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PACK 14

5-Part Blitz

1. Named for the ability of players to sit side-by-side, what alliterative term describes video games in which both players share the same device?
A: **couch co-operative**
2. What large island lies due south of Taiwan and contains the city of Manila?
A: **Luzon**
3. What word derived from Japanese refers to the aesthetic blurry quality seen in the out-of-focus parts of a photo?
A: **bokeh**
4. The BWV catalogue, which begins with the cantatas and ends with the *Art of the Fugue*, contains all of the known works of what composer?
A: Johann Sebastian **Bach** (accept: J.S. **Bach**)
5. What country's government was often referred to as the Sublime Porte?
A: **Ottoman** Empire (accept: **Ottoman** Turkey, the **Ottomans**) (prompt on: Turkey)

Double Jump

6. In one second, one ampere of current delivers one of what S.I. unit of charge?
A: one **coulombs**
7. The ratio of the charge of 1 coulomb to the charge of one electron is equal to the ratio of 1 joule to 1 of what other unit of energy?
A: one **electronvolts** (prompt on: eV)

Double Jump

8. Ahriman opposes Ahura Mazda in what dualistic religion founded by a namesake Iranian prophet?
A: **Zoroastrianism**
9. In Zoroastrianism, the souls of the dead must cross what bridge that measures a person's asha, or righteousness?
A: **Chinvat** Bridge

4-Part Mystery

10. What is the first and last name of D.C. Comics burglar and Batman love interest Catwoman?
A: **Selina Kyle**
11. Chrétien de Troyes ["twah"] used what vehicle in the title of a chivalric romance poem to refer to the knight Lancelot?
A: **cart**
12. What actor is known for voicing the title character on *SpongeBob Squarepants*?
A: Tom **Kenny**

13. The title of what song by Eminem originated a slang term referring to someone who obsessively fixates over a person, group, or creative work?
A: **"Stan"**

Jackpot

14. Part 1: A song set during what conflict has the lyrics "And we would all go down together / We said we'd all go down together" in its chorus?
15. Part 2: A musical set during this conflict contains the songs "I Still Believe" and "Last Night of the World" and was inspired by a Giacomo Puccini opera.
16. Part 3: In a film set during this conflict, R. Lee Ermey's character nicknames an overweight recruit "Gomer Pyle" while berating him as a harsh drill sergeant.
17. Part 4: Captain Willard is sent to kill Colonel Kurtz in a Francis Ford Coppola film inspired by *Heart of Darkness* set during this conflict, *Apocalypse Now*.
A: **Vietnam War**

Set of 3: Very Long Words

18. What organs are affected in a disease with a 45-letter name?
A: **lungs**
19. Starring Dick van Dyke and Julie Andrews, what 1964 Disney film popularized a 34-letter word?
A: **Mary Poppins**
20. What six letters end all very long words used in British English to denote very short musical note durations, such as for a two hundred and fifty sixth note?
A: **-quaver**

5-Part Blitz

21. What character dated Justin Anderson and Dave Sanderson before marrying Ben Wyatt?
A: **Leslie Knope** (accept either bolded part)
22. The U.S.S.R. sponsored a "socialist" take on what existing art style?
A: **realism/realist**
23. The individual building block molecules that combine to form polymers are called what?
A: **monomers**
24. What city is home to the Stone Town World Heritage Site?
A: **Zanzibar** City
25. Who portrays a singer under the witness protection program who is forced to disguise herself as a nun in the film Sister Act?
A: Whoopi **Goldberg**

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Gemstones & Parts of Castles

Gemstones

26. Name both gem varieties of corundum.
A: **ruby** AND **sapphire**
27. The trisulphur radical anion gives the characteristic blue colour to what gemstone, which gives its name to many languages' words for "blue"?
A: **lapis lazuli**
28. Often found with inclusions, what gemstone is made of fossilized tree resin?
A: **amber**
29. What gemstone, made of lignite, gives its name to a very dark black?
A: **jet**

Parts of Castles

30. What kind of heavy, lattice-shaped gate was lifted or lowered to control movement into the castle?
A: **portcullises**
31. What large ditches dug around castles were sometimes filled with water?
A: **moats**
32. What "B"-word refers to the walls at the top of a castle consisting of alternating solid sections to hide behind and gaps from which projectiles could be fired?
A: **battlements**
33. Sometimes called a bottle dungeon, in what kind of hole were prisoners sent to die, with the only opening being at the top of a high ceiling?
A: **oubliettes**

Double Jump

34. Which ball must be sunk last in order to win a standard game of solids and stripes on a pool table, and is coloured black?
A: **8** ball
35. Which two pool balls are coloured yellow, one solid and one striped?
A: **1** ball AND **9** ball

Double Jump

36. What poet described a woman who looks out the window after Sir Lancelot passes, activating a curse that cracks her mirror and leads to her death, in "The Lady of Shallot", and wrote "Into the valley of Death / Rode the six hundred" in "The Charge of the Light Brigade"?
A: Alfred, Lord **Tennyson**
37. What other Tennyson poem uses a series of oceanic metaphors to describe death, such as "Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark!"?
A: **"Crossing the Bar"**

Set of 4: Mathematical Tools

38. What ancient tool made arithmetic calculations easier through its system of slidable beads?
A: **abacuses** (accept: **abaci**, **counting frames**)
39. Until the advent of calculators in the 1970s, what tool was commonly used to compute logarithms and roots as well as multiplication and division?
A: **slide rules**
40. What do the two letters stand for in the name of a graphing calculator ubiquitous in schools, the TI-84?
A: **Texas Instruments**

41. What word can mean a navigational instrument or a tool used to draw perfect circles?

A: **compasses**

Set of 3: Artemis 2

42. Consisting of the Crew Module and European Service Module, what is the name of the Artemis program's spacecraft?

A: **Orion** spacecraft (accept: **Orion** Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle)

43. The astronauts on Artemis 2 broke the distance from Earth record held by astronauts on what 1970 mission, which had to abort its moon landing?

A: **Apollo 13**

44. Born in London, Ontario, who was the sole Canadian on Artemis 2?

A: Jeremy **Hansen**

Linked Set of 6

45. What term refers to the leader of a diplomatic mission in a foreign country?

A: **ambassadors**

46. What Canadian city is the southern terminus of the Ambassador Bridge?

A: **Windsor**, Ontario

47. What articles of clothing are often worn using a Windsor knot?

A: **ties** (accept: **neckties**)

48. In the N.F.L., how much additional time is played after regulation if a regular season game ends in a tie?

A: **10 minutes** (prompt on: **10**)

49. In 2021, what musician released a short film to go along with a re-released version of a song known as the "10-minute version"?

A: Taylor **Swift**

50. With a title that has become synonymous with deadpan satire, what 1729 essay advocating for cannibalism was written by Jonathan Swift?

A: A **Modest Proposal**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Countries by Fauna & Young Adult Dystopian Novels

Countries by Fauna

Given three animals native to a country, name the country.

51. Anoa, babirusa, Komodo dragon.

A: **Indonesia**

52. Volcano rabbit, vaquita, axolotl.

A: **Mexico**

53. Tiger quoll, numbat, koala.

A: **Australia**

54. Walia ibex, mountain nyala, gelada baboon.

A: **Ethiopia**

Young Adult Dystopian Novels

55. In what novel do Alby and Newt lead an enclosure called the Glade, whose inhabitants are tasked with trying to solve an ever-changing labyrinth located outside?
A: *The **Maze Runner***
56. After Tris finds out she is Divergent, which faction does she decide to join?
A: **Dauntless**
57. Jonas receives training from what titular figure following his assignment as the Receiver of Memory in a novel by Lois Lowry?
A: The **Giver**
58. In the *Hunger Games* series, Tributes Chicory, Reaper Ash, and Rue all hail from what District?
A: District **11** (accept: **11th** District)

Set of 3: Borders

59. Excluding its quadripoint with Saskatchewan, name both provinces with which Nunavut shares land borders.
A: **Manitoba** AND **Newfoundland and Labrador**
60. Outside of Italy, what is the only landlocked country that borders a single country?
A: **Lesotho**
61. What two countries share a border on Hans Island?
A: **Canada** AND **Denmark**

Jailbreak

62. What composer fell into a deep depression after his failed first symphony, but rebounded three years later with his Piano Concerto number 2 in C minor?
A: Sergei **Rachmaninoff**
63. Which American state contains the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers, which eventually flow into the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean?
A: **Oregon**
64. The protagonist of Don DeLillo's novel *White Noise* primarily studies what historical figure?
A: Adolf **Hitler**
65. The mixed-race former slave Crispus Attucks was one of the victims of what event that would help to precipitate the American Revolution?
A: **Boston Massacre**
66. After being shot by Rick Murray, what character needed to use a wheelchair on *Degrassi: The Next Generation*?
A: **Jimmy Brooks** (accept either bolded part)
67. What profession's name originated during the Roman Empire, when individuals worked on lead pipes?
A: **plumbers** (accept: **plumbing**)
68. Saxophones play the descending notes E, C, A, F, to begin what jazz standard, which features prominent uses of its composer's namesake "changes"?
A: "**Giant Steps**"
69. What word can mean either a solution that conducts electricity through the movement of ions, or examples of those ions such as sodium and potassium?
A: **electrolytes**
70. What Austrian psychologist developed the concept of logotherapy based on his experience as a Holocaust survivor in *Man's Search for Meaning*?
A: Viktor **Frankl**
71. Give any year during which Alexander Mackenzie was prime minister of Canada.
A: accept any year from **1873** to **1878**, inclusive

72. What author used historical Scotland as the setting for his novels *The Heart of Midlothian* and *Ivanhoe*, part of his Waverly series?
A: Sir Walter **Scott**
73. In game 1 of the 2015 World Series, Alcides ["al-SEE-dess"] Escobar became only the fifth player in the live-ball era to do what in a World Series, after Yoenis Cespedes lost track of the ball in the stadium's lights?
A: hit an **inside-the-park home run**
74. A type of rain called "timefall" that accelerates time for anything it touches is central to what 2019 game by Hideo Kojima?
A: **Death Stranding**
75. Spell the word, originating from French, meaning sophisticated and charming, debonair.
A: **D-E-B-O-N-A-I-R**

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Jackpot

76. Part 1: The Wolf number provides a standardized way to count the number of what objects?
77. Part 2: Plotting the location of these objects over time creates butterfly diagrams.
78. Part 3: Gustav Sporer was the first to notice a dip in the number of these objects in a time period now named for Edward Maunder.
79. Part 4: The number of these regions varies on an 11-year cycle. They are often found near the source of coronal mass ejections.
A: **sunspots**

Streak

80. Name up to all of the countries who both fought for the Allies of World War One and initially entered on the side of the Axis in World War Two.
A: **Italy**
A: **Japan** (accept: Imperial **Japan**, **Japanese Empire**)
A: **Romania**
A: **Thailand** (accept: **Siam**)

Streak

82. Although two of them were only announced the day before, name up to all three of the albums released at midnight on May 15th, 2026 by Drake.
A: **Iceman**
A: **Maid of Honour**
A: **Habibti**

Streak

84. As announced this week, name up to all three finalists for the Hart Trophy as the N.H.L.'s most valuable player.
A: Connor **McDavid**

A: Nathan **MacKinnon**

A: Nikita **Kucherov**

Set of 4: Indian Cuisine

85. What food item is paired with cauliflower in aloo gobi?

A: **potatoes**

86. Originating from Maharashtra, what street food item consists of a deep-fried potato dumpling served between two buns?

A: **vada pav** (accept: **wada pao, pao wada**)

87. Dairy solids known as khoya are kneaded with flour, fried, and soaked in sugar syrup in what dessert?

A: **gulab jamun**

88. Often served with matar or palak, what ingredient is a type of non-melting cheese?

A: **paneer**

12-Part Blitz

89. A horse called Rocinante ["ro-see-NAHN-tay"], a squire named Sancho Panza, and the titular "man of La Mancha" appear in what novel by Miguel de Cervantes?

A: **Don Quixote**

90. What river that rises just north of the Yalu River is the longest tributary of the Amur?

A: **Songhua** River

91. In the 8th century B.C., Archias of Corinth founded what city?

A: **Syracuse**

92. In India, what one-word term collectively refers to the Indigenous tribal groups that are officially recognized as "Scheduled Tribes"?

A: **Adivasi** (accept: **Adibasi**)

93. If 8 teams play a single round-robin tournament, how many total games are played?

A: **28**

94. Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds are co-owners of what Welsh soccer club that is the subject of an ongoing documentary series?

A: **Wrexham** A.F.C.

95. What unusual physical features were seen on putti, small figures often depicted in Renaissance artwork?

A: **wings**

96. What anti-Western rebellion supported by Empress Dowager Cixi ["TSEE-shee"] resulted in the Eight-Nation Alliance defeating the Qing ["ching"] Dynasty?

A: **Boxer** Rebellion

97. The Bosphorus Strait connects the Black Sea to what smaller sea, where Istanbul sits?

A: Sea of **Marmara**

98. In what effect does a sigma bond help stabilize a nearby p orbital or pi bond, explaining the stability of more substituted carbocations?

A: **hyperconjugation**

99. What is the name of the character, equivalent to a double s, used in the German language that resembles a capitalized B?

A: **Eszett** (accept: **sharp S, scharfes S**)

100. What titular thing literally cracks in two and sinks into a lake at the end of an Edgar Allan Poe short story?

A: the **house of Usher** (prompt on: **house**)

END OF GAME