

Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #11 (Final)

First Quarter

5 Part Blitz

1. A capital 'G' is used as a symbol for what amount in French, borrowing from the SI prefix?

A: **billion** (Accept **milliard**)

2. What term refers to animals such as foxes and cats, which are active during the twilight hours?

A: **Crepuscular**

3. The south of France is the home of this physics megaproject, which upon its completion will be the largest fusion reactor on Earth.

A: International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor

4. This Whig president was a key supporter of Henry Clay's Compromise of 1850, and the last to be neither a Democrat nor Republican.

A: Millard **Fillmore**

5. What communication protocol is symbolized by a viking rune?

A: **Bluetooth**

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6. A monument featuring busts of six notable astronomers can be found outside of what observatory, which has featured in films such as *Rebel Without a Cause* and *La La Land*?

A: **Griffith** Observatory

7. In the season 3 finale of *Bojack Horseman*, what career aspiration does Sarah-Lynn express as she overdoses in the Griffith Observatory's planetarium?

A: "I wanna be an **architect**"

8. What is form said to follow in a popular maxim attributed to architect Louis Sullivan?

A: Form follows **function**

9. In computer programming, what term refers to functions which can be passed as arguments, returned by functions, and in general treated as any other entity?

A: **First class** (Accept **first order**)

10. Which rapper sampled Fergie's song "Glamorous" in his number one single "First Class"?

A: Jack **Harlow**

Jailbreak

11. First announced in 2019 with a slated release year of 2025, what is the subtitle of the followup to the 2017 metroidvania *Hollow Knight*?

A: Hollow Knight: **Silksong**

12. These objects were known to the ancient Greeks as “wanderers”, which gives us their contemporary name.

A: **Planets** (Pedant points for people who point out that ancient astronomers also applied this title to other entities.)

13. This Golden Age actress was notoriously reclusive and melancholic, earning her the moniker of the “Swedish Sphinx”.

A: Greta **Garbo**

14. Which people, whose raids were a frequent frustration to Roman ambitions in Great Britain, are best known for the carved stones left around Scotland?

A: **Picts**

15. In software licensing, what two attributes does the abbreviation “FOSS” refer to?

A: **Free** and **Open Source** Software

16. This Bayern Munich player was the first player to score for Canada in a men’s World Cup, and now serves as their captain.

A: Alphonso **Davies**

17. According to *The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy*, what activity can be accomplished by becoming distracted when falling, causing you to miss the ground?

A: **Flying**

18. Which spoken-word protest song against the Vietnam War includes the characters of a blind judge, Officer Opie and Alice?

A: **Alice’s Restaurant** Massacree (not a typo, that’s massacree with two ‘e’s).

19. Which country’s national football team’s nickname, “El Tri”, is derived from the three colours on their uniform, which is in turn taken from their national flag?

A: **Mexico**

20. This author of the *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* is the only person from his country to be named a Doctor of the Church, and is the patron saint of English Historians.

A: **Bede** The Venerable

21. Which no-longer-extant country had the principle of *Authenticité* enforced upon it by dictator Mobutu Sese Seko?

A: **Zaire**

22. Introduced in a report published in 1990, what metric is economist Mahbub ul Haq credited with introducing while working with the United Nations Development Programme?

A: **Human Development Index**

23. What piece of sports equipment can describe graphs in either economics or climatology, depending on orientation?

A: **Hockey stick** graphs

24. Which term, of which honeybees serve as a prime example, describes animals living in colonies who care for their young as a collective and divide work by reproduction?

A: **Eusocial**

25. Which casino game, which was wildly popular during the 19th century in much of Europe, was central to the Tranby Croft affair?

A: **Baccarat**

Second Quarter

Set of 5 on Goroawase

26. Goroawase refers to a type of wordplay in this language, and often makes use of numbers such as *ichi*, *ni*, *san* and *shi* as homophones.

A: **Japanese**

27. The number “39” is a quick way to type this two-word English phrase, which we might abbreviate as “ty”.

A: **Thank you** (3 = san, 9 = kyu)

28. The phrase “killing one’s brother” is a homophone of the numerical sequence 2-3-5-6-7, the hour-minute-second length of a day described by this term, which is used in astronomy and is based on the position of stars.

A: **Sidereal** day

29. This category of people take their name from a hand of cards, 8-9-3, and are frequently involved in gambling and other forms of organized crime.

A: **Yakuza**

30. The sequence 2-5-2-5 can be read out in this manner, which you might interpret as a Japanese video sharing platform, the first two words of a catchphrase from *Love Live!*, or just a term which refers to the act of smiling.

A: **Nico nico**

Jackpot

31. Part one, for forty points: One shade of this colour is given the name Rebecca in the CSS standard, in memory of the daughter of community member Eric Meyer.

Part two, for thirty points: Following a mass spraying with dye of this colour by police, a famous piece of graffiti in Apartheid-era South Africa asserted that people of this colour would govern.

Part three, for twenty points: In a conversation with Celie from a novel title for this colour, Shug states that she believes that “it pisses God off” when you walk by this colour and fail to notice it.

Part four, for ten points: Due to the generally high cost of production, this colour is widely associated with royalty, with a dye named for the city of Tyre being of particular renown.

A: **Purple**

8 Part Blitz

35. Name at least two of the twelve months of the French Republican calendar.

A: Accept any two of **Brumaire, Floréal, Frimaire, Fructidor, Germinal, Messidor, Nivôse, Pluviôse, Prairial, Thermidor, Vendémiaire, Ventôse**

36. Counting down from 501 is the most popular format for this game, which is often played in pubs.

A: **Darts**

37. What Spanish term is used in English to refer to the military dictatorships of places such as Myanmar?

A: **junta**

38. What two countries signed a memorandum of understanding in 1973 to combat the excessive number of plane hijackings redirecting flights in both directions?

A: The **United States of America** and **Cuba**

39. A species of an element with the same number of protons but a different number of neutrons can be referred to by what term?

A: **Isotope**

40. The sword “Green Destiny” is an important plot element in what wuxia film directed by Ang Lee?

A: **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon**

41. This action titles paintings by Edvard Munch, Gustav Klimt and Francesco Hayez, as well as a controversial 1896 film released by Thomas Edison’s film company.

A: The **Kiss**

42. “Fairy woman” is an approximate translation of the name of these Irish spirits, whose shrieks mean death is certain to come a-knocking.

A: **Banshee**

Splits on Canadian Senate and Science Fiction of the 1950s

Canadian Senate

43. Prior to this 1929 case, women were barred from serving in the Senate, as they were not seen as being the “qualified” version of these people.

A: **Persons** Case

44. This province is the only one to have a unique number of seats in the senate, at 4, which are currently occupied by Percy Downe, Brian Francis, Jane MacAdam and Mary Robinson.

A: **Prince Edward Island**

45. This three word phrase was first used by Sir John A. Macdonald, and refers to the fact that bills must pass both the House of Commons and Senate to become law.

A: **Sober Second Thought**

46. Name up to any two of the four parliamentary groups which, not including non-affiliated senators, make up the Senate.

A: Accept any two of **Canadian Senators** Group, **Conservative** Party, **Independent Senators** Group and **Progressive Senators** Group

Science Fiction of the 1950s

47. This novel by John Wyndham is likely set in the aftermath of a nuclear apocalypse, and follows a group of telepathic children who escape from their oppressive society to Zealand.

A: **The Chrysalids**

48. April 1959 saw the publishing of this short story, delivered to us by way of Charlie Gordon’s progress reports on the results of the experimental surgery performed on him.

A: **Flowers for Algernon**

49. Mechanical Hounds pursue the fireman Guy Montag in this novel by Ray Bradbury, named for what he was told was the autoignition point of paper.

A: **Fahrenheit 451**

50. This incredibly controversial novel by Heinlein introduces the idea of military service to earn full citizenship, and was later adapted into a biting satire by Paul Verhoven.

A: **Starship Troopers**

Third Quarter

Jackpot

51. Part one, for forty points: A gin-based cocktail named for the country was either invented or popularized in its Raffles Hotel, and usually features pineapple juice.

Part two, for thirty points: That cocktail shares its name with a particularly challenging turn found on this country's Formula One circuit.

Part three, for twenty points: That circuit first opened in 2008, where it became the first to host a Formula One night race.

Part four, for ten points: This country's Marina Bay track is one of two street circuits built in city-states, with the other being the notorious Circuit de Monaco.

A: **Singapore**

Double Jump

55. This sort of man is described as "a guy that thinks he's fly" and is also "known as a 'busta" in a number one single where the singers state that they "won't get no love" from them.

A: a **scrub**

56. "No Scrubs" is by TLC, an R&B group composed of these three women (legal or nicknames are acceptable).

A: Tionne **Watkins** (Accept **T-Boz**), Lisa **Lopes** (Accept **Left Eye**), and Rozonda **Thomas** (Accept **Chilli**)

Double Jump

57. The practice of redistricting to give an artificial advantage to a particular political party is known by what portmanteau combining the name of its inventor with that of a small amphibian?

A: **Gerrymandering**

58. These two rhyming techniques, which describe splitting up opposition voting districts and combining those of supporters, are fundamental tools in gerrymandering.

A: **Cracking** and **Packing**

Splits on People With The First Name Franz and Recent United States Shenanigans Which We Now Call Politics

People With The First Name 'Franz'

59. The concept of 'animal magnetism' was proposed by this man, which would later develop into the idea of hypnotism, an action with which he is literally synonymous.

A: Franz **Mesmer**

60. Mesmer is not the only Franz to have his name become a word unto itself, as this author's tales of Byzantine systems such as *The Castle* and *The Trial* have led to his name being used to describe these situations.

A: Franz **Kafka**

61. Following an earlier failed attempt on his life, this man's car made an unfortunate wrong turn down a street in Sarajevo, leading to millions of deaths.

A: Archduke Franz **Ferdinand** Carl Ludwig Joseph Maria of Austria

62. The modern-day defensive libero position was pioneered by this German player, who was known as *Der Kaiser*.

A: Franz **Beckenbauer**

Recent United States Shenanigans Which We Now Call Politics

63. What name was given to the Signal group chat that Atlantic editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg was accidentally added to in March 2025?

A: **Houthi PC small group**

64. An increased chance of mutation is just one criticism of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr's plan for dealing with this illness, which is responsible for America's sky-high egg prices.

A: **Avian influenza** (Accept **Avian flu** or **bird flu**)

65. President Trump proclaimed April 2nd as this day, before valiantly body slamming the markets with broad, sweeping tariffs.

A: **Liberation Day**

66. While 'Liberation Day' has drawn the ire of citizens from many different territories, one which did not offer many complaints was these Australian islands, which are broadly populated by seabirds, seals and penguins.

A: **Heard and McDonald Islands**

Streaks (12 answers total)

67. *Note: Former location, new location, former name and new name are all acceptable.* Name up to all three teams in the NHL's history which moved from Canadian cities to American cities.

A: **Ottawa Senators** (Which became the **St. Louis Eagles**), **Quebec Nordiques** (Which became the **Colorado Avalanche**) and the **Winnipeg Jets** (Which became the **Arizona Coyotes** (RIP))

68. Name up to both countries which, as of April 10th, 2025, have joined the United Nations in the past twenty years.

A: **Montenegro** and **South Sudan** (Extra weird fun fact, did you know Switzerland didn't join until 2002? Very committed to that neutrality of theirs.)

69. Name up to seven of the structures colloquially included in the list of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (I have eight listed here).

A: **Colossus of Rhodes** (prompt on "Colossus"), **Gate of Ishtar** (Accept **Walls of Babylon**), **Great Pyramids of Giza**, **Hanging Gardens of Babylon** (Prompt on "Hanging Gardens"), **Lighthouse of Alexandria**, **Mausoleum at Halicarnassus** (Accept **Tomb of Mausolus**), **Statue of Zeus at Olympia** (prompt on "Statue of Zeus"), **Temple of Artemis** (Accept **Artemision**, **Artemisium** or **Temple of Diana**),

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72. This son of Antipater the Idumaean was appointed ruler of his land by the Romans, and is broadly remembered as a cruel despot.

A: **Herod The Great** (Accept **Herod I**. Prompt on "Herod".)

73. Herod's kingdom was mostly composed of this region, which contains Jerusalem, and derives its names from the same source as the Jewish people.

A: **Judea**

74. While Herod was known for many construction projects, the most notable was his expansion of this structure, which would later go on to be destroyed in the siege of Jerusalem.

A: **Second Temple**

75. Herod may be best known in Christian cultures for this incident in the Gospel of Matthew, in which he attempted to prevent Jesus from usurping him by simply killing every child under the age of two in Bethlehem.

A: **Massacre of the Innocents** (Accept **Slaughter of the Innocents**)

Fourth Quarter

Splits on Law and Schools and Hip Hop Trios

Law and Schools

76. The Tinker test evaluates whether the actions of a US public school official has caused a student to suffer a substantial disruption to this right.

A: **Free speech** (Accept **first amendment**)

77. This principle permits schools to act in the manner they deem is best for their children, and translates to “in the place of a parent”.

A: **In Loco Parentis**

78. The Ontario Ministry of Education’s Memorandum 131 discusses this practice, which the US-based HSLDA pushes to deregulate in reaction to increased secularization.

A: **Homeschooling** (Accept equivalents)

79. The case of *Oršuš and others v. Croatia*, which was heard by the European Court of Human Rights, found that creating classes composed exclusively of people of this ethnicity violated their rights to education.

A: **Romani**

Hip Hop Trios

80. Jam Master Jay was the unnamed third member of this legendary group, who brought in the Golden Age of Hip Hop with songs such as “It’s Tricky” and “My Adidas”.

A: **Run DMC**

81. Jonathan Snipes and William Hutson are the producers for this experimental hip-hop group, whose lyrics are written and rapped by the lightning-fast Daveed Diggs.

A: **clipping.**

82. Parallel to the rise of gangsta rap were these pioneers of the alternative scene, who combined jazz-inspired instrumentation with peace and love lyrics on songs like “Can I Kick It?” and “Check the Rhime”.

A: **A Tribe Called Quest**

83. Another highlight of alternative rap was this group fronted by Lauryn Hill, which derived its name from the word “refugees”.

A: **Fugees**

Linked Set of 7

84. This element of a firearm is responsible for taking a cartridge through the loading, firing and reloading process, and comes in varieties like automatic, pump and lever.

A: **Action**

85. This Greek term can be translated as “action”, and is used in both academia and revolutionary politics to describe the application of theory or knowledge.

A: **Praxis**

86. The later installments of this cyberpunk video game franchise allow you to upgrade your character’s abilities with praxis points.

A: **Deus Ex**

87. A god from one of these things is the literal translation of the phrase “deus ex machina”.

A: **Machine**

88. “Have a Cigar” was the other side of the release for this band’s “Welcome to the Machine”, both off of their ninth album *Wish You Were Here*.

A: **Pink Floyd**

89. A large inflatable version of this animal features prominently in Pink Floyd shows, and titles three songs from their album *Animals*.

A: **Pig**

90. Stalin and Trotsky are analogized to the pigs Napoleon and Snowball in this novel by George Orwell.

A: **Animal Farm**

10 Part Blitz

91. Which demi-god is the claimed ancestor of the Spartan Agiad dynasty?

A: **Heracles**

92. Which American city is the setting of television series such as *Invincible* and *The Bear*?

A: **Chicago**

93. Which Canadian company is known for their massive 1.43 to 1 ratio film?

A: **IMAX**

94. Which team was able to secure their third championship title after defeating the Houston Cougars on April 7, 2025?

A: **Florida Gators**

95. This man directed the film adaptation of the musical *Tick Tick... Boom*, and rose to prominence with the musicals *In The Heights* and *Hamilton*.

A: Lin-Manuel **Miranda**

96. What profession was held by Vesna Vulović, who holds the dubious distinction for farthest fall survived without a parachute?

A: **Flight attendant**

97. This gothic horror novella, which fit into a tradition of fireside ghost stories told during the holidays, tells the story of a governess caring for two children in an old manor located in the town of Bly, Essex.

A: ***The Turn of the Screw***

98. This song originates from the Brecht and Weill musical *The Threepenny Opera*, and begins by comparing its titular character to a shark.

A: The Ballad of **Mack the Knife** (Accept **Die Moritat von Mackie Messer**)

99. The film *Past Lives* features immigrants between these two countries, exemplified by its director, Celine Song.

A: **South Korea** and **Canada**

100. Based on a book series of the same name by Kass Morgan, which CW science-fiction series follows the return of a titular group of survivors to a post-apocalyptic earth?

A: ***The 100***