

2023-24 High School Qualifier (T3) – Pack 4

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PACK 4

5-Part Blitz

- 1. What principle named for a 14th-century English friar states that the simplest possible explanation is the most likely to be true?
 - A: Occam's razor
- 2. The extremely detailed teeth of what Paradox game's inhabitants were falsely blamed for its high render time and CPU usage when it launched in 2023?
 - A: Cities: Skylines II
- 3. What modern-day country is the element gallium named for?
 - A: France
- 4. What composer's music plays as Alex undergoes the Ludovico technique in A Clockwork Orange?
 - A: Ludwig van **Beethoven**
- 5. Cebuano and Tagalog are among the indigenous languages of what country?
 - A: the **Philippines**

Double Jump

- 6. What "C"-word describes positive integers that are not 1 and are also not prime?
 - A: composite
- 7. What "C"-word describes pairs of positive integers, such as 9 and 14, that do not have any common divisors other than 1?
 - A: coprime

Double Jump

- 8. The band members position their arms to represent letters in semaphore on the cover of what album by the Beatles, whose title track pleads "I need somebody / Not just anybody"?
 - A: **Help!**
- 9. In what song on *Help!* does the singer recall "We said our goodbyes" and "Love was in your eyes" before singing "Treat me like you did" during the title time period?
 - A: "The **Night Before**"

Set of 4: Sets of 4

- 10. The opening narration of what Nickelodeon show describes how the four nations lived in harmony before the Fire Nation attacked?
 - A: <u>Avatar: The Last Airbender</u> (prompt on partial answers)
- 11. Whose fourth wife led the Gang of Four?
 - A: Mao Zedong
- 12. What "M"-word is used in swimming to mean a race in which all four competition strokes are swum?
 - A: medley
- 13. What religion follows the Four Noble Truths?
 - A: Buddhism

Jackpot

- 14. Part 1: What country's Cacos rebel groups inadvertently got a boost of support when US troops distributed a photo of a Cacos leader in a Christ-like pose after they executed him?
- 15. Part 2: The death of Napoleon's brother-in-law Charles Leclerc in this country is discussed in the book *The Black Jacobins*.
- 16. Part 3: Faustin I and Jean-Jacques Dessalines ruled this country as emperors in the 19th century, following a successful slave revolt.
- 17. Part 4: Toussaint Louverture is considered the father of this country, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.
 - A: Haiti

Set of 3: -lyte Words

Given a description of a word that ends with the letters L-Y-T-E, identify the word.

- 18. An assistant to someone, or a follower of a cause.
 - A: <u>acolyte</u>
- 19. Someone who has experienced religious conversion.
 - A: proselyte
- 20. Sodium or potassium dissolved in water, for example.
 - A: <u>electrolyte</u>

5-Part Blitz

- 21. Ieyasu ["ee-AY-ah-su"] was the first ruler of what shogunate that ended with the Meiji Restoration?
 - A: <u>Tokugawa</u> shogunate (accept: <u>Edo</u> shogunate)
- 22. Activist Maulana Karenga created what seven-day long holiday as a celebration of pan-Africanism and African-American culture?
 - A: Kwanzaa
- 23. What autonomic process carries a bolus of food down the esophagus?
 - A: **peristalsis**
- 24. What country is using reclaimed land to construct a planned business district called Eko Atlantic City?
 - A: Nigeria
- 25. What circuit component stores electrical energy through the buildup of opposite charges separated by a dielectric and has a strength measured in farads?
 - A: capacitor

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Music Theory & Volcanoes

Music Theory

- 26. What symbol cancels a sharp or flat?
 - A: <u>natural</u> symbol/sign
- 27. The first two notes of "O Canada" form what interval?
 - A: **minor third** (prompt on: third)

- 28. What is the submediant of C minor?
 - A: **A flat** (reject: A)
- 29. How many sharps are in the key signature of B minor or D major?

A: 2

Volcanoes

- 30. 'A'a ["ah-ah"] and pahoehoe ["pa-HO-ay-ho-ay"] are two basic types of what substance, distinguished by the presence or absence of rough blocks?
 - A: lava
- 31. Before being expelled during an eruption, what word refers to lava inside a volcano?
 - A: magma
- 32. What kind of volcano arises not at a plate boundary, but rather in an area of exceptionally warm mantle in the middle of a plate?
 - A: **hotspot** volcano
- 33. What lake in Sumatra lies in the caldera of a supervolcano whose eruption 75,000 years ago may be the largest known to scientists?
 - A: Lake **Toba**

Double Jump

- 34. Roger Chillingworth, Arthur Dimmesdale, and Hester Prynne all appear in what Nathaniel Hawthorne novel?
 - A: The **Scarlet Letter**
- 35. In the novel, the scarlet "A" that Hester Prynne is condemned to wear for the rest of her life stands for what crime?
 - A: **adultery**

Double Jump

- 36. What city's film industry has produced martial arts stars such as Donnie Yen and Jackie Chan?
 - A: **Hong Kong**
- 37. Donnie Yen plays what Wing Chun master in a namesake Hong Kong martial arts film series, who trains a young Bruce Lee in the series' second installment?
 - A: **Ip** Man

Set of 4

- 38. What institution was formed in response to the 1907 Knickerbocker Crisis and serves as the central banking system of the United States?
 - A: **Federal Reserve** system (prompt on: the <u>Fed</u>)
- 39. Which American president presided over the establishment of the Federal Reserve in 1913?
 - A: Woodrow Wilson
- 40. Succeeding Janet Yellen in 2018, who is the current chair of the Federal Reserve?
 - A: | lerome "lay" **Powell**
- 41. Following his appointment as Fed chair in 1979, Paul Volcker successfully countered high inflation by raising what financial quantity to record high levels?
 - A: <u>interest rate</u>s (accept: <u>overnight lending rate</u>, <u>federal funds rate</u>)

Set of 4: Named for a US State

Each correct answer will contain the name of a US state.

- 42. The flop, turn, and river are shared cards in what most popular poker variant?
 - A: Texas hold'em
- 43. The name of which state also refers to a lacrosse-style goal in hockey?
 - A: <u>Michigan</u>
- 44. 72 inches by 83.5 inches are the dimensions of what size of bed?
 - A: **California King** bed/mattress
- 45. Harland Sanders founded what fast food chain?
 - A: Kentucky Fried Chicken (prompt on: KFC)

Linked Set of 5

- 46. Who was married to Dalton Gomez from 2021 to 2023?
 - A: Ariana **Grande**
- 47. The Weeknd sings "I make you cry when I run away" on what single from *After Hours*, which was remixed by Ariana Grande?
 - A: "Save Your Tears"
- 48. What video game series had a 2023 instalment called "Tears of the Kingdom"?
 - A: The Legend of **Zelda**
- 49. What is the largest real-world country whose currency shares a name with that used in *The Legend of Zelda*, rupees?
 - A: India
- 50. What massive bay makes up the entire east coast of India?
 - A: Bay of **Bengal**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: National Birds & Artistic Muses

National Birds

- 51. What corvid, notorious for stealing food from campsites, is the unofficial national bird of Canada?
 - A: **grey jay** (accept: **Canada jay**, **whiskeyjack**)
- 52. In 1932, what country started a nuisance wildlife management program by declaring "war" on their national bird, the emu?
 - A: Australia
- 53. What island nation's shape is often compared to that of its national bird, the Raggiana bird-of-paradise?
 - A: Papua New Guinea
- 54. The Old English word for "white" contributed to the name of what bird of prey, the national bird of the United States?
 - A: **bald eagle**

Artistic Muses

- 55. German immigrant Helga Testorf was the subject of many paintings by what American painter, who also depicted Anna Olsen in *Christina's World*?
 - A: Andrew Wyeth

- 56. French artist Dora Maar was a muse and romantic partner for what artist, whose progress on *Guernica* she chronicled in photographs?
 - A: Pablo Picasso
- 57. Elizabeth Siddall is remembered for posing for many artists from what movement, including William Holman Hunt and Dante Gabriel Rosetti?
 - A: <u>Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood</u> (prompt on: <u>PRB</u>, <u>Pre-Raphaelite</u>s)
- 58. Despite serving as his model, original works by Victorine Meurent beat out the entries of what artist of *Luncheon on the Grass* and *Olympia* for inclusion in Paris's 1876 juried exhibition?
 - A: Edouard **Manet** (reject: Monet)

Set of 3: Mosquito-Borne Diseases

- 59. What mosquito-borne disease is named for the jaundice symptoms it causes?
 - A: <u>yellow fever</u>
- 60. The *Plasmodium* parasite causes what disease that can be treated with quinine?
 - A: malaria
- 61. In the mid-2010s, outbreaks of what virus in South America caused babies to be born with underdeveloped brains?
 - A: **zika** virus

Jailbreak

- 62. What Canadian actor was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991? He is known for portraying Marty McFly in the *Back to the Future* films.
 - A: Michael J. **Fox**
- 63. What name is given to zombie-like mobs that spawn in deserts in *Minecraft*?
 - A: **husk**s
- 64. What scientist lends his name to a quantity signifying the ratio between stress and strain, and an 1802 experiment that helped prove the wave theory of light?
 - A: Thomas **Young**
- 65. First and last name required: Anne Bronte originally published her works under what pseudonym?
 - A: Acton Bell
- 66. What Greek deity was said to have emerged wearing a full suit of armour from her father's forehead?
 - A: **Athena**
- 67. What 2020 novel follows Lucy Gray Baird and her mentor Coriolanus Snow six decades before the events of the *Hunger Games* trilogy?
 - A: The **Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**
- 68. What city is home to Batman?
 - A: **Gotham** City
- 69. Bucephalus was a horse belonging to what historical figure?
 - A: Alexander the Great (accept: Alexander III of Macedon) (prompt on: Alexander)
- 70. How many fundamental foot positions are there in ballet?
 - A: five
- 71. What function is the reciprocal of the sine function?
 - A: **cosecant** function (accept: **csc** function)
- 72. At what chain could one order a Pike Place medium roast or a frappuccino?
 - A: Starbucks
- 73. Name any of the three countries whose crowns were joined under the Kalmar Union.
 - A: Sweden OR Denmark OR Norway
- 74. What is the female equivalent of neutering an animal?
 - A: **spay**ing (accept word forms)

- 75. In what country is Ben Nevis the highest mountain?
 - A: United Kingdom (accept: UK, Great Britain, Scotland)

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

- 76. Part 1: A 1979 commercial for what product shows "Mean" Joe Greene saying "Hey, kid, catch!" to a young boy?
- 77. Part 2: The finale of *Mad Men* ends with a commercial for this item that features the song "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," known as the "Hilltop" commercial.
- 78. Part 3: A reformulation of this product in 1985, whose name was prefixed with "New", was a commercial failure.
- 79. Part 4: John Pemberton invented this soft drink that most often uses red and white branding.
 - A: Coca-Cola (accept: Coke)

Streak

- 80. Name up to all five of the active NHL players who have scored 60 or more goals in a single season.
 - A: Alexander **Ovechkin**
 - A: Steven **Stamkos**
 - A: Auston Matthews
 - A: Connor **McDavid**
 - A: David **Pastrnak**

Streak

- 83. Name up to any three of Africa's four most populous countries.
 - A: Nigeria
 - A: **Egypt**
 - A: **Ethiopia**
 - A: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (accept: **DRC**) (prompt on: the Congo)

Set of 5: Latin Phrases

- 84. A common mantra in Stoic philosophy and associated with the image of a skull, what imperative Latin phrase asks one to anticipate or meditate upon their inevitable death?
 - A: memento mori
- 85. Typically found in the programs of theatrical productions, what Latin term refers to the characters of a play?
 - A: dramatis personae
- 86. Often used to refer to "man on the street" interviews, what Latin term refers to the "voice of the people"?
 - A: **vox populi**
- 87. Associated with the "nature" side of the "nature vs. nurture" spectrum, what Latin term is used in English to refer to people being born as a "blank slate", devoid of any innate knowledge?
 - A: tabula rasa

- 88. What Latin phrase translates to "solid earth" in English?
 - A: terra firma

12-Part Blitz

- 89. In 2022, what singer announced that she had been diagnosed with stiff-person syndrome?
 - A: Céline **Dion**
- 90. What mountain range contains Mount Robson and runs through Banff National Park?
 - A: **Rocky** Mountains (accept: The **Rockies**)
- 91. What "C"-word refers to an employee who has been appointed to assist with games at gambling tables, such as with the distribution of bets?
 - A: <u>croupier</u>
- 92. Emma Corrin stars as a detective in Iceland on what miniseries?
 - A: A Murder at the End of the World
- 93. What king was deposed in 1952 by forces loyal to Mohammad Naguib and Gamal Abdel Nasser?
 - A: King **Farouk** I
- 94. What part of a camera quickly opens and closes to allow a photo to be taken?
 - A: **shutter**
- 95. The invasion of the Sea Peoples contributed to the collapse of what historical period, which was succeeded by the Iron Age?
 - A: Bronze Age
- 96. In the 1920s, Canadian Leslie McFarlane used the pseudonym Franklin W. Dixon to write what series of books about a pair of teenage detectives?
 - A: Hardy Boys Mystery Stories
- 97. Two separate Mongol fleets were destroyed by typhoons while attempting invasions of what country?
 - A: lapan
- 98. More commonly used in the UK, what "B"-word describes clothing custom-made for a specific person?
 - A: <u>bespoke</u>
- 99. The study of the formation and evolution of Earth's landforms is known by what word?
 - A: **geomorphology**
- 100. The Indonesian language is a variant of what broader language?
 - A: **Malay**an

END OF GAME