



## 2025-26 High School Championship (T3) – Pack 15

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## 5-Part Blitz

1. Which planet may gain a ring system in 50 million years when its innermost moon Phobos breaks apart?  
A: **Mars**
2. What single word refers to the theory or philosophy of law?  
A: **jurisprudence**
3. Mostafa Asal is the number-one-ranked men's player in what racquet sport?  
A: **squash**
4. What country's flag contains the words "Ordem e Progresso" and shows a view of the night sky?  
A: **Brazil**
5. What word refers to any region of a circle bounded by two radii and an arc, like a slice of pizza?  
A: **sectors**

## Double Jump

6. What author created characters like Dr. Rank and Nora Helmer for his play *A Doll's House*, set in his home country of Norway?  
A: Henrik **Ibsen**
7. Symbolizing the end of Nora and Torvald's marriage, what sound marks the ending of *A Doll's House*?  
A: a **door slamming** (accept clear equivalents such as a door closing)

## Double Jump

8. What country contains the cities of Lahore, Karachi, and Islamabad?  
A: **Pakistan**
9. Northwestern Pakistan is home to what ethnic group, the world's most populous tribal group, who also make up about half of Afghanistan's population?  
A: **Pushtuns/Pashtuns** (accept: **Pashto** people)

## Set of 4: 2020s Internet Trends

10. The rate at which men think about what historical state became a meme in late 2022?  
A: Ancient **Roman Empire** (prompt on: Ancient **Rome**)
11. What is the name of the A.I.-generated shark wearing blue Nike shoes, the first example of Italian brainrot?  
A: **Tralalero Tralala**
12. What is the internet handle of Roberto Escanio, who once ate one of Kai Cenat's ["senate's"] cookies on a live stream?  
A: **Fanum**
13. A growing 2026 trend sees participants speedrun through buildings owned by what religious movement?  
A: Church of **Scientology**

## Jackpot

14. Part 1: What musical composition includes an instrumental recitative in which cellos recapitulate and then dismiss several themes from earlier in the piece? The piece then shifts into a major key and the cellos and basses begin playing its most famous theme.
15. Part 2: This work's scherzo and trio has a lengthy scherzo section in sonata form, makes prominent use of timpani, and is the second movement, rather than the third.
16. Part 3: As an homage, this piece's most famous theme was quoted in the finale of a major 1876 composition by Johannes Brahms that was seen by some as a direct successor to this piece, which gave that Brahms piece its famous nickname.
17. Part 4: This was the first major symphony ever to make use of vocalists, who enter in the fourth movement to sing the words of Friedrich Schiller's "Ode to Joy".  
A: Ludwig van **Beethoven's 9th** symphony (accept clear equivalents) (accept: **Choral** Symphony)

## Set of 3

18. In what city do Michelle, Clare, Orla, and Erin attend Our Lady Immaculate College in the 1990s on an Anglo-Irish TV show that aired from 2018 to 2022?  
A: **Derry** (accept: **Londonderry**)
19. Out of concern for his safety, what characteristic of James Maguire leads him to be enrolled as the first male student at the school attended by the girls?  
A: being **English** (accept clear equivalents) (prompt on: being **British**, clear equivalents)
20. "Of course, God doesn't hate you. I'd say he'd be ambivalent towards you, at best" is a line spoken by what character played by Siobhan ["shuh-VON"] McSweeney, the headmistress of the Girls' school?  
A: Sister **Michael** (accept: Sister **George** Michael)

## 5-Part Blitz

21. Pseudonyms with the surname Bell, and the first names Acton, Currer, and Ellis, were used by members of what family to publish their novels?  
A: **Bronte** family (accept: the **Brontes**)
22. What kind of sounds can be described in terms of their height, backness, and roundedness?  
A: **vowels** (accept: **vowel** sounds)
23. What major expansion for *Crusader Kings 3* allowed players to play in Indonesia, Japan, and China?  
A: **All Under Heaven**
24. What adjective describes solutions in which no more solute can be dissolved?  
A: **saturated**
25. What food item did Democratic Party staffers hand out for free in front of the Republican Party's headquarters in June 2025, to mock the administration's retreat from the aggressive tariffs it had recently announced?  
A: **tacos**

## END OF FIRST QUARTER

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## SECOND QUARTER

### Splits: Animal Superheroes & The Papacy

#### Animal Superheroes

26. Making his live-action film debut in 2025, what white dog is Superman's pet?  
A: **Krypto**
27. What group lives in the New York City sewers and is trained by a mutant rat called Master Splinter?  
A: Teenage Mutant **Ninja Turtles** (accept: **T.M.N.T.**)
28. Who gained his abilities from being experimented on by the High Evolutionary and, after initially trying to capture Star-Lord, joins the Guardians of the Galaxy?  
A: **Rocket** Raccoon
29. Originating on an alternate Earth filled with anthropomorphic animal versions of Marvel characters, who was voiced by John Mulaney in *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*?  
A: **Spider-Ham** (accept: Peter **Porker**) (prompt on: Peter)

### The Papacy

30. Taking their name from the seal used to authenticate them, what are public decrees issued by the Pope called?  
A: papal **bulls**
31. Which members of the clergy are directly selected by the Pope and make up the electoral college for Papal conclaves?  
A: **cardinals**
32. Named after Saint Peter's profession, what object forms an official part of the Pope's regalia and was formerly used to seal official documents?  
A: **Fisherman's Ring** (accept: **Ring of the Fisherman**, **Piscatory Ring**) (prompt on: ring)
33. Dressed in red, blue, and yellow Renaissance tunics, what are the official armed security forces of the Holy See?  
A: Pontifical **Swiss Guards**

### Double Jump

34. 360 degrees is equal to how many radians?  
A: **2pi** radians
35. What is the cosine of 3 pi over 4?  
A: **-1/root 2** (accept: **-root 2 over 2**)

### Double Jump

36. What kind of artwork were Chris Burden's *Shoot* and Yoko Ono's *Cut Piece*, both of which featured the artist live as part of the work?  
A: **performance** art (prompt on: artistic action)
37. In 1974, who performed *Rhythm 0*, in which she spent six hours sitting motionless and allowing onlookers to do anything they wanted to her?  
A: Marina **Abramovic**

### Set of 4

38. The Second Great Fire of London was caused by what campaign, which lasted from September 1940 to May 1941 and was carried out by the Luftwaffe against major British cities?  
A: The **Blitz**
39. What was the second-most bombed city during the Blitz, targeted due to its ports?  
A: **Liverpool**
40. Who oversaw the Blitz bombing campaign in his role as Reichsmarschall and Commander-in-Chief of the Luftwaffe?  
A: Hermann **Goering**

41. Tasked with locating and guarding unexploded bombs during the Blitz, what militia consisted of volunteer civilians who were otherwise unable to serve in the military?  
A: **Home Guard**

#### **Set of 4: Poisons**

42. What element's 210 isotope was used in 2006 to assassinate Alexander Litvinenko?  
A: **polonium** (prompt on: Po)
43. What Ancient Greek king supposedly developed an immunity to many poisons by regularly ingesting non-lethal doses?  
A: **Mithridates** VI Eupator
44. What alphanumeric term refers to the amount of a poison needed to kill half of a given population?  
A: **LD50**
45. Small quantities of what toxic anion are found in peach pits and apple seeds?  
A: **cyanide** (prompt on: CN minus)

#### **Linked Set of 5**

46. What author has created villains such as Rose the Hat, Annie Wilkes, and Randall Flagg?  
A: Stephen **King**
47. What denomination of Canadian currency contains a picture of Mackenzie King?  
A: **\$50** bill
48. What letter is used in Roman numerals to represent the number 50?  
A: **L**
49. Which chess pieces move in an "L" shape?  
A: **knights**
50. Who died of an accidental prescription drug overdose before he was able to receive his Academy Award for playing the Joker in *The Dark Knight*?  
A: Heath **Ledger**

### **END OF FIRST HALF**

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### **THIRD QUARTER**

#### **Splits: Meat & Blood**

##### **Meat**

51. What phenomenon notably present in high-quality beef consists of white streaks of intramuscular fat in a cut of beef, which make the meat more tender?  
A: **marbling** (accept: being **marbled**)
52. What term refers specifically to meat from calves, as opposed to older cows?  
A: **veal**
53. In the United States, cured, smoked back bacon that is cut into round slices is referred to by what geographical name?  
A: **Canadian** bacon
54. The edible offal, or internal organs, of chicken or other poultry are collectively referred to by what "G"-word?  
A: **giblets**

## Blood

55. Blood cells are suspended in what yellow liquid?  
A: **plasma**
56. What protein is responsible for maintaining the osmotic pressure of the blood, and is the most common protein in plasma?  
A: **albumin**
57. Thrombin converts fibrinogen into what other protein to help form blood clots?  
A: **fibrin**
58. What type of white blood cells include T cells and B cells?  
A: **lymphocytes**

## Set of 3

59. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, and is being kicked by the boot of Italy?  
A: **Sicily**
60. Found near the city of Catania on Sicily's east coast, what is the tallest active volcano in Europe?  
A: Mount **Etna**
61. The Strait of Messina separates Sicily from what region in southern Italy?  
A: **Calabria**

## Jailbreak

62. The Vagabond, the Eyrie Dynasties, the Marquise de Cat, and the Woodland Alliance compete for control of a forest in what strategy board game?  
A: **Root**
63. Hertz is the S.I. unit for what quantity?  
A: **frequency**
64. What is the only team ever to come back from 3-1 down to win the N.B.A. Finals, doing so as extreme underdogs against the Golden State Warriors?  
A: **Cleveland Cavaliers** (accept either bolded part) (accept: Cleveland **Cavs**)
65. Sundiata Keita founded what empire, becoming its first mansa?  
A: **Mali** Empire (accept: **Malian** Empire)
66. What city contains Africa's largest and busiest subway system?  
A: **Cairo**
67. What book chronicles the French invasion of Russia through the eyes of aristocratic families such as the Bezukhovs and the Rostovs?  
A: **War and Peace**
68. What is the final word of a chemical's full name if the formula ends with dot six H 2 O?  
A: **hexahydrate**
69. What type of animal are the post office workers Pete and Phyllis from the *Animal Crossing* series?  
A: **pelicans** (prompt on: **birds**)
70. What lake contains about a fifth of the world's fresh water and lies in southeastern Siberia?  
A: Lake **Baikal**
71. Spell a word meaning a New Orleans social organization that arranges balls and parades for Mardi Gras, krewe ["crew"].  
A: **K-R-E-W-E**
72. Kitimat resident Jared is the main character of what trilogy by Eden Robinson?  
A: *The **Trickster*** trilogy/series/books
73. Earth's core mostly consists of what element?  
A: **iron** (prompt on: **Fe**)

74. What kind of object is featured in the logos for K.L.M., Starbucks, and Rolex?  
A: **crowns**
75. What is the first word in the titles of two series by Frontier Interactive considered the spiritual successors of "Tycoon" games and ending with the words "Zoo" and "Coaster"?  
A: **planet**

### END OF THIRD QUARTER

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### FOURTH QUARTER

#### Jackpot

76. Part 1: It's not the King of England, but what title was held by the man who signed a concordat with the Pope that mirrored the earlier Concordat of London?
77. Part 2: Another man with this title failed to pay his mercenaries during the Italian Wars, leading 20,000 of them to revolt and sack Rome. Francis II was the last person to hold this title.
78. Part 3: Though this title eventually became hereditary in all but name, eligible holders of this title were selected via electoral college.
79. Part 4: Holders of this title presided over a vast, decentralized collection of largely German-speaking states in Central Europe for almost a millennium, ending in 1806.  
A: **Holy Roman Emperor** (accept: **Emperor of the Romans**, **Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire**) (prompt on: the **emperor**)

#### Set of 5: Word Ladder

The answer to each question will be a word that differs by one letter from the previous answer. All words will be five letters long.

80. What kind of person buys stolen goods to resell them later?  
A: **fence**
81. Before decimalization, twelve of what were in each British shilling?  
A: **pence**
82. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk is said to have wanted "[what] at home, and [what] in the world"?  
A: **peace**
83. *Prunus persica* is the Linnaean name for what common tree?  
A: **peach**
84. To draw out nutrients or chemicals from the soil is to do what?  
A: **leach**

#### Set of 4

85. In 2025, what band reunited for their first live performances in sixteen years after an acrimonious split between Manchester-born brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher?  
A: **Oasis**
86. "Slide Away" and "Supersonic" are among the songs on what debut album by Oasis?  
A: **Definitely Maybe**
87. The "Battle of Britpop" pitted Oasis against what other band led by Damon Albarn, whose hits include "Country House" and "Song 2"?  
A: **Blur**

88. "Slip inside the eye of your mind" begins what Oasis song that features the repeated refrain "So, Sally can wait"?  
A: **"Don't Look Back In Anger"**

### 12-Part Blitz

89. The boundaries between different layers of Earth's atmosphere all have what suffix in their names?  
A: **-pause**
90. What is the name of Toronto's new W.N.B.A. team?  
A: Toronto **Tempo**
91. What author's name is used in an adjective referring to overwhelming, senseless bureaucracy?  
A: Franz **Kafka**
92. In 1963, Kodak released what line of inexpensive cameras with easy-to-load film that became immensely popular?  
A: **Instamatics**
93. What creatures title a poem by William Allingham that begins "Up the airy mountain, down the rushy glen, we daren't go a-hunting for fear of little men"?  
A: The **Fairies**
94. What term refers to the difference in mass between an atomic nucleus and the mass of its individual protons and neutrons?  
A: mass **defects** (accept: mass **deficits**)
95. Name either of the countries where most of the world's Berbers can be found.  
A: **Morocco** OR **Algeria**
96. S-waves are what kind of waves, which oscillate perpendicularly to their direction of advance?  
A: **transverse** waves
97. What artist depicted an oversized baby Jesus and his mother in the mannerist painting *Madonna with the Long Neck*?  
A: **Parmigianino**
98. At what kind of event do draft prospects perform various workouts and drills as scouts watch them?  
A: scouting **combines**
99. Thin slices of silicon used in circuits share what name with a kind of biscuit?  
A: **wafers**
100. Initially used in the Kurdish independence movement, what three-word phrase has been popularized following the death of Mahsa Amini as a general rallying cry for the Iranian women's rights movement?  
A: **"woman, life, freedom"** (accept: **"women, life, freedom"**)

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