

Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #6

Note: I'm rushing this one for reasons, so it's a bit more trash-heavy than it should be. There are also one or two repeated answer lines from prior packs (different questions, same answer). Nevertheless, enjoy!

First Quarter

5 Part Blitz

1. What brand of dental hygiene products is named for a surgeon who revolutionized his field with the use of antiseptics?

A: **Listerine**

2. What officials, abbreviated as "RO", are responsible for overseeing elections in a parliamentary democracy?

A: **Returning officer**

3. Which keyboard character is referred to as "worm-like" in Thai, and as "commercial" in Canadian French?

A: **@ (at symbol)**

4. What daytime talk show features "Kellyoke" at the beginning of episodes?

A: ***The Kelly Clarkson Show***

5. What American city is the stated destination of the narrator in the third verse of the White Stripes' *Seven Nation Army*?

A: **Wichita**

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6. This national park in Washington State, found on a peninsula of the same name, features Pacific coastline, a temperate rainforest, and snow-capped mountains visible from Seattle.

A: **Olympic National Park**

7. This last name is shared by the founder of the Westboro Baptist Church and the all-time record holder for most Olympic medals.

A: **Phelps**

8. After informing him of his son's death, the first question Frank asks this boss of George Costanza is why he traded Jay Buhner for Ken Phelps.

A: George **Steinbrenner**

9. George M. Steinbrenner Field is the current home of this MLB team, whose Tropicana Field was damaged by Hurricane Milton.

A: **Tampa Bay Rays** (Accept city or team name)

10. This type of condiment is produced by Sweet Baby Ray's.

A: **Barbecue Sauce**

Jailbreak

11. *Out of Time* marked this band's evolution from college rock stations to widespread success, carried by singles such as "Near Wild Heaven" and "Losing My Religion".

A: **R.E.M.**

12. What dialogue-free Latvian animated film made in Blender follows a black cat exploring a post-apocalyptic landscape?

A: **Flow** (Accept **Straume**)

13. A 2009 flyby by a vehicle which normally uses this callsign over the Statue of Liberty prompted widespread panic among unaware citizens of New York City.

A: **Air Force One** (Prompt on "Boeing 747" or "Boeing VC-25" by asking "what would its call sign be in normal usage?". Reject "plane" because yeah, obviously it's a plane.)

14. What foodstuff is lost after "somebody sneezed" in a 1963 parody of the American folk song "On Top Of Old Smokey"?

A: **Meatball**

15. These fast moving thunderstorms, which take their name from the Spanish for "straight", are accompanied by devastating winds, and can travel hundreds of kilometers.

A: **Derechos**

16. *OD* is an upcoming project from Jordan Peele and this game designer, who also created *Death Stranding* and the *Metal Gear Solid* franchise.

A: Hideo **Kojima**

17. What biblical curse found in Genesis was used as a justification for segregation by many American Christians?

A: **Mark of Cain** (Accept **Curse of Cain** but that's less common)

18. What disease, a common cause of death among children prior to the 20th century, is the reason that the Velveteen Rabbit must be burnt?

A: **Scarlet fever** (Accept **Scarlatina**)

19. What sorts of formations are the products of orogeny?

A: **Mountains** (Accept **Volcanoes** because those also happen)

20. What form of taxation was introduced to fund both the French Revolutionary and American Civil wars?

A: **Income** tax

21. The pia mater, dura mater and arachnoid mater are given what name?

A: **Meninges**

22. *Paula* was a complete critical and commercial failure for this artist, who achieved worldwide success with his single "Blurred Lines".

A: Robin **Thicke**

23. Samuel Beckett and Eugène Ionesco were both cited as being representatives of what concept introduced by Martin Esslin?

A: **Theatre of the Absurd**

24. What ice hockey-adjacent sport popular in Europe is played on a rink comparable in size to a soccer pitch?

A: **Bandy**

25. Roquefort and Stilton are both examples of what variety of cheese?

A: **Blue** cheese

Second Quarter

Set of 5 on Shin Sang-ok

26. Sang-ok worked in this industry along with his wife Choi Eun-hee, also the industry of choice for fellow countrymen Park Chan-wook and Bong Joon Ho

A: **Film** (Accept equivalents)

27. In 1978, Sang-ok and Eun-hee were kidnapped on the orders of this man, who wanted to accelerate his country's film industry, and had previously created propaganda films in support of his father, Kim Il Sung.

A: **Kim Jung Il**

28. Of the 8 films Sang-ok produced for North Korea, one of the most notorious was *Pulgasari*, which capitalized on the success of this kaiju film franchise.

A: **Godzilla**

29. Following the release of *Pulgasari*, Shin and Choi travelled to Vienna, where they successfully escaped North Korean custody by fleeing into one of these buildings owned by the United States.

A: **Embassy**

30. After resettling in the United States, Sang-ok continued his career directing, including two sequels to this critically reviled cult hit about brothers who learn ninjutsu from their Japanese grandfather.

A: **3 Ninjas**

Jackpot

31. Part one, for forty points: A retelling of a story about this group of people by the Roman poet Statius reaches close to ten thousand lines in length, and begins by describing “Pierian fire”.

Part two, for thirty points: A group of men known as the Epigoni are said to have returned to finish this group’s mission some years later, and are said to be their offspring.

Part three, for twenty points: The Sophocles play *Antigone* directly continues based on the ending of a work depicting this group of people, with the titular character looking to bury a member of this group.

Part four, for ten points: This group of people from Argos siege a city at the behest of Polynices, but are repelled by his brother Eteocles in what is ultimately a pyrrhic victory.

A: the **Seven against Thebes**

8 Part Blitz

35. With the younger being drafted by the Lakers in 2024, who are the only father-son duo to play in the NBA?

A: **LeBron James** and **Bronny James** (Accept **LeBron James Sr.** and **LeBron James Jr.**)

36. What order of crustaceans, whose name comes from them having ten feet, are Larry and Mister Krabs on the television show *Spongebob Squarepants*?

A: **Decapods**

37. What title did Romana Didulo lay claim to while instructing supporters to murder healthcare workers, and taking over an abandoned school in Saskatchewan?

A: **Queen of Canada**

38. Vesak is the celebration of which man, the founder of the religion to which the celebration belongs?

A: Gautama **Buddha**

39. What “f” term refers to the soft spots in a child’s skull that allows room for brain growth?

A: **Fontanelle**

40. Which Prussian ruler penned an essay decrying Machiavelli’s *The Prince* shortly after his ascension to the throne in 1740?

A: **Frederick II** (Accept **Frederick the Great**)

41. In what video game might a player navigate around tough corners by executing a T-spin?

A: **Tetris**

42. In the scoring of music, what is meant by the initialism SATB?

A: **Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass**

Splits on Late 19th & Early 20th Century Medical Developments and Female Directors

Late 19th & Early 20th Century Medical Developments

43. Louis Pasteur was instrumental in developing these treatments, which differ from inoculation in that, when they do employ the disease vector, they use a weakened or dead version.

A: **Vaccines**

44. Though they had unintentionally been produced as early as 1785, the first Nobel prize in physics went to the formal discovery of this phenomenon, which was applied to medicine almost immediately.

A: **X-Rays**

45. Human cells’ lack of a cell wall means that this antibiotic, discovered following a fortuitous fungal contamination, is harmless to humans, but prevents many bacteria from replicating.

A: **Penicillin**

46. Though some dogs served as experimental subjects, Leonard Thompson was the first person to be treated with this substance, which successfully staved off his type 1 diabetes for over 13 years.

A: **Insulin**

Female Directors

47. Following her success with the biopic *I Shot Andy Warhol*, Mary Harron was picked to direct the adaptation of this Bret Easton Ellis novel, which starred then up-and-coming actor Chrisitan Bale.

A: **American Psycho**

48. This woman directed a number of well received thrillers throughout the late 80s and early 90s, including the gloriously cheesy *Point Break*, and went on to win a directing Oscar for her war film *The Hurt Locker*

A: Kathryn **Bigelow**

49. This innovative German is mainly remembered for her collaborations with the Nazi party, producing a documentary about their Olympics and, perhaps most notably, *Triumph of the Will*.

A: Leni **Riefenstahl**

50. This director of *Lost In Translation* began her film career at less than one year old in her father's film *The Godfather*.

A: Sophia **Coppola**

Third Quarter

Jackpot

51. Part one, for forty points: Book 3 of Silius Italicus' *Punica* recounts the myth of how this region received its name, with Hercules's cries of grief at the death of a princess ringing throughout the land.

Part two, for thirty points: A series of forts sometimes referred to as the "P Line" were constructed in this region throughout the 1940s, to guard against an invasion following the conclusion of World War 2.

Part three, for twenty points: Following the ascension of Philip V to the throne, Louis XIV is claimed to have said that this region no longer existed.

Part four, for ten points: The principality of Andorra can be found in the eastern portion of this mountain range, which creates a natural border between Spain and France.

A: **Pyrenees**

Double Jump

55. With what category of writing would we associate phrases such as "Hurt/Comfort", "Fluff", "Angst" and "Dead Dove"?

A: **Fanfiction**

56. When reading fanfiction, what does the abbreviation "AN" denote?

A: **Author's Note**

Double Jump

57. What type of material can be placed into categories on the periodic table such as alkali, alkaline earth and lanthanide?

A: **Metals**

58. The Wiedemann-Franz law relates two versions of this attribute, which metals have in high quantity, due to the large amount of free electrons they contain.

A: **Conductivity** (accept equivalents)

Splits on Syria and Amusement Park Rides

Syria

59. Syria is located in this Middle Eastern region, which also commonly includes Lebanon, Israel and Palestine.

A: **Levant**

60. Straight Street, which is cited by many as the former home of the Apostle Paul, can be found in this city, also the most populous and capital city of Syria.

A: **Damascus**

61. Syria's flag features two of these shapes of this colour.

A: **Green** five-pointed **stars** (prompt on "stars" by asking "what colour?" IF they answered BEFORE "this" was read.)

62. Name either the current president or current prime minister of Syria.

A: Mohammed al-**Bashir** and Ahmed al-**Sharaa**

Amusement Park Rides

63. Shanghai is the only Disneyland to not have a version of this ride, which was first constructed as the centerpiece for Tomorrowland following its 1967 renovation.

A: **Space Mountain** (anti-prompt on "Hyperspace Mountain" or "Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain")

64. (Note: read carefully) Acrophobia, AtmosFear, Doctor Doom's Fearfall and *The Twilight Zone* Tower of Terror are all what genre of theme park ride?

A: **Drop towers** (accept **free-fall towers**, anti-prompt on "Gyro tower")

65. Chicago's 1893 World's Fair saw the first version of this ride to be constructed from steel, standing at a breathtaking 80 meters tall and taking its name from its designer, George.

A: **Ferris Wheel**

66. The "Old Mill" genre of ride was also known by this more suggestive name, alluding to its passengers' propensity for romantic shenanigans.

A: **Tunnel of Love**

Streaks (12 answers total)

67. Name up to all ten of the films nominated for Best Picture at the 97th Academy Awards, which were held on the 2nd of March, 2025.

A: **Anora, The Brutalist, A Complete Unknown, Conclave, Dune: Part Two, Emilia Perez, I'm Still Here, Nickel Boys, The Substance, Wicked**

68. Name up to both daughters of current US President Donald Trump.

A: **Ivana** Trump (Accept **Ivanka**) and **Tiffany** Trump

Set of 4 on A Capella Music

72. Humming and whistling from legendary vocalist Bobby McFerrin are the only backing for this "little song he wrote", which you might want to "sing note for note"- the only a cappella song to top the Billboard Hot 100.

A: **Don't Worry, Be Happy**

73. In addition to a cover of *Papaoutai* that I, the writer, cannot stand, this a cappella pop group released the wildly successful holiday album *That's Christmas to Me* after winning season 3 of *The Sing Off*.

A: **Pentatonix**

74. 1994 saw the incredibly bizarre double platinum success of *Chant*, an album which made use of this style of a cappella singing, as performed by Benedictine monks.

A: **Gregorian Chanting**

75. Porkpie hats and striped jackets are the stereotypical dress for performers in this genre, who commonly harmonize in groups of four.

A: **Barbershop**

Fourth Quarter

Splits on Golf Records (Mainly PGA) and Specific Dates in Song Lyrics

Golf Records (Mainly PGA)

76. This legendary golfer has numerous records to his name, including oldest winner of a PGA Tour, and a tie with Tiger Woods for most overall PGA Tour wins.

A: Sam **Snead**

77. Tiger Woods has won 15 major golf championships, second only to this man, also known as the Golden Bear.

A: Jack **Nicklaus**

78. This man holds the record for most consecutive PGA Tour wins, and names one of the only two PGA tournaments to be named for a person.

A: Byron **Nelson** (the other is Arnold Palmer, if you were curious)

79. When playing at the 2016 Travelers Championship, Jim Furyk hit this total score, the lowest ever seen in a PGA tournament, and two below what is seen as the benchmark for an exceptional round of golf.

A: **58**

Specific Dates in Song Lyrics

80. This iconic opening line is the start of a question that ends “21st night of September?” in an Earth, Wind and Fire song.

A: **Do you remember?**

81. In a song about wishing he was the namesake girl, this day in December is remembered by Conan Gray, as he was wearing “your sweater”.

A: **3rd** of December

82. The 3rd of September is a day the narrator will always remember, as it was the day that this man, the titular “Rolling Stone” in a song famously covered by The Temptations, died.

A: **Papa** (Accept equivalents. Accept **Papa** Was A Rolling Stone.)

83. On his song “Pray”, Kendrick Lamar raps about the metaphorical “birth” of this man on February 24th, 1970, when his family's band released their second number one single, ‘ABC’.

A: **Michael Jackson** (Prompt on Jackson)

Linked Set of 7

84. What type of card must be tapped to obtain mana in Magic: The Gathering?

A: **Land**

85. What specific Palestinian region is the subject and setting of the documentary “No Other Land”?

A: **West Bank**

86. The West Bank is named in relation to what body of water?

A: River **Jordan**

87. Which city's double-A White Sox affiliate did Michale Jordan play for following his brief retirement from the NBA in 1993?

A: **Birmingham** Barons

88. Birmingham's civil rights movement faced serious opposition from racists, who employed many many of these devices, including one planted outside the 16th Street Baptist Church.

A: **Bombs**

89. This British cosmetics retailer, which maintains a strict policy of cruelty-free, vegetarian products, is the originator of the bath bomb.

A: **Lush**

90. *Lush* is the debut album of this beloved American indie artist behind *Be The Cowboy* and *Laurel Hell*.

A: **Mitski**

10 Part Blitz

91. Chukotka is the northernmost of these Russian regions, which are meant to provide a place and increased freedoms for the land's indigenous peoples.

A: **Autonomous okrug** (Prompt on "okrug" or "national okrug")

92. What potassium-sparing diuretic is often prescribed as an anti-androgen to people undergoing hormone therapy in North America?

A: **Spironolactone** (Accept **Aldactone**. Prompt on "spiro".)

93. What casino names a problem solving method in which random samples are generated to model difficult-to-predict systems?

A: **Monte Carlo**

94. The winner of the 2024 Tony award for Best Musical was an adaptation of this S. E. Hinton novel, also adapted into a film starring many up-and-coming male actors of the 1980s.

A: **The Outsiders**

95. Which 19th century vessel was found adrift and abandoned off the Azores, leading to an enduring mystery as to the fate of its crew?

A: **Mary Celeste**

96. Musician and YouTuber Jack Conte is the co-founder and current CEO of what internet subscription platform?

A: **Patreon**

97. Despite being 38 years old, the main character of a Tragically Hip song has yet to perform this action, which was enjoyed by Katy Perry in her debut single.

A: **kissing a girl** (prompt on “kissing” by asking “kissing who?”)

98. This mathematician’s conjecture, which was proven true in 2002, stated that every topological manifold in three-dimensional space which meets certain criteria is homeomorphic to the three-dimensional sphere.

A: Henri **Poincaré**

99. The Armenian god Aramazd is widely thought to derive from this creator god of Zoroastrianism.

A: **Ahura Mazda**

100. “Music To Refine To” is an 8 hour YouTube video published by Apple TV themed around this science fiction show revolving around the struggle between “innies” and “outies”.

A: **Severance**