kenobi** (accept either bolded part) (accept: General **Kenobi**)
56. *Episode 9* was widely derided for a line explaining that "somehow" what character "returned"?
A: Sheev **Palpatine** (accept: **Darth Sidious**, Emperor **Palpatine**, somehow **Palpatine** returned) (prompt on: the Emperor)
57. What substance is coarse and rough and irritating and gets everywhere, according to Anakin in *Attack of the Clones*?
A: **sand**
58. 2003 *Star Wars* reruns in Chile were briefly interspersed with commercials made to look like continuations of the movies's scenes and showcasing what beer brand?
A: Cerveza **Cristal**

Set of 3: Trading Card Games

59. Six types of "ink" named for gemstones and metals are used to summon characters in what trading card game based on Disney I.P.?
A: *Disney* **Lorcana**
60. What five colours make up the colour wheel in *Magic: The Gathering*?
A: **white** AND **black** AND **red** AND **green** AND **blue**
61. What Konami trading card game has classic cards such as "Dark Magician" and "Blue-Eyes White Dragon"?
A: **Yu-Gi-Oh!**

Jailbreak

62. What common kind of floor covering is made of pine resin, mineral fillers, and linseed oil?
A: **linoleum**
63. In computer security, what does V.P.N. stand for?
A: **virtual private network**
64. Who released the albums *Swag* and *Swag 2* in the summer of 2025?
A: Justin **Bieber**
65. What river flows through the cities of Grand Forks, Fargo, and Winnipeg?
A: **Red** River of the North
66. The period of the Sun's activity cycle is approximately how many years?
A: **11** years
67. What is the only country to border Italy, Slovakia, and Germany?
A: **Austria**
68. What "C"-word refers to a knife with a wide rectangular blade used to cut meat?
A: **cleavers**

69. An L.A.-set spinoff of what show was canceled after one season in 2025, despite featuring cameos from characters like Louis Litt and Harvey Specter?
A: **Suits**
70. Possibly the deadliest famine in history resulted from what disastrous attempt at industrializing China carried out by Mao Zedong?
A: **Great Leap Forward**
71. What is the capital of North Korea?
A: **Pyongyang**
72. What kind of person only needs a suitcase and a trunk and is only satisfied when he's all drunk, according to the lyrics of "House of the Rising Sun"?
A: **gambler**
73. In what modern-day country was Babylon located?
A: **Iraq**
74. What adjective describes water that contains a significant amount of dissolved calcium and magnesium ions?
A: **hard**
75. What city contains the Saatchi Gallery and the Tate Modern?
A: **London**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: In what modern-day country did the Polonnawura period see leaders gain legitimacy by obtaining a major figure's tooth?
77. Part 2: After being invited by natives to fight off the Portuguese, Dutch colonists controlled the coasts of this modern-day country, while the Kingdom of Kandy was located inland.
78. Part 3: This country's largest minority group arrived from across the sea in the second century B.C. and speak a Dravidian language.
79. Part 4: The Sinhalese and Tamils are the two largest ethnic groups in this island country, which in 925 was conquered by the Chola dynasty of India.
A: **Sri Lanka**

Set of 5: Sounds Like Two Letters

80. What adjective is often used to describe small, gleaming eyes?
A: **beady**
81. What verb means to do very well at something?
A: **excel**
82. Smoke flaps cut into the top of the animal hide exterior allow small fires to be built in what kind of small conical tent used by many Indigenous groups from the prairies?
A: **tipi**
83. The outfield walls at Wrigley field are covered by what kind of climbing plant?
A: **ivy**
84. What type of mayonnaise is common in Japanese cuisine?
A: **kewpie** mayonnaise

Set of 4

85. What two-word term refers to the ratio of output force to input force, often considered when analyzing simple machines?
A: **mechanical advantage**
86. A mechanical advantage of 2 occurs at what angle of incline for an inclined plane?
A: **30 degrees** (accept: **$\pi/6$** radians) (prompt on: **30**)
87. What term refers to a compound system of ropes and pulleys that provides mechanical advantage?
A: block and **tackle**
88. What system made up of a cassette, crankset, and chain link can provide different mechanical advantages when riding a bike over different types of terrain?
A: bicycle/bike **gears** system/train

12-Part Blitz

89. What large, barren island lies about 1300 kilometres east of the Falklands and 700 kilometres northwest of the South Sandwich Islands?
A: **South Georgia** Island
90. What satirical work consists of words given humorous and sarcastic definitions and was written by Ambrose Bierce?
A: *The* **Devil's Dictionary**
91. What punny name is given to the group of female researchers consisting of Biruté Galdikas, Dian Fossey, and Jane Goodall?
A: **Trimates** (accept: **Leakey's Angels**)
92. *Clapping Music* and *Different Trains* are by what modern American composer?
A: Steve **Reich**
93. What large peninsula juts into the northern Black Sea?
A: the **Crimean** Peninsula
94. What General Motors division produced the Grand Prix, G.T.O., and Firebird models?
A: **Pontiac**
95. Formerly separatist Kurdish militias recently agreed to integrate their armed forces with those of what country?
A: **Syria**
96. Name either rapper behind the 2018 song "Drip Too Hard".
A: **Gunna** OR **Lil Baby**
97. What kind of artistic portrait humorously exaggerates the subject's features?
A: **caricatures**
98. Known as the "grandmother of Europe," who was crowned Empress of India in 1876?
A: Queen **Victoria**
99. What is France's second-largest urban area, located inland on the Rhone river west of the Alps?
A: **Lyons**
100. What single word do Americans sometimes use to refer to grade 11 students?
A: **juniors**

END OF GAME