



2025-26 High School Qualifier (T2) – Pack 3

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PACK 3

5-Part Blitz

1. Podcaster Joanne, played by Kristen Bell, and rabbi Noah, played by Adam Brody, begin an unlikely relationship in what romantic comedy T.V. show?
A: **Nobody Wants This**
2. What city was the site of a massacre in which the Drevlians were trapped inside a burning bathhouse by its regent Olga, and was later ruled by Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise?
A: **Kiev**
3. What device for reducing the sound emitted by a car is usually attached to the exhaust system?
A: **mufflers**
4. What small island country lies near the point at which the equator and prime meridian intersect?
A: **Sao Tome and Principe**
5. The Fijian island of Monuriki was used to film what movie set in the South Pacific, in which Tom Hanks plays a FedEx worker stranded after a plane crash?
A: **Cast Away**

Double Jump

6. Following a question about his parentage, who reveals that the Oracle of Delphi had prophesied that he would kill his father and sleep with his mother?
A: King **Oedipus**
7. Oedipus refuses to believe what other prophet's revelation that he murdered his father, instead insulting his blindness?
A: **Tiresias**

Double Jump

8. Russian men who are called by the diminutive name "Sasha" have what full first name?
A: **Aleksandr** (accept: **Alexander**)
9. Russian men who are called by the diminutive name "Lyosha" have what full first name?
A: **Alexey**

Set of 4: Emergency Medicine

10. The Wallace rule of nines assigns approximate surface areas to nine body parts to determine the total area covered by what sort of injury?
A: **burns**
11. What sort of device is used to restrict blood flow to a bleeding limb, often seen in military settings?
A: **tourniquets**
12. What term refers to the process by which emergency room doctors prioritize patients based on the severity of their condition?
A: **triage** (accept: **triaging**)

13. Songs such as the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive" that have a tempo of around 100 beats per minute are used to establish the rhythm of what lifesaving technique?
A: **C.P.R.** (accept: **cardiopulmonary resuscitation**)

Jackpot

14. Part 1: In the Italian card game scopa, what rank of card in the "coins" suit is worth one point when captured? This rank is also the most valuable when calculating the "primiera" scoring.
15. Part 2: For a cribbage hand consisting of four eights, this rank is the best possible turn-up card.
16. Part 3: In Texas hold'em, a card of this rank along with a queen is called the computer hand. A card of this rank along with a two is called the hammer or the WHIP, which stands for "worst hand in poker".
17. Part 4: Getting dealt three cards of this rank gives you the highest possible hand value in blackjack.
A: **sevens**

Set of 3: Public Transit Disasters

18. On what day in 2005 did four coordinated suicide bombing attacks occur on public transport in London, England?
A: **July 7th**, 2005 (accept: **7/7**)
19. 46 people died in what country in January when two high-speed trains collided?
A: **Spain**
20. In what city did a cult release sarin gas into its subway system in a 1995 domestic terrorist attack?
A: **Tokyo**

5-Part Blitz

21. Whereas peninsulas extend from a large landmass into water, what narrow strips of land extend between one large landmass and another?
A: **isthmuses**
22. What Finnish company developed the mobile games *Hay Day*, *Brawl Stars*, and *Clash Royale*?
A: **Supercell**
23. What artistic technique is exemplified in *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*, and involves using small dots of colour to create a larger painting?
A: **pointillism** (accept: **pointillist**)
24. What is the official demonym for Indiana?
A: **Hoosiers** ["HOO-zher"]
25. What two-word term refers to the continuous shower of dead organic matter that precipitates to the bottom of the ocean?
A: **marine snow**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Symphonies & British Actors

Symphonies

26. "The Year 1905" and "The Year 1917" are nicknames of symphonies by what composer, whose most famous symphony is the "Leningrad"?
A: Dmitri **Shostakovich**
27. The first movement of classical symphonies generally have what musical form, which is also seen in piano works by Beethoven such as his "Moonlight"?
A: **sonata** form (accept: **sonata** allegro form)
28. Referring to American inspirations in contrast with those from his native Bohemia, what nickname did Antonin Dvorak ["DVOR-zhak"] give to his 9th symphony?
A: **New World** Symphony (accept: From the **New World**)
29. Whose eighth symphony's massive orchestration of both instrumentalists and vocalists led to the nickname "Symphony of a Thousand"?
A: Gustav **Mahler**

British Actors

30. Also appearing in the *Hobbit* and *Star Trek* franchises, what actor is best known for his roles as Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Strange?
A: Benedict **Cumberbatch**
31. What actress popularized the "little black dress" in the film *Breakfast at Tiffany's*?
A: **Audrey Hepburn** (prompt on: **Hepburn**)
32. Name any of the three lead actresses who played Queen Elizabeth II in the Netflix series *The Crown*.
A: Claire **Foy** OR Olivia **Colman** OR Imelda **Staunton**
33. What actor recently portrayed the U.S. president in *House of Dynamite* and Heimdall in the *Thor* franchise, and first gained prominence on T.V. playing the titular detective in *Luther*?
A: Idris **Elba**

Double Jump

34. The Three Gorges Dam sits on what river, which rises in the Tibetan Plateau and flows east for over 6000 kilometres?
A: **Yangtze** River (accept: **Chiang Jiang**)
35. The Three Gorges Dam is located in what central Chinese province, home to Wuhan?
A: **Hubei** province

Double Jump

36. The Arabica cultivar makes up over 60% of the global production of what caffeine-rich crop?
A: **coffee** plants/beans
37. Almost all of the non-Arabica coffee in the world is what other cultivar, which has a stronger flavour and almost twice as much caffeine?
A: **Robusta** coffee (accept: Coffea **robusta**, Coffea **canephora**)

Set of 4: Rotation

38. An axial tilt of 82 degrees means that which planet in the Solar System essentially rotates on its side?
A: **Uranus**
39. What is the rotational analogue of force?
A: **torque**
40. What property of a body determines how quickly it will accelerate for a given amount of applied torque?
A: **moment of inertia**

41. If the point four comma two is rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise around the origin, what will be its new coordinates?
A: **(-2, 4)**

Set of 4

42. What philosophical school is concerned with the struggle to live authentically, rather than in bad faith, despite the apparent meaninglessness of life and the universe?
A: **existentialism** (accept: **existentialist** philosophy/school)
43. When faced with the uncertainty of life and the paradoxes of Christianity, Soren Kierkegaard proposed taking what action to discard reason and embrace those paradoxes?
A: **leap of faith** (prompt on: **leaping**)
44. "Existence precedes essence" was a defining claim of what French existentialist, who turned down the 1964 Nobel Prize in Literature?
A: Jean-Paul **Sartre**
45. Many existentialists took inspiration from what earlier author, who depicted a retired civil servant feeling lost in society in *Notes from Underground* and an existential crisis in his character Ivan Karamazov?
A: Fyodor **Dostoyevsky**

5-Part Blitz

46. What crescent-shaped lake on the Rhone River is the largest lake in Switzerland and France?
A: Lake **Geneva**
47. An image of what commissioner is captioned with the words "Get ready to learn Chinese, buddy" in a famous meme?
A: Adam **Silver**
48. As of 2025, the middle tier of weather alerts issued by Environment Canada is coded with what colour?
A: **orange**
49. What "E"-word refers to a lone rock or boulder that has been glacially deposited far from its parent bedrock?
A: **erratics**
50. What two words complete the following line of poetry: "Do not go gentle into that..."?
A: **good night**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Rap Beefs & The French Revolution

Rap Beefs

51. After being scolded by his mother, what rapper apologized to the target of his diss track "Super Ugly", Nas, and was later featured on the song "Crazy In Love" by his future wife Beyoncé?
A: **Jay-Z**
52. What Drake song dissed Kendrick Lamar with the line "Maroon 5 need a verse, you better make it witty" and features the refrain "drop and give me fifty"?
A: **"Push Ups"**

53. What rapper's diss track "Hit 'Em Up" insulted his East Coast rival the Notorious B.I.G. three months before dying in a drive-by shooting?
A: **Tupac Shakur** (accept either bolded part)
54. What artist, the target of the song "Killshot" during his beef with Eminem, left rap for the pop-punk genre with his 2020 album *Tickets to My Downfall*?
A: **Machine Gun Kelly** (accept: **mgk**)

The French Revolution

55. What French term refers to the government and society of pre-revolutionary France?
A: **Ancien Régime**
56. The new revolutionary government confiscated all property belonging to what group, which made up the First Estate?
A: Roman Catholic **Church** (accept: the **clergy**)
57. Who lost public support when he tried to flee to Varennes with his family in 1791?
A: King **Louis XVI** ["the sixteenth"] (prompt on: the **King**, King **Louis**)
58. Some historians have argued that Republican forces committed a genocide in suppressing a monarchist revolt in what western region?
A: the/la **Vendée**

Set of 3: International Hockey

59. What two countries played in the men's bronze medal game at the 2026 Olympics?
A: **Finland** AND **Slovakia**
60. In 2026, for the third year in a row, what team eliminated Canada from championship contention at the World Juniors?
A: **Czechia** (accept: the **Czech** Republic)
61. In 2025, what country won the World Juniors and both Men's and Women's World Championships?
A: **United States** of **America** (accept either bolded part, accept **U.S.A.**)

Jailbreak

62. What "H"-word refers to the handle of a sword?
A: **hilts**
63. What is by far the largest branch of Islam?
A: **Sunni** Islam
64. The verb "were" in the sentence "I wish I were taller" is in what grammatical mood that is often used to express desires or hypotheticals?
A: **subjunctive** mood
65. What country contains most of the Tanezrouft, one of the flattest and most barren parts of the Sahara?
A: **Algeria**
66. What alliterative term describes organisms like phytoplankton, grass, or trees, that convert inorganic energy into organic matter and serve as the base of food webs?
A: **primary producers**
67. In Canada, what two-word term refers to the last step that must happen before a bill becomes law?
A: **royal assent**
68. What title is shared by an '80s T.V. series that helped launch Johnny Depp's career, and a 2012 movie that starred Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum as undercover drug officers?
A: **21 Jump Street**
69. How many bits are in a nibble, which is equal to half a byte?
A: **4** bits

70. What is the fourth most populous country in the world?
A: **Indonesia**
71. Dick is a short form of what common name?
A: **Richard**
72. Which American state is the primary setting of the novels *East of Eden* and *Of Mice and Men*, both by John Steinbeck?
A: **California**
73. What two-word name is shared by several difficult tracks located in outer space in the *Mario Kart* series?
A: **Rainbow Road**
74. By market share, what is the largest food delivery app in the United States?
A: **DoorDash**
75. Sharing its name with a type of dagger, what kind of shoe has a thin and high heel?
A: **stilettos** (accept: **stiletto** shoes/boots/heels)

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: Stephen Farr and Pilar Estravados are revealed to be imposters in a novel titled for what character's "Christmas"?
77. Part 2: The final novel in which this character appears, *Curtain*, takes place at Styles Court, which is also the setting of the first novel he appears in.
78. Part 3: This friend of Arthur Hastings makes the acquaintance of Linnet Ridgeway shortly before she dies aboard a steamer on the Nile River.
79. Part 4: The mysterious death of Samuel Ratchett is solved by this character in *Murder on the Orient Express*, one of the many novels starring this Belgian detective created by Agatha Christie.
A: **Hercule Poirot** (accept either bolded part)

Streak

80. Name up to every chemical element whose name begins with "A".
- A: **aluminum** (accept: **aluminium**) (prompt on: Al)
- A: **argon** (prompt on: Ar)
- A: **arsenic** (prompt on: As)
- A: **antimony** (prompt on: Sb)
- A: **astatine** (prompt on: At)
- A: **actinium** (prompt on: Ac)
- A: **americium** (prompt on: Am)

Streak

84. Name up to every independent country whose national flag contains the Union Jack.
- A: **Australia**
- A: **Fiji**
- A: **New Zealand**
- A: **Tuvalu**

A: **United Kingdom** of Great **Britain** and Northern Ireland (accept either bolded part) (accept: **U.K.**)

Set of 3

86. The Lion Capital was erected by which Mauryan emperor in Sarnath, India?

A: **Ashoka** the Great (accept: **Asoka** the Great)

87. Ashoka arranged for missionaries to spread what religion throughout South Asia, after converting to this religion himself earlier in his reign?

A: **Buddhism** (accept: **Buddhist**)

88. What rival kingdom near the Bay of Bengal was conquered by Ashoka in a war that was so brutal it prompted his conversion to Buddhism?

A: **Kalinga**

12-Part Blitz

89. How many cubes are in the net of a tesseract?

A: **8**

90. What surname was shared by the artists who created the *Ghent Altarpiece*, brothers Hubert and Jan ["Yan"]?

A: **van Eyck**

91. Name either of the two public figures kidnapped by the F.L.Q. during the October Crisis.

A: James **Cross** OR Pierre **Laporte**

92. What is the middle name of Chuck E. Cheese?

A: **Entertainment**

93. The Burmese government has been engaged in ethnic cleansing against what mostly-Muslim people since 2017?

A: **Rohingya** people

94. What noun can refer to a cautious approach shot not meant to reach the green in golf, or to an easy one-handed shot from near the basket in basketball?

A: **layups**

95. What is the home country of Winston Smith in *1984*?

A: **Oceania**

96. What most common mineral of the upper mantle is named for its green colour?

A: **olivine**

97. Named for a priest from modern-day Libya, what school of Christianity holds that God created Jesus and was distinct from him, and was rejected as heretical by the First Council of Nicaea?

A: **Arianism**

98. The 6-7 meme's popularity grew after its use in edits of what 6-foot-7 basketball player, a former N.B.A. rookie of the year who plays for the Charlotte Hornets?

A: **LaMelo Ball** (prompt on: **Ball**)

99. Give any of the three modern English words that are remnants of the dual number, present in proto-Indo-European but since lost.

A: **both** OR **either** OR **neither**

100. What country's shape is often likened to a rooster, with the head made up of Manchuria?

A: People's Republic of **China** (accept: **P.R.C.**) (reject: **Republic of China**)

END OF GAME