

Nic's Consensus Tournament - Pack #8

First Quarter

5 Part Blitz

1. Soul musician Isaac Hayes became the first African American to win a music-based Oscar for his theme to which 1972 blaxploitation film?

A: **Shaft**

2. What condition, characterized by high blood pressure and an increase in proteins in urine, can progress to namesake seizures resulting in the death of both mother and child?

A: **Pre-eclampsia**

3. Which Norse god is associated with hunting and skiing?

A: **Ullr**

4. Electricity generated by inducing mechanical stress on certain crystals is referred to by what term?

A: **Piezoelectricity**

5. With examples like "aw", "oi" and "ow", what 'd' word refers to the various sounds made by transitioning from one vowel to another in a word?

A: **Diphthong**

Linked Set of 5

6. What highly viscous substance is the subject of several long running experiments proving it to be a liquid via the formation of drops?

A: **Pitch** (Prompt on "bitumen")

7. What style of singing is featured in the film series *Pitch Perfect*?

A: **A cappella**

8. What language is the term "a cappella" borrowed from?

A: **Italian**

9. *The Italian Job* famously features what brand of vehicles careening through the streets, stairs and sewers of Turin?

A: **Mini Cooper**

10. Which American bandleader co-wrote and first recorded "Minnie The Moocher"?

A: Cabell **Calloway** III

Jailbreak

11. The coat of arms of Indonesia and Thailand both feature what bird-like mount of Vishnu?

A: **Garuda** (Accept **Vainateya**)

12. The figure-eight symbol used to represent infinity is also referred to by what term?

A: **Lemniscate**

13. What deep-fried dessert created in 2013 was premiered in New York at its creator's eponymous SoHo bakery?

A: **Cronut**

14. What adjective is used to refer to the round table seat which cannot be occupied without danger, except by the knight destined to one day retrieve the Holy Grail?

A: Siege **Perilous**

15. What feat did Nolan Ryan perform four times in under three years while playing for the California Angels?

A: **No-hitter** (Accept **no-no**)

16. Which set of consecutive wars saw some of the earliest use of aircraft in a major conflict?

A: **Balkan Wars**

17. Which computer parts manufacturer, briefly the most valuable company on earth, is famous for its GeForce line of GPUs?

A: **Nvidia**

18. Which Greek letter is traditionally used when writing down a summation?

A: **Sigma**

19. What Chinese philosopher's name can be literally translated as "Old Master"?

A: **Laozi**

20. What is the value of 2 choose 1?

A: **2**

21. What component of a DSLR is missing from a DSLM?

A: **Mirror** (prompt on "prism", because yes, technically true most of the time, but the M is for mirrorless, if they know there's no prism they should know that.)

22. A media circus emerged following the death of Virginia Rappe at the home of which actor ultimately acquitted of her rape and manslaughter?

A: Roscoe "Fatty" **Arbuckle**

23. Which country is legislated via the Bundesrat and Bundestag?

A: **Germany**

24. What semitic term, used to refer to a Canaanite fertility god, is also used to refer to a demon in some Christian texts?

A: **Baal**

25. Which Ancient Greek thinker was known as the laughing philosopher?

A: **Democritus**

Second Quarter

Set of 5

26. Having run continuously since 1969, what television show was developed by The Children's Television Workshop in collaboration with puppeteer Jim Henson?

A: **Sesame Street**

27. This state's Commission for Education Television refused to air *Sesame Street*, on the grounds that residents were unprepared for the racial harmony it depicted.

A: **Mississippi**

28. The basement of 123 Sesame Street is the home of this duo, who have long had rumours surrounding the nature of their relationship.

A: **Bert** and **Ernie**

29. Standing at over eight feet tall, the only resident of Sesame Street to obtain a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame is this feathery yellow fellow.

A: **Big Bird**

30. Big Bird is central to episode 1839 of *Sesame Street*, which deals with the death of this long-time resident shopkeeper.

A: Mr. **Hooper** (Prompt on rhyming Mr. "ooper" names such as "Mr. Cooper" or "Mr. Looper")

Jackpot

31. Part one, for forty points: The Westinghouse company created two of these devices for the 1939 and 1964 New York World's Fairs.

Part two, for thirty points: A swimming pool at Oglethorpe University was converted into one of these devices, and was sealed in 1940.

Part three, for twenty points: One of these devices was found in the pedestal of a Robert E. Lee statue removed in 2021, which contained, among other things, an almanac and some coins.

Part four, for ten points: These devices are commonly sealed and buried for tens, hundreds or thousands of years, in the hopes that future generations may unseal them and learn from their contents.

A: **Time capsules**

8 Part Blitz

35. The passing of the Volstead Act officially began what dry period of American history?

A: **Prohibition**

36. *Naegleria fowleri* is known to infect what organ, which in its common name, it is said to eat?

A: **Brain**

37. Harper Lee was a lifelong friend of which author of *In Cold Blood* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*?

A: Truman **Capote**

38. Louboutin shoes have what distinguishing feature?

A: **Red** lacquer **soles** (Prompt on “red” or “soles”. Accept **bottom** in place of soles.)

39. What term refers to the pointless, repetitive behaviours which are sometimes observed in animals in captivity?

A: **Stereotypy** (Accept permutations such as **stereotypic behaviours**. Prompt on “stimming”)

40. What street in London, also the site of the Beatles' final rooftop show, is famous for its bespoke tailors?

A: **Savile Row**

41. (Note to reader: please try your best) Which 20th century writer created the incredibly challenging to pronounce phrase “Ph’nglui mglw’nafh Cthulhu (KUH-THU-LOO) R’lyeh wgah’nagl fhtagn”?

A: Howard Phillips **Lovecraft**

42. The only portion of World War 2 to be arguably fought on North American soil was a fight for these islands, which make up the northernmost point of the Ring of Fire.

A: **Aleutian** Islands

Splits on Brainerd, Minnesota and Lead up to the Iraq War

Brainerd, Minnesota

43. Brainerd is the starting and ending location of this Coen Brothers film, which is titled for this city, twinned with Moorhead, Minnesota.

A: **Fargo**

44. Brainerd is the headquarters of this urban planning organization founded by Charles Marohn, which advocates for better walkability over suburbs and highway expansion, as well as greater accounting transparency.

A: **Strong Towns**

45. The First National Bank of Brainerd was robbed in 1933 by this public enemy number one, who later teamed up with John Dillinger before dying in a shootout with the FBI in 1934.

A: Lester Joseph **Gillis** (Accept **George Nelson** or **Baby Face Nelson**, prompt on "Nelson")

46. Brainerd is one of many towns divided by this river, whose headwaters, Lake Itasca, lies 70 miles northwest.

A: **Mississippi**

Lead up to the Iraq War

47. A major justification for the war was a report released by Italy's intelligence agency, which falsely claimed that Iraq was attempting to purchase uranium from this country.

A: **Niger**

48. After being granted the right to pursue military action 6 months earlier, this man cited that report during his 2003 State of The Union Address, before later launching Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A: George **W. Bush** (Reject "H. W. Bush". Prompt on "Bush". Accept **Bush II**. Accept **Bush 43**. Accept **Bush Junior**. Accept **Dubya**.)

49. Another complaint cited during that address was Iraq's apparent evasiveness with this organization's Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission.

A: **United Nations**

50. On February 15th, an estimated three million people took to the streets of this city, the capital of the country whose intelligence agency released the fraudulent Niger report.

A: **Rome**

Third Quarter

Jackpot

51. Part one, for forty points: In 2024, NASA announced it had approved the budget for Dragonfly, a probe which is set to arrive at and explore this body by 2034.

Part two, for thirty points: That announcement came 20 years after the landing of a probe on this body during the Cassini mission.

Part three, for twenty points: That probe was named after Christiaan Hyugens, who discovered this moon in 1655 when trying to study the rings of the planet it orbits.

Part four, for ten points: Second only to Ganymede in our solar system, this is the largest moon of Saturn.

A: **Titan**

Double Jump

55. What type of regional meteorological patterns is the Köppen system used to classify?

A: **Climate**

56. What letter refers to a polar climate in the Köppen climate classification system?

A: **E**

Double Jump

57. What longest-lived president of the United States passed away on December 29th, 2024 at age 100?

A: James Earl 'Jimmy' **Carter** Jr.

58. While Carter lived much longer than he expected, his father and three siblings all died far younger than him, due to which specific disease?

A: **Pancreatic cancer** (Prompt on "cancer")

Splits on Carl Jung and January 6th

Carl Jung

59. The Jungian concept of synchronicity refers to events which are perceived as being related, but lack this sort of connection.

A: **Causality** (Accept variations such as **causal chain**)

60. Jung discussed the idea of synchronicity with this physicist, who became a regular patient of his while developing important concepts in quantum mechanics alongside colleagues such as Neils Bohr and Werner Heisenberg.

A: Wolfgang **Pauli**

61. Most prominent among Jung's work is this school of psychology, which differed from Freud's psychoanalytical model.

A: **Analytical psychology**

62. A key feature of analytical psychology were these concepts, with examples such as The Wise Old Man and The Great Mother.

A: **Archetypes**

January 6th

63. In Christianity, what feast day is celebrated on the 6th of January?

A: Feast of the **Epiphany** (Accept **Theophany** or **Theophania** or **Three Kings Day**)

64. Though news broke the evening before, this man officially tendered his resignation as both Prime Minister of Canada and leader of the Liberal Party on January 6th, 2025.

A: Justin **Trudeau**

65. An attack on this woman was perpetrated by Shane Stant in Detroit's Cobo Arena on January 6th 1994, which forced her to withdraw from that year's United States Figure Skating Championships.

A: Nancy **Kerrigan**

66. The 2021 attack on this building by supporters of then-ex-and-subsequent-future-President Donald Trump ranks only slightly ahead of Nancy Kerrigan's in terms of tragic attacks in American history to occur on this day.

A: United States **Capitol** Building

Streaks (12 answers total)

67. Aside from Thomas and Ethel Rogers, name up to all eight of the visitors to Soldier Island in Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* (Note: I can accept either first or last names).

A: **Edward Armstrong, William Blore, Emily Brent, Vera Claythorne, Philip Lombard, General John MacArthur, Anthony Marston and Justice Lawrence Wargrave**

68. Name up to all four types of teeth which can be found in a human mouth.

A: **Molar, premolar** (accept **bicuspid**), **canine** and **incisor**

Set of 4

72. People who deal with trichotillomania compulsively pull at what part of the body?

A: **Hair** (Anti-prompt on specific types of hair)

73. This “a” word refers to the state or process of hair loss, usually accompanied by a descriptor such as “areata” or “universalis”.

A: **Alopecia**

74. Hair grows from these cellular structures, which can be found serving different functions in the ovaries and lymph nodes.

A: Hair **follicles**

75. Hair follicles can be rendered inert by pulses from these devices, which aim to selectively heat the hair’s melanin to avoid skin damage.

A: **Lasers**

Fourth Quarter

Splits on Early First Person Shooters and Haruki Murakami Titles Referencing Other Works

Early First Person Shooters

76. Often cited as the earliest example of a first person shooter is this game, developed in the early 1970s, which saw up to eight players navigating the titular location’s black and green wireframes.

A: ***Maze War***

77. 1994 proved to be a breakout year for the genre following the Christmas release of this game, whose title was for a short time ubiquitous with the concept of a first person shooter.

A: ***Doom***

78. *Doom*, *Wolfenstein 3D* and *Quake* were all important releases by this company, which shares its name with a concept developed by Freud.

A: **id Software**

79. 1998 saw the release of this game, whose most prominent legacy is likely not in the game itself, but rather in its namesake engine, which is still developed by Epic Games to this day.

A: ***Unreal***

Haruki Murakami Titles Referencing Other Works

80. Murakami’s fifth novel is named for and prominently features this song, whose opening lines “I once had a girl / Or should I say, she once had me?” parallel the novel’s melancholic recollection of old relationships.

A: **Norwegian Wood**

81. This Murakami novel's title puns on the way the number 9 is pronounced in Japanese to reference a book by George Orwell.

A: **1Q84**

82. The 2024 film *Drive My Car* is adapted from a short story from this Murakami collection, which shares its name with Ernest Hemingway's second collection of short stories.

A: ***Men Without Women***

83. "Norwegian Wood" and "Drive My Car" are both song titles from this English band, often said to be the most successful musical act of all time.

A: **The Beatles**

Linked Set of 7

84. Gases named for these structures cause this effect of the same name, where heat is prevented from escaping the atmosphere of a planet.

A: **Greenhouse** effect

85. The namesake destruction of greenhouses is a prominent visual in what South Korean thriller from 2018?

A: ***Burning***

86. *Burning Chrome* is the titular short story from a collection by what pioneer of the cyberpunk genre, who also wrote *The Difference Engine* and *Neuromancer*?

A: William **Gibson**

87. Gibson is particularly famous for manufacturing these instruments, with a notable example being their Les Paul line.

A: Electric **guitars**

88. This artist released "Teardrops On My Guitar" on her namesake debut album, where it became her first single to grace the Billboard Pop Charts.

A: Taylor **Swift**

89. Following the expiry of her contract with Big Machine Records in 2018, Taylor Swift signed on with this record label, a subsidiary of Universal Music Group which also distributes acts like Ariana Grande, Drake, and The Weeknd.

A: **Republic** Records

90. Plato's *Republic* is an example of this genre, named for the philosopher whose method they employ and often feature as protagonist.

A: **Socratic dialogue**

10 Part Blitz

91. What traditional strategy game shares its name with a programming language developed at Google which prioritizes simplicity, performance and concurrency?

A: **Go** (Reject golang, that is not the official name of the language, nor is it a strategy game).

92. This irritant is hydrophobic, which is why common advice when eating hot peppers, where it is found naturally, is to avoid drinking water.

A: **Capsaicin**

93. The implementation of the Comics Code Authority in 1954 led to the resurgence of stories depicting these figures, a hallmark of the Silver Age of Comics.

A: **Superheroes**

94. Which European sport sees two teams of 6 attempting to throw a ball into the other's goal, and awards a seven meter penalty throw for illegally interfering with a legitimate attempt at scoring?

A: **Handball**

95. The Adult Swim show *Moral Ore!* is animated in and features many references to this style of animation, such as the names of Reverend Putty and Coach Stopframe.

A: **Stop Motion** Animation (Accept **Claymation**. Accept **Stop Frame** animation before it is said.)

96. Performing what action twice in a row in a game of tennis will result in losing the right to serve?

A: Double **fault**

97. Originating from the west coast of Africa, what type of instrument is a djembe?

A: **Drum**

98. What mirror, whose name is an anadrome of the word "desire", shows Harry Potter a vision of himself with his mother and father?

A: Mirror of **Erised**

99. John Madden popularized what thanksgiving abomination consisting of three different birds stuffed into one another?

A: **Turducken**

100. Distance runner Delilah DiCrescenzo is the subject of what quadruple platinum hit by the Plain White Tees?

A: **Hey There Delilah**