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FLAMES Practice Pack

Season 5 · Grand Final · India

64 question-answer cards

A free FLQL practice pack. The original questions, answers and acceptance guidance have been retained in a cleaner reading layout.

Use it to play through with friends, test yourself, or see the kind of clue-writing that goes into an FLQL game.

QUESTION

When this X-rated erotic drama saw unprecedented ticket sales in Italy, the Italian police seized every copy of the film by order of the prosecutor. The director and the male lead were sued by the Italian court on obscenity charges. No amount of buttering up authorities helped, with the director facing 4 months in prison and having his civil rights revoked. **Which early-1970s movie is this?**

ANSWER

LAST TANGO IN PARIS

QUESTION

Etch a Sketch is a mechanical drawing board invented by Andre Cassagnes of France in 1960. It reached its peak in the 70s and 80s, but then the sales dropped for many years. It wasn't until 1999, when its sales dramatically rose again after the release of the sequel to a superhit film. It helped Ohio Art Company return to profit. Which Film Franchise?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

TOY STORY [Toy Story 2 specifically]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Who, when he made his debut against Australia at Dharamsala in 2017, became the first – and still only – left- arm wrist-spinner to represent India in men's Test cricket?	Kuldeep YADAV

QUESTION

What drink, an appetiser, is made of freshly-grated coconut milk and kokum, peppered with garlic, coriander, green chilli, and mint, and diluted with water to taste? With a balance of sweet, sour, and spice, it features in Gaud Saraswat Brahmin, Malvani and Konkani cuisines. The anthocyanin pigments from the dried kokum skins provide it a deep purple-pink colour.

Media reference: https: //i. imgur. com/gX

ANSWER

SOLKADHI

QUESTION

According to Netflix, 'Ishq Hai', a song composed by Anurag Saikia, featuring lyrics by Raj Shekhar and the voices of Romy and Madhubanti Bagchi, is the first soundtrack from a streaming / OTT platform to top Spotify charts in India reaching Number One on Spotify India’s Top 50 and is from the soundtrack of **which** influential webseries?

ANSWER

MISMATCHED [Season 3. Features Prajakta Koli among others]

QUESTION

Author Aatish Taseer wrote a tell-tale article in Vanity Fair in 2016 revealing details of his long-ended relationship with,British Royalty Lady Gabriella Windsor. Later, he revelaed in a piece for Travel+Leisure that he got married to an American lawyer Ryan Davis in New York in 2016. Taseer, whose OIC (Overseas Indian Citizenship) has been cancelled by the current Indian government is the son of **which Indian journalist and author?**

Media reference: https: //i. imgur. com/2T

ANSWER

Tavleen SINGH

QUESTION

Reema Kagti, highly regarded for her distinctive writing and directing style, and known for sharp social commentary, was Director and screenplay writer for **which 2012 psychological thriller** starring Aamir Khan, Rani Mukerji, and Kareena Kapoor, where a cop investigates a mysterious accident linked to his past trauma? It was critically acclaimed for its suspenseful storytelling and emotional depth, earning multiple award nominations, including Filmfare nods for direction and screenplay.

ANSWER

TALAASH or Talaash: The Answer Lies Within

QUESTION	ANSWER
This actor changed their last name from Coppola, inspired both by a street-level Marvel superhero and also an avante-garde composer, in order to avoid allegations of nepotism (their uncle was Francis Ford Coppola). **Who?**	Nicholas CAGE

QUESTION

Made with a blend of water, milk, rose syrup and a hint of kewra water, this delicious coolant is deeply linked to the martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji, the 5th Sikh Guru. Also known as Kachchi Lassi, members of the Sikh Community pass this around to passer-bys in the hot summer months. **What summer cooler?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

CHABEEL

QUESTION

This famously raw, iconic late 70s post-punk anthem became a powerful symbol of rebellion, its urgent, apocalyptic lyrics screaming fears of social political collapse. Its use decades later in a Jaguar ad (being appropriate for other reasons) left fans feeling profound betrayal, the corporate branding sharply clashing with its very true anti-establishment soul and original message. **What song?**

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ANSWER

LONDON CALLING by The Clash

QUESTION

1996, Atlanta Olympics. A shattered neck—two fractured vertebrae, herniated discs, torn muscles. Paralysis was a real risk. But he wins the trials… and five months later, takes Olympic gold in freestyle heavyweight wrestling. **Who is this**, the only professional wrestler inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Kurt ANGLE

QUESTION

Crusader Kings is a strategy game set in Europe in the mid-to-late Middle Ages. Similar to role-playing games, Crusader Kings focuses on a trait-based individual whose main goal is to grow and enrich his dynasty. The game begins on December 26, 1066 just a day after a 'Grand' event in Europe. **What was the 'Grand' event?**

ANSWER

CORONATION of WILLIAM the Conqueror [Prompt on Norman Conquest of England. Accept Coronation of William I of England and begrudgingly, Coronation of William of Normandy, since he was the Duke of Normandy before becoming King of England after the Norman Conquest.]

QUESTION

Guy Buffet is a French artist renowned for capturing different cultures worldwide, with French, Polynesian, Chinese, Indian, and other themes. A tourist attraction and an iconic mode of transportation, what public transit network from a particular city is being depicted here by Guy Buffet in this artwork? Need the city and the transportation mode (Both)? It is the last manually operated system of its kind in the world.

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

SAN FRANCISCO CABLE CARS [All words needed. Accept San Francisco streetcars or San Francisco light rail vehicles. Begrudgingly accept San Francisco Trams]

QUESTION

The Vespa Scooter was invented in 1946 and wasn't really popular in Europe at the time. However, 7 years later, when audiences watched a European princess and an American newspaper reporter roam around in a Vespa and fall in love, in a film, its sales rose significantly. **Which 1950s film?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

ROMAN HOLIDAY

QUESTION

In Crusader Kings, players stumble upon the year 1337, when in October, something begins after Edward III of England formally rejects Philip VI's claim to the French throne. **What begins as a result?**

ANSWER

The HUNDRED YEARS' WAR / French: Guerre de Cent Ans

QUESTION	ANSWER
This Vietnam anti-war movement anthem was an expressive symbol of the counterculture's opposition to executive	FORTUNATE SON

QUESTION

In John Carpenter's They Live, Nada's "Hoffman Lenses" unveil hidden ads, throwing his sense of space, time, and distance into disarray—almost as if his eyes are morphing into a virtual reality. Why do you think the name "Hoffman Lenses" fits this mind-altering effect?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Named after Albert Hoffman - the creator of LSD (LSD also causes similar effects on a human being)

QUESTION

1988, Seoul Olympics. Half an hour before his perfect dive won him through the prelims, an imperfect dive caused a heavy collision of his crown with the plank. He bled into the pool and had suffered a concussion. Despite that, he mustered the strength to dive to deeper depths and won the Gold Medal in Men's 3m Springboard event and the 10m Platform event that same Olympics. **Who is he?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Greg LOUGANIS

QUESTION	ANSWER
Most Mughal portraits from the day show the Emperor and nobles dressed in **what long coat** that was typically tight around the torso but flared out like a skirt around the knees? The term is used today as a generic one for garments of the upper body, especially in the eastern part of India	JAMA

QUESTION	ANSWER
In The Hunger Games prequels, **what** is the name given to a wandering band of singers? The name is supposedly from an Irish Gaelic word for warrior or hero, indicating valour and strength (sadly, not 'effectiveness'). In English, it refers to a flock of game birds.	COVEY [Hat tip to Stepehn Covey, author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People]

QUESTION

What cooling sharbat is made using Bengal gram powder, water, black salt, roasted cumin powder, green chilli, lemon juice, coriander, and mint leaves? A superfood that's an excellent source of nutrition and energy, it aids in digestion and is thus a staple of Bihari cuisine.

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

SATTU

QUESTION

This book was originally written in Bengali and published in 1993, earning the ire of the state government and leading its author to flee not only her native country but also the neighbouring one. This work depicts the violence, rape, looting and killings of Bengali Hindus that took place in December 1992 in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition. **Which humiliating banned book** are we talking about?

ANSWER

LAJJA / SHAME

QUESTION

Ushmeya is an LA based filmmaker whose film Gay, Asian, Migrant has done the rounds of queer themed film festivals. Ushmey, who is out as a gay man on his social media profiles, had earlier played the younger version of his father in the 2008 film Phir kabhi. **Which three time national award winner** for acting is Ushmey's father?

Media reference: https: //i. imgur. com/K MrXrM q.jpeg

ANSWER

Mithun CHAKRABORTY or just 'MITHUN'

QUESTION

In Escape from New York (1981), Manhattan is a max-security prison in a crime-ridden US. Carpenter wrote it in the mid-’70s, gripped by national cynicism and fear. The script reflects a deep mistrust in authority. What major event just before sparked this dark vision?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

The WATERGATE Scandal

QUESTION

Between the retirement of Bishan Bedi and the emergence of Ravindra Jadeja, ten left-arm spinners were picked to play Tests for India. **Which of these men** became the only Indian to take a wicket with his first ball in Test cricket when he had Marvan Atapattu caught behind at the Premadasa Stadium in 1997? Things went downhill there, and he ended his brief career with an average of 166, the highest for any Indian left-armer.

ANSWER

Nilesh KULKARNI

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which music composer, daughter of a prominent parallel cinema filmmaker, catapulted to overnight fame with her soundtrack for the Netflix show Sacred Games?	Aloknanda DASGUPTA [she is the daughter of famous poet and film maker Buddhadeb Dasgupta]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Reema Kagti was Director and Writer for **what historical sports drama** about India’s first Olympic gold medal in hockey after independence, starring Akshay Kumar? The film received positive reviews and earned several award nominations for its direction, screenplay, and lead performance.	GOLD

QUESTION

Torn, Off-the Neck Sweatshirts became extremely popular after the release of this 1983 film. In the film, the actress invents the look accidentally when she shrunk a sweater in the dryer and a cut a new, enlarged hole for her neck. Even Madonna and Cyndi Lauper adopted it. **Which Film?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

FLASHDANCE [Jennifer Beals' sweater]

QUESTION

In The Thing (1982), an alien imitates people, spreading paranoia at an Antarctic base. No one knows who’s infected—only blood tests can tell. What real-life American horror, marked by fear, doubt, and hidden infection, inspired Carpenter’s plot?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

AIDS epidemic in the USA [Accept HIV]

QUESTION

As of June 1, 2025, left-arm spinners have taken 1,682 wickets for India in men's Test cricket. The first of these victims was Charlie Barnett, caught and bowled at the Brabourne stadium on December 16, 1933 by which spinner? Still India's oldest-ever debutant (he was 41), he shares his initials with another left-arm spinner who has taken 323 Test wickets – and counting – for India.

ANSWER

Rustomji JAMSHEDJI

QUESTION

What tight-fitting trousers for both men and women, still quite popular today among the latter, were popularised during the Mughal era in India? As opposed to salwars that are cut wide at the top and narrow at the ankle, these pieces of clothing narrow more quickly to reveal the contours of the wearer's legs

ANSWER

CHURIDAR

QUESTION

The Covey names always feature a first name from a ballad, followed by a colour. From **which Romantic poem** is the name of the Covey singer, who is the protagonist of the book The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins, taken? The poem is part of a series about a shy country maiden by Wordsworth.

ANSWER

LUCY GRAY [the poems are called the Lucy poems but the name of the character is specifically taken from the poem called Lucy Gray, so do NOT accept just Lucy or Lucy poems. Can prompt on Lucy]

QUESTION

Here, Guy Buffet displays a series of items that are iconic of this East Asian city. They are usually made of Oil Paper or West Lake Silk, and the city has a rich history of making this item due to its rainfall and bamboo forests. **What item from which city is depicted here?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

HANGZHOU UMBRELLAS / HANGZHOU PARASOLS [Both words needed]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which celebrity's double-barreled surname has nothing to do with the fact that they are the granddaughter of acclaimed physicist Max Born?	Olivia NEWTON-JOHN

QUESTION

In one instance, a gang of homeless boys beat a homeless man to death. In another instance, a Dutch girl faced sexual violence by a group of men who were singing 'Singin in the Rain' during the brutal act. **Which movie** inspired them to commit these heinous acts, one that the director himself banned in the UK after facing threats to his family?

ANSWER

A CLOCKWORK ORANGE

QUESTION

A dystopian work which portrays the curtailment of the freedom of women by an extremist Christian group, which 1985 work by a Canadian author, when banned, led her to promptly state that the official reasons for the ban are ridiculous, stating that her book "is much less sexually explicit than the Bible?"

ANSWER

The HANDMAID'S TALE

QUESTION

Reema Kagti was co-writer of **which film** inspired by real-life rappers Divine and Naezy? It became a critical and commercial hit and won multiple Filmfare Awards, including Best Film and Best Screenplay, and was India’s official entry for the Oscars.

ANSWER

GULLY BOY

QUESTION

"The Screen Actors Guild prohibits any two members from working under the same stage name, and they already had another one on the books. My middle name was Andrew, but using just that initial was even worse, as my last name had just become a synonym for attractive. I thus stuck in the J, which sometimes I tell people stands for either Jenuine or Jenius, and resubmitted my forms." **Who talking about his stage name?**

ANSWER

MICHAEL J FOX [real name is Michael Andrew Fox]

QUESTION

Take a look at this painting by Guy Buffet and **tell us its title**? It's the blanked out portion, also the name of an early 2000s movie.

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

MOULIN ROUGE

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which music composer shot to fame with his theme for the webshow Scam 1992- an instrumental track made up of bass, drums and the string line-thematically representing the microcosm of the show itself?	ACHINT / Achint THAKKAR

QUESTION	ANSWER
Named by Akbar as a portmanteau term combining the Sanskrit for 'waist' and Persian for 'adorn', which specific type of cummerbund - encircling the waist and with its ends hanging out in front - was typically worn by Mughal aristocrats along with the Jama?	KATZEB (from Kati meaning Waist and Zeb meaning Adorn)

QUESTION

In Crusader Kings II & III, Expansions and Mods let players dive into adjacent historical settings and conquer beyond borders. But staying in Europe, CKIII's "Legends of the Dead" swings in with the Scythe patch. With a name like that, it's not just a cosmetic update. **What major historical event** does "Legends of the Dead" introduce players to in Crusader Kings?

ANSWER

BLACK DEATH OR The BUBONIC PLAGUE OR The PLAGUE

QUESTION

Shyamalee- a poet and professor- played the equivalent of Joe March in Kachchi Dhoop- a TV adapatation of Little Women in the 1980s and came out as a lesbian in 1990s. Her mother, theatre director Chitra, was among the parents who moved the Supreme Court for decriminalising homosexuality. **Who is her filmmaker father**, who had an acting career playing the archetypal Middle Class Indian man in the middle of the road Hindi films in 70s and 80s?

Media reference: https: //i. imgur. com/pj ByHcl. jpeg

ANSWER

Amol PALEKAR

QUESTION	ANSWER
While by name this song may seem anti-establishment, it actually advocates pacifist idealism instead of radical uprising. Given this, the outrage against this song being the band's first recording licensed for a TV ad (by Nike) for	REVOLUTION by the Beatles

QUESTION

Seen The Simpsons episode Lisa’s First Word? Then you’ve heard the joke. 1976, Montreal Olympics—his kneecap shattered, ligaments torn. But on the Pommel Horse, he flips and twists—no screams, and Japan takes gold over the USSR. **Who is this legendary gymnast?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Shun FUJIMOTO

QUESTION	ANSWER
From the Persian for 'Before / In front of' and 'Garment', **which women's equivalent of the Jama** was an outfit that typically flowed down right to the heels of the wearers? Today, it is a much-sought-after costume for wedding cerremonies in both India and Pakistan	PESHWAJ

QUESTION

In 2006, Jeremy Allan Steinke (23 YO) and his 12-YO girlfriend were involved in a gruesome crime. Jeremy convinced her to kill her parents and her 8-year-old brother by stabbing them to death. She became Canada's youngest convicted killer. Steinke had seen an Oliver Stone movie and urged his girlfriend to go about their plans of murder in a similar manner. **Which mid-1990s movie**, that the Daily Mail called 'evil,' and one that deserved to be banned?

ANSWER

NATURAL BORN KILLERS

QUESTION

Also known as 'Life Among the Lowly' **which 1852 anti-slavery novel** was the best selling 19th C. novel in the USA, is said to have fuelled the Civil War and was banned by the South during it? Though it inspired the Abolitionist movement it also helped perpetuate stereotypes, and started a whole spate of literature which was anti-.

ANSWER

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

QUESTION

Reema Kagti directed a 2024 film written by Varun Grover about small-town filmmakers in **which city** in Nashik district, Maharashtra who make low-budget Bollywood remakes?

ANSWER

MALEGAON, the film is Superboys of Malegaon

QUESTION

Written by Nadine Gordimer, **which 1979 novel** with a familial title was banned by the then Apartheid government? It details a group of white anti-apartheid activists in South Africa seeking to overthrow the South African government. Among them is Rosa, who comes to term with her father's involvement with the South African Communist Party.

ANSWER

BURGER'S DAUGHTER

QUESTION

This celebrity's middle name is a name of French origin meaning "the king", while they use only the initial. He is one of the most well known from his community, where his surame is extremely common, so much so that a study by Bertrand and Mullinathan on bias in resume based hiring used it as a sample name for candidates from the community. **Who are we talking about** (Full name required - three words - OR First and Last name with middle initial)?

ANSWER

SAMUEL LEROY JACKSON / SAMUEL L. JACKSON

QUESTION

Which alliteratively named show moved from established Bollywood composers in its Season 1 to a soundtrack supervised by Akashdeep Sengupta, who roped in a variety of composers from Oaff to DigV, Ana Rehman and Siddharth Pandit, among others, contributing to the tracklist of Season 2?

ANSWER

BANDISH BANDITS

QUESTION

The timeline of the game Crusader Kings is until December 30, 1452. It ends exactly 5 months before another historic event, which comes about after a 53-day beleaguerment, and is brought about with the overwhelming use of gunpowder from very large cannons. **What historic event?**

ANSWER

FALL of CONSTANTINOPLE [Begrudgingly accept Fall of Istanbul. Prompt on 'the end/ fall of the Byzantine Empire']

QUESTION

What song about a cold-blooded serial murderer written by a Marxist playwright and leftwing composer for a musical that aimed to lay bare the hypocrisies of bourgeois morality, became a huge success globally and ironically was used in a 1980s ad for McDonald’s featuring a mascot named Tonight?

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ANSWER

MACK THE KNIFE (The McDonald's ad featured a Mac Tonight)

QUESTION

What refreshing sherbet drink is made from the root of Indian sarsaparilla, citric acid and is often served with basil seeds. It is a favourite in Madurai, but is consumed across South India. It is used in Ayurveda, due to its cooling and digestive properties.

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

NANNARI Sharbat

QUESTION

3 years before Top Gun popularized Ray-Ban Aviators, another model of Ray-Ban called 'The Wayfarer' became popular after the release of a film. Known for its thick black frames, its sales jumped 20 times after the protagonist was seen wearing it in a memorable scene from the film. **Which film?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

RISKY BUSINESS [also a Tom Cruise movie]

QUESTION

Suchetan (previously Suchetana) who came out as a trans man in 2023, was born to which recently deceased poet politician who served as the chief minister of West Bengal from 2000 to 2011? Their father has translated Gabriel Garcia Marquez's works Clandestine in Chile and The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor into Bengali.

Media reference: https: //i. imgur. com/I0 9DhVI. jpeg

ANSWER

Buddhadeb BHATTACHARJEE / BHATTACHARYA

QUESTION

From **which Romantic-Gothic poem** is the name of the Covey singer, who is the protagonist of the book Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins, taken? The poem is famous for its imagery and rhythm. The name of the missing beloved in the poem is combined with a shade of gray named after a bird to form the protagonist's name.

ANSWER

The RAVEN by Poe (the protagonist's name is Lenore Dove)

QUESTION

In Carpenter's Starman (1984), an alien (Jeff Bridges) sings “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction” to express frustration to Karen Allen who plays the widow who falls for the alien. But that choice is off. Chuck Berry’s Johnny B. Goode would've been more accurate. **Why?**

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Chuck Berry's Johnny B Goode is the ONLY ROCK SONG included in the VOYAGER Gold Phonograph Records in VOYAGER II. Voyager II was launched in 1977 to outer space to send a message and invitation to extra-terrestrial life forms, which is also demonstrated in the film. [Voyager Gold Phonograph Records or Gold Records on Voyager II is enough to get points. Ask player to explain if they just say Voyager or Voyager II.]

QUESTION

Look at this image and tell us **which city has been depicted in this painting by Guy Buffet?**The Tibetan Prayer Flags adorn the city skies, as beautfully depicted here.

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

DHARAMSHALA

QUESTION

On November 24, 2014, a hacker group called 'Guardians of the Peace' hacked Sony Pictures and publicly released personal information about the company's employees. Their demand - to not release a 2014 goofy comedy film. The hackers even threatened a terrorist attack, until the Govt. of North Korea emerged as the prime suspect. **Which 2014 film?**

ANSWER

The INTERVIEW

QUESTION

From **which famous Scottish ballad** is the name of a foundling reared by the Covey taken? The ballad features a hero who is rescued from the Queen of the Fairies by his true love and has influenced numerous other works, including A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas and the Sandman comics. The character's name is formed by combing the first name of the ballad's protagonist with the colour named for a substance in which insects are often found trapped and fossilised.

ANSWER

TAM LIN [The character's name is Tam Amber. Accept alt names such as Tamas-Lin, Tamlane, Tamlene, Tamlin, Tambling, Tomlin, Tam-Lien, Tam-a- Line, Tam-Lyn or Tam-Lane]

QUESTION

1996, Atlanta Olympics. She falls on her first vault—ankle torn, pain unbearable. But she goes again. A near- perfect landing—just a light touchdown. It seals the gold for her team in Women’s Artistic Gymnastics. Who is this fearless gymnast?

Media reference: https: //imgur.

ANSWER

Kerri STRUG

QUESTION

In a Test against Pakistan at the Brabourne in November 1952, **which left-arm spinner** became the first Indian to take 100 Test wickets? In doing so he also set a world record, later broken by Ian Botham, for the fastest "all rounder's double" of 100 wickets and 1000 runs.

ANSWER

Vinoo MANKAD (accept Mulvantrai Himmatlal Mankad or MH Mankad)