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PACK 17

5-Part Blitz

1. What is the name of the mischievous red cartoon mascot that makes contestants lose their money on the game show *Press Your Luck*?
A: **Whammy**
2. What name is given to the point in a titration at which the acid and base are neutralized?
A: **equivalence** points (accept: **stoichiometric** points)
3. Founder of the Third International Theory, who staged a 1969 coup d'état that enabled him to rule Libya until 2011?
A: Muammar **Gaddafi**
4. All Dalai Lamas except for the first have been given what monastic surname?
A: **Gyatso**
5. What jazz standard opens with the lyrics "Stars shining bright above you / Night breezes seem to whisper 'I love you' / Birds singing in a sycamore tree"?
A: **"Dream a Little Dream of Me"**

Double Jump

6. Arising in France after the era of Louis XIV and prominently featuring techniques such as trompe-l'oeil ["trompe l'oy"], what art movement succeeded the Baroque?
A: **Rococo**
7. What Rococo artist developed the fetes galantes genre of painting, shown through works like *The Embarkation for Cythera*?
A: Antoine **Watteau**

Double Jump

8. What author warned the reader to beware the Jubjub bird and the Bandersnatch, as well as the title creature, in his nonsense poem "Jabberwocky"?
A: Lewis **Carroll**
9. What other poem by Carroll appears in *Through the Looking Glass*, in which it is recited to Alice by Tweedledee and Tweedledum?
A: "The **Walrus and the Carpenter**"

Set of 4

10. On April 13th, 2026, three byelection victories helped Mark Carney achieve what?
A: **majority** government (accept parliamentary **majority**, Liberal **majority**, clear equivalents)
11. Which riding had to do over its 2025 election because the Liberal candidate won by only one vote over the Bloc Quebecois?
A: **Terrebonne**

12. Which riding was represented by the sole non-Conservative to cross the floor to Carney's government, the N.D.P.'s Lori Idlout?
A: **Nunavut**
13. In 2025, which province became entirely represented by the Liberals after Conservative Chris d'Entremont crossed the floor?
A: **Nova Scotia**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: What island is home to a country that is terrorized by violent gangs known as Raskols, making its capital city one of the most dangerous cities in the world?
15. Part 2: This island is the most linguistically diverse region in the world, home to over 800 native languages, including Tok Pisin, though English is also widely spoken.
16. Part 3: To the south of this island lies the Torres Strait, and to the east lie the Solomon Islands.
17. Part 4: This large island is split between Indonesia and a country governed from Port Moresby, and lies north of Australia.
A: **New Guinea**

Set of 3: British Governance

18. What upper house of Parliament has lost most of its power to the House of Commons?
A: House of **Lords**
19. Stormont Castle is home to which country's devolved government?
A: **Northern Ireland**
20. What is the title of the position held by a senior minister who is the head of His Majesty's Treasury?
A: **Chancellor of the Exchequer** (prompt on: Chancellor)

5-Part Blitz

21. A large number of deported Acadians eventually settled in what formerly French-owned colony that is now part of the U.S.?
A: **Louisiana**
22. In math, the vertical line test can be used to determine whether a graph represents what?
A: **functions**
23. Organum was a variation on what simple kind of music, which was used by the medieval Catholic Church and compiled by a 6th-century Pope?
A: **plainchant** (accept: **Gregorian chant**, **plainsong**)
24. The "human being" is the mascot for what institution that serves as the primary setting of *Community*?
A: **Greendale** Community College
25. In an attempt to support its allies in the Khmer Rouge, what country unsuccessfully invaded Vietnam in 1979?
A: **China** (accept: **People's Republic of China**, **P.R.C.**) (reject: Republic of China)

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Cybersecurity & Supernatural Folklore

Cybersecurity

26. What two-word term refers to psychological techniques that are used to trick people into revealing confidential information such as passwords?
A: **social engineering**
27. Resistant against data breaches because of its use of public-key cryptography, what tool allows for passwordless authentication, allowing users to sign into services with the same process that they use to unlock their device?
A: **passkeys**
28. Represented by the abbreviation M.F.A., what method is often used to improve password-based security?
A: **multifactor authentication**
29. What common type of cybersecurity system employs techniques like stateful inspection to protect a network from unauthorized internet traffic?
A: **firewalls**

Supernatural Folklore

30. Said to wander near bodies of water whilst mourning the children she drowned, what crying spirit is common to the folklore of Latin America?
A: la **Llorona** ["yoh-RON-uh"] or ["joh-RON-uh"]
31. What spirit foretells the imminent death of a family member by wailing, according to Irish folklore?
A: **banshees**
32. Described as emaciated and constantly hungry, what cannibalistic creature from Algonquian folklore has been depicted in non-Indigenous works as a deer-like figure?
A: **Wendigos**
33. What country's folklore includes the Slit-Mouthed Woman, a vengeful spirit known as an onryo?
A: **Japan**

Double Jump

34. What country's government recognizes 56 official ethnic groups, the largest of which is the Han people?
A: **China**
35. The only one of the 55 official minority groups to be entirely Chinese-speaking, what group consists of Muslims in northwestern China, of mixed Han and Central Asian descent?
A: **Hui** ["hway"] people/group/ethnicity

Double Jump

36. What metrical foot consisting of an unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable is commonly used in pentameter?
A: **iambs** (accept: **iambic**)
37. What metrical foot, the inverse of an iamb, consists of a stressed syllable followed by an unstressed syllable?
A: **trochees** (accept: **trochaic**)

Set of 4: Double Meanings in Cooking and Sports

Given two meanings of a word, provide the word.

38. A tool you might use to prepare an omelette, or a kicking technique used in water polo and synchronized swimming.
A: **eggbeater**

39. A particular infraction in hockey, or what you might spread on top of a cake.
A: **icing**
40. A spice common in pumpkin pie and eggnog, or to dribble the ball between a defender's legs in soccer.
A: **nutmeg**
41. A city in Japan known for its high-quality beef, or the first name of a star shooting guard who played for the L.A. Lakers.
A: **Kobe**

Set of 4

42. Who founded a company that allowed a quadriplegic man named Noland Arbaugh to regain some function using a brain implant?
A: Elon **Musk**
43. In the early 2000s, Musk's X dot com merged with Confinity to create what fintech company?
A: **PayPal**
44. A convention centre in what city was the first commercial site of a people mover built by the Boring Company?
A: Las **Vegas**
45. What type of bird gives its name to the rockets that are used by SpaceX to send astronauts into space?
A: **falcons**

5-Part Blitz

46. In what novel does a bet with The Reform Club prompt Phileas Fogg to attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a set amount of time?
A: ***Around the World in Eighty Days***
47. Located off the southern coast, what is Korea's biggest island?
A: **Jeju** Island
48. In what country could one find the Malabar Coast?
A: **India**
49. Ringo Starr screams "I got blisters on my fingers!" at the end of what song on the White Album, considered a prototype of the punk genre?
A: **"Helter Skelter"**
50. Possibly given their name for the colour of the tents used by its khans, what Turkicized Mongol khanate ruled much of Central Asia in the late Middle Ages?
A: Khanate of the **Golden Horde**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Ancient Mesopotamia & Famous Formula 1 Season Finales

Ancient Mesopotamia

51. Arising following the Ubaid period, what civilization was based around cities like Eridu, Uruk, and Ur?
A: **Sumer** (accept: **Sumerians**)
52. Who decreed that the sentence should match the crime, known as "an eye for an eye", in his namesake legal code from the 18th century B.C.?
A: **Hammurabi**

53. Succeeding the Sumerian civilization, what empire was founded by Sargon in the 24th century B.C., generally considered to be the world's first empire?
A: **Akkad** (accept: **Akkadian** Empire)
54. What material was the subject of the world's oldest known customer complaint, concerning low-quality ingots provided by the merchant Ea-Nasir?
A: **copper** (prompt on: Cu, metals)

Famous Formula 1 Season Finales

55. Because a mutual D.N.F. would have resulted in him winning the championship, what driver unsuccessfully tried to crash into Jacques Villeneuve during the 1997 season finale?
A: **Michael Schumacher** (prompt on: Schumacher)
56. Following scenes of Ferrari celebrating and Timo Glock driving very slowly, what driver shockingly won his first championship at the 2008 Brazilian Grand Prix?
A: Lewis **Hamilton**
57. Despite a significant tire disadvantage, what driver fought Lewis Hamilton in a protracted battle for first place midway through the 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, allowing his teammate Max Verstappen to catch up?
A: Sergio **Perez** (accept: Checo **Perez**) (prompt on: Checo)
58. What season's final race saw Lewis Hamilton driving intentionally slowly from first place in an unsuccessful attempt to let other drivers pass his rival Nico Rosberg?
A: **2016**

Set of 3: Esports Terminology

59. What kind of usernames, often used by top players wishing to practice anonymously, consist of a random string of "I"s and "L"s?
A: **barcode** names/usernames/handles (accept: **barcodes**)
60. What alliterative two-word term refers to attacking or harassing an enemy character after finding their in-game location through an online broadcast?
A: **stream sniping** (accept: **stream sniped**)
61. What name is most commonly used in MOBAs for the neutral area between the lanes in which players farm monsters?
A: **jungles**

Jailbreak

62. Vocative, genitive, and nominative are examples of what grammatical concepts?
A: grammatical **cases**
63. *Philosophical Investigations* is a posthumous publication by what Austrian philosopher, who earlier published the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*?
A: Ludwig **Wittgenstein**
64. What country used to be fragmented into lands ruled by daimyos?
A: **Japan**
65. Momentum squared divided by twice the mass gives what quantity of an object?
A: **kinetic energy** (prompt on: energy, E)
66. How many total people are depicted gathered around a long dinner table in a mural by Leonardo da Vinci?
A: **13**
67. In Norse mythology, what subgroup of gods included Odin, Thor, and Frigg, and faced off against the Vanir in a brutal war?
A: **Aesir**

68. What are the two most common elements in glass?
A: **silicon** (prompt on: Si) AND **oxygen** (prompt on: O)
69. In the early decades of its independence, what country was governed by the authoritarian Lee Kuan Yew, who helped it develop into the wealthiest country in Asia?
A: **Singapore**
70. The Greek for “flesh-eating” is the root of what word meaning a type of coffin?
A: **sarcophaguses** (accept: **sarcophagi**)
71. The lives of Patrick Lewis and various migrant labourers who helped construct Toronto are depicted in what Michael Ondaatje novel, partially considered a prequel to *The English Patient*?
A: ***In the Skin of a Lion***
72. What country sits between Honduras and Costa Rica?
A: **Nicaragua**
73. What is the primary occupation of Deborah Vance on the TV show *Hacks*?
A: **stand-up comedian** (accept either bolded part) (accept: stand-up **comic**)
74. What two adjectives describe the two character sets used to write Chinese, one of them widely adopted in the 20th century as an easier alternative to the other?
A: **simplified** AND **traditional**
75. Unexpectedly released alongside “16 Carriages” during Super Bowl 58, what song highlighted Black musicians’ role in country music and later became a co-lead single on *Cowboy Carter*?
A: **“Texas Hold ‘Em”**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: The tragic life of what kind of animal under various owners is depicted in Robert Bresson’s film *Au Hasard Balthazar*?
77. Part 2: Lampwick and the other boys on Pleasure Island are transformed into this kind of animal, a fate which almost befalls Pinocchio.
78. Part 3: After an awkward dinner between a newlywed couple and the bride’s parents devolves into an argument, this kind of animal excitedly yells his own name in an animated sequel film.
79. Part 4: This kind of animal falls in love with a dragon while trying to rescue Fiona with Shrek.
A: **donkeys**

Streak

80. Name up to all of the four countries with the most Nobel Laureates.
A: **United States** of **America** (accept either bolded part) (accept: **U.S.A.**)
A: **United Kingdom** of Great **Britain** and Northern Ireland (accept either bolded part) (accept: **U.K.**)
A: **Germany**
A: **France**

Set of 3: Medical Actions

Provide the action that fits each description. All answers will end in “A-T-I-O-N”.

82. Surgically opening the airway by inserting a hollow pipe into the trachea.
A: **intubation**
83. Treating arrhythmia by delivering an electric shock to the heart.
A: **defibrillation**
84. Administering an intentional burn to part of the body, often to seal a wound.
A: **cauterization**

Set of 4: Symmetry

85. Many adult members of what phylum exhibit pentaradial symmetry?
A: **echinoderms** (accept: **echinodermata**)
86. Adding an "s" to the starts of the names of particles in the standard model gives the names of particles in what extension to the standard model?
A: **supersymmetry** (accept: **SUSY**)
87. Reflectional symmetry across the y-axis defines what kind of function?
A: **even** functions
88. A lack of rotational and translational symmetry, but the presence of reflectional symmetry, defines what property for a pair of molecules?
A: **chirality** (accept: being **chiral**)

12-Part Blitz

89. In most plant cells, what material is the main component of the cell wall?
A: **cellulose**
90. Who used her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama as the basis for the fictional Maycomb, Alabama, where she set *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
A: Harper **Lee**
91. What legendary figure is said to have ruled China for one hundred years and created the Chinese calendar and writing system?
A: **Yellow Emperor** (accept: **Huangdi**)
92. How many two-digit numbers are written with at least one 3?
A: **18**
93. The Act of Union, 1840 gave Upper Canada what new name?
A: **Canada West**
94. What band's album *Songs from the Big Chair* contains their hits "Shout" and "Everybody Wants to Rule the World"?
A: **Tears for Fears**
95. What city was the centre of the classical period of music, home to composers such as Gluck, Schubert, and Mozart?
A: **Vienna**
96. Who was controversially never put on trial for the many war crimes he ordered as Emperor of Japan during World War II?
A: Emperor **Hirohito** (accept: the **Showa** Emperor)
97. On the Zambia-Zimbabwe border, the Zambezi River goes through what enormous waterfall?
A: **Victoria** Falls
98. Who declared "I think the dance floor is dead, so now we making rock music" on her latest single?
A: **Charli XCX** (accept: Charlotte **Aitchison**)
99. Who wrote about an inveterate gambler named Jim Smiley, who once lost \$40 betting that his specially trained frog could outjump other frogs?
A: Mark **Twain** (accept: Samuel **Clemens**)

100. What three people are seen sitting next to each other in drastically different outfits in a picture taken courtside at a Knicks game in April?

A: Tina **Fey** AND Timothee **Chalamet** AND **Kylie Jenner** (prompt on: Jenner)

END OF GAME