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PACK 8

5-Part Blitz

1. What word can mean an informant, a skin blemish, or a burrowing animal?
A: **moles**
2. What is the three-word name of the tactic that used to be predominant on grass-court tennis but has been overtaken by baseline play?
A: **serve and volley**
3. Name either country which served as the traditional territory of the Mapuche people.
A: **Argentina OR Chile**
4. What river bisects Fredericton?
A: **Saint John River**
5. What is Ford's highest-selling model of pickup truck?
A: **F-150s** (prompt on: F-series)

Double Jump

6. What country has a prime minister known as the Taoiseach ["TEE-shuhh"] and is one of the two countries home to the party Sinn Féin ["shin FAYN"], along with the UK?
A: Republic of **Ireland**
7. Since 1927, what two parties have dominated elections in Ireland?
A: **Fianna Fáil** ["FEE-ah-nah FOIL"] AND **Fine Gael** ["FIH-nah GAYL"]

Double Jump

8. Alpha helices, DNA base pairing, and the high boiling point of water can all be explained by what sort of intermolecular force?
A: **hydrogen bonds** (accept: **H-bonds**, **hydrogen bonding**, **H-bonding**)
9. Hydrogen bonding causes what diatomic molecule to form hexamers in the gas phase and form an unusually weak acid when dissolved in water?
A: **hydrofluoric acid** (accept: **hydrogen fluoride**, **HF**)

Set of 4: Modernist Poetry

10. The title character contemplates what food, asking if he "dares to eat" it, in "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"?
A: a **peach**
11. What city named a group of modernist poets including A.M. Klein and F.R. Scott?
A: **Montreal**
12. What poem, featuring the refrain "sun moon stars rain" and the phrase "up so floating many bells down" was written by E.E. Cummings?
A: **"anyone lived in a pretty how town"**
13. In "Sacred Emily", what poet first declared "rose is a rose is a rose is a rose", a statement she would often return to in later work?
A: Gertrude **Stein**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: What kind of character titles a short film in which the song "Walking in the Air" plays during a nighttime scene?
15. Part 2: A character of this kind appears in two animated movies and an animated short released with the movie *Coco*. In a separate series of shorts, that character of this kind summarizes Disney movies in 90 seconds.
16. Part 3: In an unrelated song, one of these characters "Led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop / And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler 'Stop!'".
17. Part 4: The singers build one of these figures "and pretend that he is Parson Brown" in "Winter Wonderland". A different Christmas carol follows one of these characters "with a corncob pipe and a button nose".
A: **snowman**

Set of 3: Named After Playing Cards

18. The lyrics "Take one look and die / the only thing you know it's gonna be" precede the name of what titular card in a 1980 Motorhead song?
A: **"Ace of Spades"**
19. What character enjoys playing croquet with hedgehogs as balls and flamingoes as mallets and frequently threatens to behead those who upset her?
A: **Queen of Hearts**
20. Used as his calling card, what playing card served as the design inspiration for a DC villain and nemesis of Batman?
A: **jokers**

5-Part Blitz

21. Lumbini, Nepal is best known for being the birthplace of what religious leader?
A: the **Buddha** (accept: Siddhartha **Gautama**)
22. What does the initialism N.D.E. stand for, an event that sometimes takes place during brief periods when blood circulation has stopped?
A: **near-death experiences**
23. What small country is tucked inside Sarawak, a Malaysian province on the island of Borneo?
A: **Brunei** Darussalam
24. What Michelin Guide designation is given to restaurants which offer high-quality cuisine at more affordable prices?
A: **Bib Gourmand**
25. What modern-day country was by far the most common destination for slaves in the Atlantic slave trade?
A: **Brazil**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Economic History & Programming

Economic History

26. What two leading mercantilist powers fought three 17th-century naval wars over trade with their colonies?
A: **England** AND the **Netherlands** (accept: **Holland**, the **Dutch** Republic)
27. In England, what manufacturing industry was at the core of the Industrial Revolution's advances, centred in the northwest?
A: **textiles** industry (accept: **fabrics** industry, **cloth** industry)
28. China became the most prosperous country in the world under which dynasty, which issued the world's first paper money and freed the economy from the regulations of the earlier Tang Dynasty?
A: **Song** Dynasty
29. A deflationary spiral took hold in North America in which decade of the 20th century, leading to contraction and mass unemployment?
A: **1930s**

Programming

30. What property, which is true of HTTP "put" methods but not "post" methods, means that invoking the method once has the same effect as invoking it several times?
A: **idempotency** (accept: being **idempotent**)
31. What Git command is used to upload commits from one's local repository to the remote repository?
A: git **push**
32. What function from the C standard library is used after malloc to deallocate a block of memory?
A: **free**
33. In object-oriented programming, what "I"-word refers to having a child class adopt attributes or methods from a parent class?
A: **inheritance** (accept: **inheriting**)

Double Jump

34. What country's national basketball team includes NBA players like Guerschon Yabusele, Bilal Coulibaly, and Victor Wembanyama?
A: **France**
35. What NBA award has been won by the same Frenchman in 4 of the past 8 seasons?
A: **Defensive Player of the Year** (accept: **DPOY**)

Double Jump

36. Also called prestidigitation, what three-word phrase refers to manual dexterity used to deceive the audience during a magic trick?
A: **sleight of hand**
37. In magic, what term refers to controlling the outcome of a spectator's decision while still giving the illusion of free choice, such as by asking them to pick a random card but secretly ensuring that a specific card gets chosen?
A: **force** (accept word forms)

Set of 4

38. During an infamous press conference on February 28, 2025, what kind of clothing was Volodymyr Zelenskyy criticized for not wearing?
A: a **suit**
39. What common suit pattern features very thin, parallel lines of colour?
A: **pinstripe** (accept word forms)

40. Part of a white-tie dress code, what type of suit jacket extends to the knees at the back though not at the front?
A: **tailcoats** (accept: **dress coats**, **coats with tails**)
41. Along with the jacket and pants, what article of clothing is the “third piece” in a three piece suit?
A: **vests** (accept: **waistcoats**)

5-Part Mystery

42. Beginning in October 2024, what country saw protests against the ruling party over the suspension of talks to join the European Union, in cities like Batumi and Tbilisi?
A: **Georgia**
43. *The Problem We All Live With* and *The Four Freedoms* were works by what painter and illustrator known for his depictions of 20th-century American life?
A: Norman **Rockwell**
44. Although similar devices were used in China as early as the 5th century BC, what catapult-like weapons were popular during sieges in the Middle Ages?
A: **trebuchets**
45. Wales is sometimes referred to by what name in English, derived from the Latinized form of the Welsh word Cymru [“KUM-ree”]?
A: **Cambria**
46. Coins from Switzerland often feature what “H”-word, taken from the Latin name of the country?
A: **Helvetica**
[Theme: fonts]

Set of 4: *House, M.D.*

47. Often wrongly assumed to be American because of the accuracy of his American accent, what British actor played House?
A: Hugh **Laurie**
48. House resents having to work recurring shifts in what section of the hospital?
A: walk-in **clinic**
49. Often used as a credo by House, what two-word phrase served as the title of the show’s pilot, and was punned on in the title of its final episode?
A: **“everybody lies”**
50. What other fictional character served as the inspiration for House’s misanthropic lonerism and his sole friendship with Wilson?
A: **Sherlock Holmes** (accept either bolded part)

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Shakespeare's History Plays & Sequences

Shakespeare's History Plays

51. *Richard II* is considered the first entry in what tetralogy, named for a different English king?
A: *The* **Henriad**
52. In *Richard III*, the title character poisons what woman, his first wife?
A: **Anne Neville** (accept either bolded part)

53. What character is the main associate of Prince Hal before being rejected by him at the end of *Henry IV, Part 2* for his vain and buffoonish behaviour?
A: Sir John **Falstaff** (prompt on: John)
54. On what feast day does Henry V deliver a speech that describes his soldiers as “we happy few, we band of brothers”?
A: **Saint Crispin’s** Day (accept: the Feast of **Saint Crispin**)

Sequences

Consider the arithmetic sequence 2, 5, 8, 11, and so on.

55. What is the 20th term?
A: **59**
56. What is the sum of the first 20 terms?
A: **610**
57. How many terms are there below 100?
A: **33**
58. Any term in this sequence modulo 3 gives what?
A: **2**

Set of 3: Swedish Video Game Companies

59. What subsidiary of EA produces the *Battlefield* series of games?
A: EA **DICE**
60. Having distanced themselves from their founder due to his inflammatory tweets on feminism and the LGBTQ community, what subsidiary of Microsoft owns *Minecraft*?
A: **Mojang** Studios
61. The Clausewitz Engine, a proprietary game engine allowing for the display of 2D and 3D maps, belongs to what grand strategy creator?
A: **Paradox** Interactive (accept: **Paradox** Development Studio)

Jailbreak

62. What term refers to the Protestant belief that professional priests are not needed to intercede with God, as all devout Christians are priests?
A: **priesthood of all believers**
63. What is the Canadian name for the chairs known in the United States as adirondack chairs?
A: **muskoka** chairs
64. What is the capital of Rwanda?
A: **Kigali**
65. Alongside a change to 15-yard endzones with goalposts at the back of them, what was announced as the new length of CFL fields from 2027 onwards?
A: **100 yards** (prompt on: 100)
66. What pair of rhyming words respectively mean a colony of seals or birds, and a place where food is prepared?
A: **rookery** AND **cookery**
67. In what century was the Thirty Years’ War fought?
A: **1600s** (accept: **17th** century)
68. The friendship between wealthy Amir and his father’s servant’s son Ali against the backdrop of Afghanistan in the 1970s is depicted in what novel by Khaled Hosseini?
A: *The **Kite Runner***

69. Which element has the highest ionization energy?
A: **helium** (prompt on: He)
70. Which Chinese emperor hired the minister Li Si, who standardized the Chinese writing system and helped the emperor consolidate power after the Warring States Period?
A: **Qin Shi Huangdi** ["chin shuh hwong"] (prompt on: Qin)
71. What letter refers to someone who proofreads or edits fanfiction before it is posted?
A: **betas**
72. What composer's "March of the Swiss Soldiers" is the famous final section of his overture to *William Tell*?
A: Gioachino **Rossini**
73. What word originated from the plague-era practice of ships staying isolated at a port for 40 days to prevent the spread of disease?
A: **quarantine** (accept word forms)
74. What river flows through the Grand Canyon?
A: **Colorado** River
75. Isla Nublar is the home to what location in a 1993 movie?
A: **Jurassic Park**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: Who won a contentious primary in which the Box 13 scandal saw them receive 202 possibly fraudulent votes, enough for them to defeat Coke Stevenson?
77. Part 2: Upon ascending to their highest office, this politician delivered a speech in which they declared "Let us continue".
78. Part 3: This president appointed Abe Fortas and Thurgood Marshall to the American Supreme Court.
79. Part 4: This president implemented the "Great Society" programs. Protesters taunted him with chants of "How many kids did you kill today?" at a tumultuous convention in Chicago that nominated his vice president, Hubert Humphrey.
A: **Lyndon B. Johnson** (accept: **Lyndon** Baines **Johnson**, **LBJ**) (prompt on: Johnson)

Streak

80. Name up to all four inhabited island groups that make up Macaronesia, a group of volcanic archipelagos off the western coast of Africa and Europe.
A: the **Azores**
A: **Madeira**
A: the **Canary** Islands (accept: the **Canaries**)
A: the **Cape Verde** Islands (accept: **Cabo Verde** Islands)

Set of 3: Musicians on Tour

82. Who has been performing regularly on his so-called "Never-Ending Tour" since 1988, including scheduling shows for Stockholm in 2017 so that he could conveniently accept his Nobel Prize?
A: Bob **Dylan** (accept: Robert **Zimmerman**)

83. What band has ended its planned pause and will be going on a 2026 world tour, now that its members have all completed army service?
A: **BTS** (accept: the **Bangtan Boys**)
84. Who invited Paramore, Phoebe Bridgers, Girl in Red, Sabrina Carpenter, and Gracie Abrams to open for her on her 2023-24 Eras Tour?
A: Taylor **Swift**

Set of 4

85. The English name for what division of plants comes from the Latin for “cone-bearing”?
A: **conifers** (accept: **coniferous** plants/trees)
86. What word refers to a substance secreted by conifers to protect them from insects and disease, which hardens to form amber?
A: **resin**
87. What genus contains the only deciduous conifers in Canada and has subalpine and tamarack subspecies?
A: **larches**
88. What is the only conifer to be depicted on a national flag?
A: Lebanese **cedar** tree (accept: Lebanon **cedar**, **cedar** of Lebanon)

12-Part Blitz

89. An example of distracted driving, what term describes the act of slowing down or stopping to stare at roadside accidents?
A: **rubbernecking**
90. What is the name of the tiger that accompanies the main character on a lifeboat in *Life of Pi*?
A: **Richard Parker**
91. First used in Egypt due to its abundance in the Nile Delta, what served as the writing material for many ancient civilizations?
A: **papyrus**
92. The largest channel in Venice and a system linking various rivers and lakes in China both share what nickname?
A: **Grand Canal**
93. Dragons are the focus of what board game based on *Wingspan*?
A: **Wyrmspan**
94. In special relativity, what dimensionless quantity is used to calculate how an object’s velocity can alter its physical properties, such as through length contraction or time dilation?
A: **Lorentz factor** (prompt on: **gamma** factor)
95. What term refers to matches whose head will only ignite when struck against a prepared surface, as opposed to strike-anywhere matches?
A: **safety** matches
96. What composer had twenty children, including Carl Philip Emmanuel, who became a composer himself?
A: Johann Sebastian **Bach** (accept: J.S. **Bach**)
97. What director made movie versions of Daphne du Maurier’s novel *Rebecca* in 1940 and her short story *The Birds* in 1963?
A: Alfred **Hitchcock**
98. To what mountain range does Mount Rainier belong?
A: **Cascade** Range (accept: **Cascade** Mountains, the **Cascades**)
99. Which Greek letter is shaped like a triangle?
A: uppercase/capital **delta**
100. What philosopher proposed the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary as the three branches of government when describing the separation of powers in *The Spirit of the Laws*?
A: **Montesquieu**

END OF GAME