



2025-26 Post-Secondary Fall Tournament (T1) – Pack 6

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PACK 6

5-Part Blitz

1. What troupe founded in Baie-Saint-Paul, Quebec has become the largest contemporary circus producer in the world?
A: **Cirque du Soleil**
2. What two individuals were honoured by the original and 1997 versions of Elton John's "Candle in the Wind"?
A: Marilyn **Monroe** (accept: Norma Jeane **Mortenson**) AND **Princess Diana** of Wales (accept: Diana **Spencer**)
3. What country's people are often described as having a "stiff upper lip", reflecting their stoic culture?
A: **United Kingdom** of Great **Britain** and Northern Ireland (accept either bolded part) (accept: the **UK**) (accept: **England**)
4. *People of the Deer* and *Never Cry Wolf* were written by what Canadian environmentalist?
A: Farley **Mowat**
5. In the context of biology, what word means the likelihood that an organism will reproduce, not how physically strong it is?
A: **fitness**

Double Jump

6. What food product consists of soy milk that has been coagulated and pressed into blocks?
A: **tofu** (accept: soy**bean curd**)
7. Tofu that is softer than "soft" tofu is most often labelled for its resemblance to what material?
A: **silk**

Double Jump

8. What two alliterative actions represent different ways that humans respond to dangerous situations in a commonly-cited psychological dichotomy?
A: **fight** (accept word forms) AND **flight** (accept: **flee**) (accept word forms)
9. What stress response that involves trying to appease the aggressor to avoid harm is sometimes cited alongside fight, flight, and freeze?
A: **fawn** (accept word forms)

Set of 4: Numbers

10. Commonly denoted with an "H" for "Hamilton", what number system extends the complex numbers by also adding two additional square roots of -1?
A: **quaternions**
11. Besides being irrational, the square root of 2 belongs to what set of numbers that can be the roots of polynomials with integer coefficients?
A: **algebraic** numbers
12. The binary number consisting of six 1s is equivalent to what decimal number?
A: **63**

13. Ancient Sumerians used what number as a base, which is still seen when measuring angles and time today?
A: **60**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: In a book that helped found the field of environmental history, Alfred Crosby introduced a term named after what historical figure?
15. Part 2: Historians have estimated figures from 8 to 100 million, recently tending around 50 million, for the population of a region in a debate sometimes named for this historical figure.
16. Part 3: This person is referenced in the titles of two books by Charles C. Mann, both named for years.
17. Part 4: Turkeys, horses, syphilis, wheat, tomatoes, corn, and smallpox spread around the world in an "exchange" named after this person.
A: Christopher **Columbus**

Set of 3

18. The brothers Conrad and Jeremiah Fisher form a love triangle with Belly Conklin in what young adult series?
A: *The **Summer I Turned Pretty***
19. The Conklin and Fisher families gather in what fictional town each summer, which serves as the primary setting for the series?
A: **Cousins** Beach
20. Wedding-day letters from what character are mixed up between Conrad and Jeremiah during the climax of the story?
A: **Susannah** Fisher (prompt on: Fisher, their/Conrad's/Jeremiah's mom/mother)

5-Part Blitz

21. Who depicted his future wife Aline Charigot and contemporary painter Gustave Caillebotte having a meal in *Luncheon of the Boating Party*?
A: Pierre-Auguste **Renoir**
22. What slow-moving objects leave behind moraines as they retreat?
A: **glaciers** (accept: **ice sheets**)
23. What sea is roughly bordered by Vietnam to the west, the Philippines to the east, and its namesake country to the north?
A: **South China** Sea
24. What title command does the singer give in a song whose chorus declares "I wanna believe in you, I wanna believe in something", by Japanese Breakfast?
A: **"Be Sweet"**
25. What two-word French term means an embarrassing mistake, particularly in social situations?
A: **faux pas**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Split Cities & Podcasts

Split Cities

26. What two national capitals sit directly opposite each other across the Pool Malebo, a wide section of the Congo River?
A: **Kinshasa** AND **Brazzaville**
27. About a third of the population lives in Asia and two thirds live in Europe in what metropolis?
A: **Istanbul**
28. What country contains the popular coastal resort city of Split?
A: **Croatia**
29. The boundary treaty of 1818 split what city into Canadian and American halves, divided by the river that joins lakes Superior and Huron?
A: **Sault Ste. Marie** ["SOO saint muh-REE"]

Podcasts

30. What two words were portmanteaued to create the word podcast?
A: **iPod** AND **broadcast**
31. Two athletes with what last name cohost the *New Heights* podcast?
A: **Kelce**
32. What podcast, consistently ranked number 1 on YouTube and Spotify, is hosted by a UFC broadcaster?
A: **The Joe Rogan Experience**
33. Begun in 2014 and hosted by Sarah Koenig, what podcast launched the true crime genre of podcasts into the mainstream?
A: **Serial**

Double Jump

34. What country orchestrated the Mukden Incident in 1931, allowing it to occupy Manchuria, six years before launching a full-scale invasion of China?
A: **Japan**
35. The Mukden Incident was carried out by what large Japanese army, which often ignored government orders and acted independently in the 1930s?
A: **Kwantung** Army

Double Jump

36. What type of artisan might engage in jiggering and jollifying to create clay products on a namesake wheel?
A: **potters**
37. An oxide of what element was traditionally used to create the pigment in blue-and-white pottery from China and the Islamic world?
A: **cobalt** (prompt on: Co)

Set of 4: TV on TV

38. The behind-the-scenes production of a fictional sketch comedy series is the subject of what show, inspired by Tina Fey's experience on SNL and named for the address of NBC Studios?
A: **30 Rock**
39. *The Days and Nights of Mrs. Pancakes* and *Gazorpazorpfield* are TV series from across the multiverse accessed via the interdimensional cable box in what animated show?
A: **Rick and Morty**
40. Jeff Daniels portrayed anchor Will McAvoy on what Aaron Sorkin drama about a fictional news show?
A: **The Newsroom**

41. What hyper-violent parody of *Tom and Jerry* do Bart and Lisa often watch on *The Simpsons*?
A: The **Itchy and Scratchy** Show

Set of 5: American Fashion Brands

42. What official sponsor of the US Olympic Team popularized the polo, which also names their best-selling line?
A: **Ralph Lauren**
43. What company, which closed all of its American locations in May 2025, was known for fast fashion and accessories aimed at women?
A: **Forever 21**
44. In the 1980s, what company became famous for their designer underwear lines?
A: **Calvin Klein**
45. Two terriers are holding a shield in the logo of what brand that rose to fame in the early 2000s for their luxury velour tracksuits?
A: **Juicy Couture**
46. What brand has recently faced controversy for allegedly using eugenic messaging in a campaign in which they state that actress Sydney Sweeney has "great jeans"?
A: **American Eagle** Outfitters

4-Part Blitz

47. The refrain "They know, they know, they know" is heard on what early Drake song?
A: **"Headlines"**
48. What two figures are depicted in the *Pieta*?
A: **Jesus Christ** (accept either bolded part) AND the Virgin **Mary**, Mother of God (accept: **Madonna**)
49. What two-word term refers to the failure of the Rayleigh-Jeans law to correctly predict experimental results at short wavelengths?
A: **ultraviolet catastrophe**
50. Four large examples of what kind of geographical feature make up the Indonesian island of Sulawesi?
A: **peninsulas**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Five-Letter Musical Words & Blood

Five-Letter Musical Words

51. Referred to as a pedal point when it serves a clear harmonic function, what term refers to a note held throughout a piece, often heard in bagpipe music?
A: **drone**
52. Hector Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* features what instrument as the soloist?
A: **viola**
53. Beethoven's *Rage over a Lost Penny* and Mozart's *Turkish March* are in what musical form?
A: **rondo**
54. What word refers to an alternate, usually easier version of a passage?
A: **ossia**

Blood

55. What A-word refers to the process of collecting one specific component of the blood and returning the rest to the body?
A: **apheresis**
56. Give both types of blood pressure that are typically measured.
A: **diastolic** blood pressure AND **systolic** blood pressure
57. What anion is the primary component of the blood's buffer system?
A: **bicarbonate** anion (accept: **hydrogencarbonate** anion, **HCO₃ minus**)
58. What copper-containing protein carries oxygen in the bloodstream of arthropods and molluscs?
A: **hemocyanin**

Set of 3: Indian Independence

59. What other country became independent from the British Raj at the same time as India?
A: **Pakistan**
60. Which two provinces of the Raj were themselves partitioned between India and Pakistan?
A: **Bengal** AND the **Punjab**
61. Upon independence, India initially did not control many of what quasi-independent monarchies that had never been officially integrated into the British Raj?
A: **Princely States**

Jailbreak

62. In the game *Pandemic*, what card causes the infection rate marker to move whenever it is drawn?
A: **Epidemic** card
63. What religion requires its followers to be lacto-vegetarian or vegan through its fundamental principle of ahimsa, commonly translated as non-violence?
A: **Jainism**
64. Currently on its fifth installment, in which its namesake festival was held in Mexico, what is the open world subseries of the *Forza* franchise?
A: *Forza* **Horizon**
65. What arm of the Mediterranean Sea lies directly north of Corsica?
A: **Ligurian** Sea
66. What Greek word for a suit of armor has come to mean a large and impressive array of something?
A: **panoply**
67. What word is used for a shift in mood between the octave and sestet of a sonnet?
A: **volta**
68. Who tore his Achilles and will be out for the entire 2025-26 season because of an incident during game 7 of the 2025 NBA finals?
A: Tyrese **Haliburton**
69. What expedition was launched as a reaction to the Council of Clermont, where Pope Urban II gave a speech supporting military action against the Seljuk Turks?
A: the **First Crusade** (prompt on: the **Crusades**)
70. What country's flag is held aloft by a bare-chested woman in the painting *Liberty Leading the People*?
A: **France**
71. The current monarch of what European country belongs to the House of Bernadotte?
A: **Sweden**

72. The life of Alexander Selkirk was an inspiration for what adventure narrative that follows a tropical island castaway?
A: **Robinson Crusoe**
73. What Kpop group sampled Paganini's *La Campanella* in their song "Shut Down"?
A: **Blackpink**
74. What element is commonly used for x-ray windows because of its low atomic number of 4?
A: **beryllium** (prompt on: Be)
75. Spell the name of the vegetable consisting of long red stalks with green leaves at the top: rhubarb ["ROO-barb"].
A: **R-H-U-B-A-R-B**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: What work of literature was defended by its author in the essay "Tragedy and the Common Man", which argues that ordinary people can be suitable tragic heroes?
77. Part 2: This play features a hallucinated character who tells his brother that "the jungle is dark, but full of diamonds".
78. Part 3: In Act II of this play, Howard Wagner fires the main character after refusing to give him a job in New York.
79. Part 4: Linda repeats "We're free" at the funeral of her husband Willy Loman, the titular character of this play by Arthur Miller.
A: **Death of a Salesman**

Set of 5: Spelling Names

80. Spell the first name of the actress who portrayed the titular Sacramento teenager in *Lady Bird*: Saoirse ["SURR-shuh"].
A: **S-A-O-I-R-S-E**
81. Spell the surname of the Pittsburgh Steelers' starting quarterback from 2004 to 2021: Roethlisberger ["ROTH-liss-bur-ger"].
A: **R-O-E-T-H-L-I-S-B-E-R-G-E-R**
82. Spell the surname of the philosopher who wrote *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* and introduced the concept of the Übermensch: Nietzsche ["NEETCH-uh"].
A: **N-I-E-T-Z-S-C-H-E**
83. Spell the surname of actor siblings Jake and Maggie: Gyllenhaal ["JILL-in-hall"].
A: **G-Y-L-L-E-N-H-A-A-L**
84. Spell the shared first name of the composer of *The Lark Ascending* and the actor who starred in *Conclave*: Ralph ["rayff"].
A: **R-A-L-P-H**

Set of 4: Galaxies

85. What generic name is given to galaxies whose shape does not fit into one of the major classifications?
A: **irregular**

86. With examples such as M87 and the Sombrero Galaxy, what one-word name is given to galaxies that are neither spiral nor irregular?
A: **elliptical**
87. Name both astronomers involved in a landmark 1920 debate on whether newly discovered “spiral nebulae” were galaxies of their own.
A: Harlow **Shapley** AND Heber **Curtis**
88. Coming from the Hawaiian for “immense heaven”, the Milky Way belongs to what galaxy supercluster?
A: **Laniakea** Supercluster

12-Part Blitz

89. Name either country where the Basque Region is found.
A: **France** OR **Spain**
90. Berserk Games publishes what Steam title that allows users to play board games with realistic physics and flip the table when they are done?
A: **Tabletop Simulator**
91. What small heat-resistant container with a lid is used to hold samples over a Bunsen burner?
A: **crucible**
92. The most recent Ramadan almost entirely overlapped with which Gregorian month?
A: **March** 2025
93. “Everything that Rises Must Converge” and “A Good Man Is Hard to Find” are short stories by what author?
A: Flannery **O'Connor**
94. What three-word name is given to an inefficient method involving looking at the keyboard and using only the index fingers to type?
A: **hunt and peck** (accept word forms)
95. What mountain's summit is the farthest point from the centre of the Earth, because of the Earth's bulge at the equator?
A: Mount **Chimborazo**
96. Though he ended up resigning before the building was complete, what architect included iconic white concrete shells in his design for the Sydney Opera House?
A: Jorn **Utzon**
97. What number appears in the names of the most prestigious tennis tournaments outside of the majors?
A: **1000**
98. The Italian word “grazie” [“GRAHTS-yeh”] means what in English?
A: **thank you** (accept: **thanks**)
99. Who was acquitted of racketeering and sex trafficking, but convicted of transportation for the purpose of prostitution, in a widely publicized summer 2025 trial?
A: **Diddy** (accept: **P. Diddy**, **Puff Daddy**, Sean **Combs**)
100. Who is the only Black woman to have won the Best Actress Oscar, winning for the 2001 drama *Monster's Ball*?
A: Halle **Berry**

END OF GAME