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QUESTION	ANSWER
In 2012, Volkswagen released this commercial for Super Bowl XLVI, featuring several dogs barking to the tune of **what**? The original piece took inspiration from Chopin's Marche funèbre and Gustav Holst's Opus 32, The Planets.	The IMPERIAL MARCH [Begrudgingly accept "Darth Vader's Theme." Prompt on 'Star Wars' or 'Star Wars Theme'. In the movies (except for the original Star Wars), the march is played when Darth Vader appears]

QUESTION	ANSWER
This tennis power couple, both former top 3 players, suffered first-round exits at Wimbledon 2025 and, according to the press, a break point off the court too? She's World No. 9 from Spain, he's No. 26 from Greece, and love may no longer be all. **Name either**.	Paula BADOSA OR Stefanos TSITSIPAS

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which author (1899-1961) was in an ambulance service in Italy during World War I? He did not **say goodbye** to the **battlefield**, as his authorship career included observations of the Spanish Civil War in a 1940 novel.	Ernest HEMINGWAY [Note: he was in the ambulance service, but we cannot confirm if he was actually a driver. Still, he wrote a Farewell to Arms]

QUESTION

NASA's "Ambassador of Exploration Award" is a special recognition, often involving a piece of a moon rock, given to individuals who made significant contributions to the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space programs. **Who** was the first non-astronaut and non-NASA individual to receive NASA's "Ambassador of Exploration Award" aka the Moon-rock award?

ANSWER

Walter CRONKITE [remembered for his coverage of the US space program, and for uttering, "Whew...boy" on July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 reached the Moon]

QUESTION

Delayed by frost, doomed by plastic O-rings in Florida's frigid temperatures, and cleared by the top brass who were left out of the loop, this liftoff ended in a live TV fireball that 'The Crown' mourned and 'For All Mankind' reimagined. Which disaster is this, that shocked a generation mid-classroom?

ANSWER

The CHALLENGER Explosion / CHALLENGER Disaster in 1986 [The incident had a profound impact on classrooms across the nation because of the presence of Christa McAuliffe, a high school teacher selected as the first civilian to fly in space]

QUESTION

Known for his dramatic landscapes, 'Seascape Study with Rain Cloud' was painted looking out over the sea at Brighton, and for a change, not at the Suffolk countryside. **Who painted this 19th C. work**?

ANSWER

John CONSTABLE

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the title of the 2024 Indian documentary miniseries about the screenwriting duo Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar? It focuses on their professional journey and their influence on Hindi cinema, especially through the creation of a character type made popular by Amitabh Bachchan. The titular phrase was originally used for some disillusioned British writers in the 1950s.	ANGRY YOUNG MEN [Prompt on Angry Young Man]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Dug in the 17th century, these form concentric belts around the city, known as the Grachtengordel. Listed as UNESCO WHS in 2010, **WHAT are we talking about and in WHICH CITY**?	CANALS of AMSTERDAM [Prompt if either of the capitalised words is offered. We need both 'Canal' and 'Amsterdam'. Gracht is a Dutch word for a canal within a city]

QUESTION	ANSWER
On the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon, **whom** did NASA posthumously honor with the Moon-rock award for his vision and leadership in landing a man on the moon?	John F. KENNEDY / JFK

QUESTION

If the first guy's educational efforts include a free online nonprofit educational platform with over 6,500 videos teaching a wide spectrum of subjects, originally focusing on math and science, the other guy's notable educational efforts onscreen have mostly focused on the alphabet including 'Aao Main Padha Doon Tumhein A.B.C' from 'Kurbaan' (1991) and the 'ABCD song' from 'Hum Saath Saath Hain' (1999). **What name do they share?** (Full name needed)

ANSWER

SALMAN KHAN [Both words needed. Prompt on 'Khan']

QUESTION

Rolex watches have been given monikers by the collector community, stemming from distinctive features, pop culture references, or notable associated personalities. **What nickname** is used by the collector community for the Rolex GMT- Master II watch, specifically those with a black and red bezel insert? The "answer" is the source of the second most recognized phrase worldwide.

ANSWER

COKE [Accept Coca Cola. Prompt on Fat Lady, which is sometimes used for the same model. After "OK", "Coca-Cola" is the second most recognized phrase worldwide.]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Literally translating to "Rice Tusker", **what is the name** of the infamous wild male elephant known for breaking into ration shops, homes, godowns etc. to eat rice? His exploits have generated a cult following and a Malayalam movie depicting his life is under development.	ARIKOMBAN [Prompt on Chinnakomban, as he was initially known]

QUESTION

This character of a society widow in Richard Sheridan’s play The Rivals (1775), whose name comes from the French phrase meaning “out of place”, called one gentleman “the very pineapple of politeness", and another "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile", lending her name to **which manner of verbal error** of one word being improperly used in place of another?

ANSWER

MALAPROPISM [originates from the character Mrs. Malaprop in Sheridan's play]

QUESTION

The Badosa- Tsitsipas break up has not been the only Tennis split this season. **Which tennis star**, the men's winner at Wimbledon 2025, also parted ways with World No. 11 Anna Kalinskaya, a year after they had made their relationship public at the same Slam? In Paris, their love match barely lasted a full set.

ANSWER

Jannik SINNER

QUESTION	ANSWER
A star in his own right, Kannan the elephant is known for his roles in films like 'Manasinakkare' and numerous advertisements. **Name his more famous owner**, an actor last seen in Retro (2025) as Dr. Chaplin Lolly.	JAYARAM / Jayaram Subramaniam

QUESTION	ANSWER
One was a nuclear physicist who is widely credited as the "father of the Indian nuclear programme" and the other is the foremost scholar of contemporary postcolonial studies, who has given the field several neologisms, such as hybridity, mimicry etc. **What name do they share?** (Full name needed)	HOMI BHABHA [Both words needed. Prompt on 'Bhabha']

QUESTION	ANSWER
Built by the Malla kings, between the 10th and 17th C. in Eastern India, **which group of terracotta temples** derive their name from the **principal deity** worshipped by the dynasty?	BISHNUPUR Temples

QUESTION

What nickname is used by the collector community for the Rolex Submariner 116610LV, a model known for its striking green dial and matching green Cerachrom bezel? The watch's robust design, particularly the "Super Case" with its wider lugs, contributes to the comparison, giving it a powerful feel, reminiscent of a superhero.

ANSWER

HULK [Prompt on Dr. Robert Bruce Banner]

QUESTION

With all its fantasies, 'Doctor Who' provides some remarkably accurate scientific concepts. In the episodes "The Impossible Planet/The Satan Pit" and "World Enough and Time", it explores time dilation and gravitational distortion accurately, showing how time passes differently near objects with intense gravitational fields. This is a principle confirmed by which scientific theory?

ANSWER

Einstein's THEORY OF RELATIVITY

QUESTION	ANSWER
Premier House, once leased to private tenants in the 1890s and later functioning as a children’s dental clinic from 1935 to 1990, serves as the official residence of the Prime Minister of **which country**, where PMs based out of the capital are restricted from claiming taxpayer-funded housing in the city?	NEW ZEALAND [PM Bill English did not live at Premier House during his term (2016– 2017) because NZ law prohibits Wellington-based MPs from claiming taxpayer- funded accommodation in the capital]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Who was the first recipient of the NASA Moon-rock award in 2005? This is ironic since, as the commander of the final Apollo mission (Apollo 17), he was the last person to walk on the moon.	Gene CERNAN / Eugene Andrew Cernan

QUESTION

Director Pablo Larrain's movies, more than just biopics, are deconstructions of real-world fairy tales..**Which 2024 film**, directed by Pablo Larraín, follows an exiled soprano living her final days in Paris, haunted by lost roles, old lovers, and the echo of a voice once called 'La Divina' in opera? You can alternatively name the subject, who married her manager Giovanni Battista Meneghini, but later left him for Aristotle Onassis, who himself married another subject of a different Pablo Larraín biopic!

ANSWER

MARIA / Maria CALLAS [Reference to Aristotle Onassis' marriage to Jackie Kennedy in 1968, after his long-term relationship with Callas. Larrain's 'Jackie' released in 2016]

QUESTION	ANSWER
The principal female figure in this work, The Umbrellas (Les Parapluies), is ironically without an umbrella. The model / subject is Suzanne Valadon, the lover of **which French artist**, also the painter?	Pierre-Auguste RENOIR

QUESTION

Ekamra Kshetra can be loosely translated to "area adorned with a mango tree" after the principal shrine to a lingam being located under one such mango tree. **Which Eastern state capital**'s historic structures numbering 199 are referred to by this term?

ANSWER

BHUBANESHWAR [The 'temple city' with a series of ancient sandstone temples, heritage ponds and water tanks]

QUESTION

Which author (1894-1961) was in the US Army ambulance service during World War I? His creations include Nick & Nora Charles and Secret Agent X-9, though he is most famously known for a character which also names an Internet tool to counter spammers. You may have to **dig** deep for the answer.

ANSWER

Dashiell HAMMETT [Known for Sam Spade in The Maltese Falcon; samspade.org is an anti-spammer toolkit]

QUESTION

In 2008, a cyclone devastated India’s neighbour, destroying its predominantly bamboo and leaf homes. Despite 140,000 deaths, the government blocked foreign aid, denied visas, and detained local volunteers. Sharing its name with a vintage Bollywood actress named after the Persian word for a **self-obsessed flower**, **which disaster was this?** The answer is also the first name of the Iranian human rights activist who was awarded the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize.

ANSWER

Cyclone NARGIS / NARGES in Myanmar/Burma in 2008 [Prompt on 'Narcissus'. Give points even if someone says Hurricane Nargis, or just if Nargis is mentioned. Reference to Narges Mohammadi (the Nobel laureate), Nargis (the actress) and the Narcissus flower]

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the title of the first episode of the series "Angry Young Men"? The title reflects the early struggles and defiant attitude of Salim-Javed, as they entered the film industry, and is a direct reference to a famous dialogue from the 1975 film Deewaar, as captured in this screengrab.	MAIN PHENKE HUE PAISE NAHIN UTHATA [which translates to "I don't pick up thrown money."]

QUESTION

Two former World No. 1s, a Belgian teen prodigy and an Aussie heartthrob, were in a long-term relationship when they reached the Wimbledon 2000 mixed doubles final, years before their 2004 split. She later called herself the “Aussie Ex” after winning in Melbourne. **Name either**.

ANSWER

Kim CLIJSTERS OR Lleyton HEWITT

QUESTION

It was built on the banks of the Pushpavati river in Gujarat after 1026-27 CE during the reign of Bhima I of the Chalukya dynasty. It was later known as Sita ni Chauri and Ramkund for its large stepwell and home of the Uttarardh Mahotsav dance festival. **Where is this temple to Surya located?** You'll be forgiven for thinking it's a locality in Ahmedabad and the former name of a sporting record holder.

ANSWER

Sun Temple MODHERA [Prompt on 'Motera'. The Modh community is the basis of both nomenclatures. Erstwhile Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad, is where the Narendra Modi Stadium now stands]

QUESTION

Which writer and art collector (1874-1946) was in the ambulance service with the American Fund for French Wounded during World War I? She and her partner Alice Toklas worked together as volunteers. They are well-known for their salon at 27 rue de Fleurus which gathered artists such as Picasso and Matisse. (though we are not sure if she **served beer** to her guests...)

ANSWER

Gertrude STEIN [A stein is a large mug used for drinking beer]

QUESTION

Which scientific fact grounds 'Battlestar Galactica' in rare realism? Battles unfold in eerie quiet, missiles glide without a sound, tension builds through motion not noise. But step inside, and voila - sound returns, making this a rare sci-fi series that followed this principle to the letter.

ANSWER

SOUND DOES NOT TRAVEL IN SPACE [All the external battle scenes are happening in space]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Originally known as Flagstaff House, **which former Prime Minister** resided in Teen Murti Bhavan, a residence later converted into a museum by his daughter following his death?	Jawaharlal NEHRU

QUESTION

The last line of a Scottish ballad “They have slain the Earl o' Moray / And layd him on the green,” was often misheard to lend its name to **what term for misheard lyrics in songs**? Popular instances include “there’s the bathroom on the right” instead of “there’s a bad moon on the rise” in the CCR hit “Bad Moon Rising,” or “the cross-eyed bear” in place of “the cross I bear” in Alanis Morissette’s “You Oughta Know.”

ANSWER

MONDEGREEN

QUESTION

A patchwork of islands set on the edge of Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea, **which city**'s Royal Canal Tour explores the iconic Djurgården canal? Nearly sixty bridges cross the canals in this city, providing access to Södermalm, Kungsholmen, and Langholmen. The first ferries here were boats rowed by roddarmadam (‘rower madam’), pairs of local women who ran a water taxi system from the 15th C. - early 20th C.

ANSWER

STOCKHOLM

QUESTION

Which marching song, named after a German word for heather (and also a common German female name), was sung and danced to by members of the University of Warwick Conservative Association in June 2024, drawing huge backlash? Once the most popular tune among WWII Wehrmacht troops, it was used to build morale and unit cohesion during the Nazi regime.

ANSWER

ERIKA [Accept "Auf der Heide blüht ein kleines Blümelein" (On the heath, there blooms a little floret)]

QUESTION

Which 2016 film, directed by Pablo Larraín, features a fellow countryman who was forced into hiding in the 1940s, while a self-important inspector pursues him through a stylised chase? You can alternatively name the subject, who was exiled and was once smuggled out of his country on horseback, but still found time to write odes to everyday things like onions, socks, and even tuna.

ANSWER

NERUDA / Pablo NERUDA / Ricardo Eliécer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto

QUESTION

What is the title of the second episode of the series "Angry Young Men"? It shows the importance of a particular character in Salim-Javed's stories, typically essayed by the likes of Nirupa Roy, Waheeda Rehman and Nutan, and the title is a direct reference to a famous dialogue, as captured in this screengrab.

ANSWER

MERE PAAS MAA HAI [which translates to "I have a mother"]

QUESTION

Marco Polo, upon visiting **which city in southern Jiangsu province**, famously dubbed it the "Venice of the Orient" due to its extensive canal system? The construction of the Grand Canal, a UNESCO WHS, during the Sui Dynasty (581-618 AD) turned it into a major trading hub, and the city's Classical Gardens are also listed as UNESCO WHS.

ANSWER

SUZHOU / Soochow

QUESTION

What term named for an Austrian neurologist is given to the instance of misspeaking that is believed to be motivated by some information lurking in the speaker’s unconscious mind that is often revealed by the utterance? Example: the 2022 instance of former POTUS Bush Jr condemning the “unjustified and brutal invasion of Iraq”, before correcting himself to say he had meant Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine.

ANSWER

FREUDIAN SLIP / Fehlleistungen (meaning "faulty actions" or "misperformances" in German) [Freud introduced the concept in his 1901 book, The Psychopathology of Everyday Life]

QUESTION

In 2010, this island nation was rocked by a disaster long predicted by geophysicists Eric Calais and Paul Mann. The airport’s control tower was damaged, relief flights struggled to land, and nearly 300,000 lives were lost. Which tragedy struck with warnings unheeded?

ANSWER

HAITI EARTHQUAKE / Port-au-Prince earthquake in 2010 [Prompt on just Haiti / Port-au-Prince]

QUESTION

Which real-world quantum effect features subtly in 'Lost' amid its electromagnetic mysteries? The island’s forces echo a 1948 prediction involving two uncharged plates in a vacuum drawn together by quantum fluctuations. This effect shares its name with the Dutch physicist who proposed it.

ANSWER

CASIMIR Effect [Named after Hendrik Casimir]

QUESTION

Perhaps the most well known temple elephant in India, Gajarajan Keshavan was donated to **which temple** by the royal family of Nilambur on 4 January 1922? Along with a life size sculpture on the temple grounds, Keshavan's tusks adorn the entrance to the main temple enclosure.

ANSWER

GURUVAYUR / Guruvayur Sri Krishna Temple / Guruvayoorappan

QUESTION

This work, titled 'Rain, Steam and Speed – The Great Western Railway', is by **which artist?** The painting is considered one of the earliest to show the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the British landscape.

ANSWER

J. M. W. TURNER

QUESTION	ANSWER
What common name is associated with two assassinations in modern Indian history? In the first case, this was the name of the assassin of a head of government, and in the second case it belonged to the sitting Chief Minister of a North Indian state who was assassinated in 1995? (Full name needed)	BEANT SINGH [Both words needed. Prompt on 'Singh'. The former assassinated Indira Gandhi]

QUESTION	ANSWER
What nickname is used by the collector community for the Rolex timepieces that were often gifted by the late Sultan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said al Said, featuring the Omani royal crest on its dial and/or caseback? The national emblem of Oman, this symbol consists of a J-shaped dagger with crossed swords.	KHANJAR [Only acceptable answer]

QUESTION

Which temporal paradox powers the TV series 'Dark' through its tangled loops? Events cause themselves, people become their own origin, and time folds in on itself. Named after Munchausen's tall tale of pulling himself out of trouble solo, this paradox defies beginnings.

ANSWER

BOOTSTRAP Paradox / Information Paradox / Information Loop / Ontological Paradox / Predestination Paradox [reference to the problem of "bootstrapping", based on the story of Baron Munchausen pulling himself and the horse on which he was sitting out of a mire by his own hair.]

QUESTION

In **which final work** of Wagner’s four-part Ring Cycle is Siegfried slain by Hagen during a hunt and carried back to the Gibichungs to the sound of this Funeral March? Its title is a German calque / loanword from the Old Norse word for 'the end of the world'. English translation is also accepted.

ANSWER

GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG / TWILIGHT OF THE GODS [Begrudgingly accept 'Ragnarok']

QUESTION

Which 2021 film, directed by Pablo Larraín, stars Kristen Stewart as a royal icon who begins to unravel over a tense Christmas at Sandringham, ultimately deciding to walk away from the crown? You can alternatively name the subject, who made history in April 1987 when she was photographed shaking an HIV patient's hand without wearing gloves.

ANSWER

SPENCER / Lady DIANA / Princess DIANA

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the title of the third episode of the series "Angry Young Men"? It uses the famous dialogue captured in this screengrab as a framing device to explore the declining partnership of Salim-Javed, highlighting the diminishing presence and impact of their collaboration as their partnership fractured.	KITNE AADMI THAY? [which translates to How many men were there?]

QUESTION

Which 2023 film, directed by Pablo Larraín, reimagines a feared Chilean dictator as a 250-year-old vampire hiding in a decaying mansion, feeding off blood and power while contemplating his own death? You can alternatively name the subject, who seized power in a 1973 coup and ruled until 1990, implementing significant economic reforms known as the "Miracle of Chile".

ANSWER

EL CONDE (Accept 'The COUNT') / Augusto PINOCHET

QUESTION

Which city built on the Neva River delta, features over 60 canals, with a total length of around 300 kms and over 800 bridges crossing them? The Griboyedov Canal in this city is a key location in Fyodor Dostoyevsky's novel, 'Crime and Punishment', and his short story 'White Nights'.

ANSWER

St. PETERSBURG [Prompt on earlier names Petrograd or Leningrad]

QUESTION

A German officer heard whispers in Lebanon, Bavarian officials caught wind, an Italian paper dropped hints, and psychologist Georg Sieber’s Scenario 21 came chillingly close, but Chief Schreiber said it would delay the main event. **Which attacks followed**, despite these red flags?

ANSWER

1972 MUNICH OLYMPICS DISASTER OR MUNICH MASSACRE OR BLACK SEPTEMBER ATTACKS OR Munich Olympics Attacks/Disaster [Do not accept or prompt on Munich Air Disaster]

QUESTION	ANSWER
Paramekkavu Rajendran, or Rajumon, was an elephant from Kerala, who holds the record for participating in the most iterations of **which famous temple festival** from Kerala? Name of the city is needed.	THRISSUR Pooram

QUESTION

What name is shared by the first Indian president to die in office, and the musician who played on the soundtracks of Francis Ford Coppola's 'Apocalypse Now', Bernardo Bertolucci's 'Little Buddha', and also performed on Van Morrison's album 'Into the Music' and Earth, Wind & Fire's album 'Powerlight'? (Full name needed)

ANSWER

ZAKIR HUSAIN / ZAKIR HUSSAIN [Both words needed. Prompt on 'Husain']

QUESTION

Which winner of the Moon-rock award co-authored the 1994 book 'Lost Moon', on which the 1995 film Apollo 13 was based? He was the first person to fly into space four times. One of 24 people to have flown to the Moon, he was the first to fly to the moon twice, and the only human to have done so without landing.

ANSWER

James LOVELL

QUESTION

Arguably, the most famous love affair and break up in Tennis history happened in 1974 when these two players announced their engagement after winning their respective singles titles at Wimbledon, but broke up before their announced November wedding. **Name either member of this short-lived power couple**, who have between them 26 Grand Slam singles titles?

ANSWER

Jimmy CONNORS OR Chris EVERT

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which artist, known for his depiction of another pursuit, is the work 'Jockeys in the Rain' by?	Edgar DEGAS [otherwise known for his depiction of ballerinas]

QUESTION

Located on a street named after Baron Auguste Lambermont, a key figure in the 1885 establishment of the Congo Free State, the Lambermont is a common name used for the official residence of **which nation**'s Prime Minister?

ANSWER

BELGIUM

QUESTION

Known for their distinct circular structure with small cells and open to the air, only 13 of these temples remain, with the majority located in Madhya Pradesh. **What are these temples usually called**, which are said to have inspired a capital landmark? The name refers to a certain number of female practitioners of a system of exercises for the body who were powerful goddesses in the Hindu tradition.

ANSWER

CHAUSATH YOGINI Temples [Accept the alt name- Ekattarso Mahadeva Temple. It is believed to have inspired the design of the Old Indian Parliament building in New Delhi.

QUESTION

By his own admission, "The Kinquering Congs Their Titles Take" was the sole instance of this Oxford don and clergyman uttering an example of something named for him, but colleagues and students attributed such chestnuts as "The Lord is a shoving leopard" and "A blushing crow" to him. **What type of misspeaking** featuring transposed sounds across words is this?

ANSWER

SPOONERISM [after Reverend William Archibald Spooner, an English clergyman and Oxford don, known for his frequent verbal slips]

QUESTION

Whose marching songs became some of the first bestsellers in recorded music when the Columbia Phonograph Company began issuing records in the 1890s? With the “March King” conducting the U.S. Marine Band, over 400 of his works were released as the earliest phonograph records, led by the rousing 'Stars and Stripes Forever'.

ANSWER

John Philip SOUSA

QUESTION

Inaugurated in 1999, Seri Perdana serves as the official residence of the Prime Minister of **which country**, whose current officeholder is Anwar Ibrahim? It is located on the main hill in Putrajaya.

ANSWER

MALAYSIA

QUESTION

What nickname is used by the collector community for any Rolex GMT-Master or GMT-Master II watch with a split-color red and blue bezel? The "answer", a rival of sorts to the 'black and red' Rolex, was the owner of the world's sixth-largest naval fleet, albeit briefly.

ANSWER

PEPSI / PEPSI-COLA / PEPSICO [In the late 1980s, PepsiCo made a unique deal with the Soviet Union, bartering Pepsi products for ships, including 17 submarines. This unusual arrangement came about due to the Soviet Union's limited access to foreign currency and Pepsi's desire to expand its presence in the Soviet market.]

QUESTION

Which writer and playwright (1874-1965) was in the British Red Cross ambulance service during World War I? He is known for works such as East of Suez, Of Human Bondage, and The Moon and Sixpence. His middle name is in homage to a British Army officer, **rather than a county**.

ANSWER

W. Somerset MAUGHAM [Prompt on Somerset]