FUNDAESLIGA QUIZ LEAGUE

Smashdown Practice Pack

Season 3 · Gameweek 5 · India

48 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

Which portrait, housed at the Louvre in Paris, is widely believed to depict the wife of the Florentine merchant Francesco del Giocondo, and entered the French royal collection under Francis I?

Model-turned-actress whose breakthrough came as the free-spirited Vijayalakshmi in Queen, after being spotted by Anil Kapoor in a Mumbai coffee shop and cast in Aisha.

ANSWER

MONA LISA and LISA HAYDON

QUESTION	ANSWER
Jacques-Louis David painting at the Louvre commissioned by the emperor it depicts, portraying Pope Pius VII as a spectator during the ceremony at Notre-Dame on 2 December 1804. **Which Renaissance polymath** filled notebooks with mirror-written observations on anatomy, engineering and flight, and spent his final years at Clos Lucé under the patronage of Francis I?	(The) CORONATION OF NAPOLEON and LEONARDO DA VINCI

QUESTION	ANSWER
Théodore Géricault painting at the Louvre depicting the survivors of a French frigate whose wreck became one of the Bourbon Restoration's greatest political scandals. **Which sprinter** became the first athlete to win Olympic gold in both the 100 metres and 200 metres at three consecutive Olympic Games?	(The) RAFT OF THE MEDUSA and USAIN BOLT

QUESTION

Ancient Greek sculpture with missing arms, traditionally identified as Aphrodite, discovered in 1820 and now displayed at the Louvre.

(Surname only) **Which Serbian politician** served as President of Serbia and later of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia before standing trial at The Hague for war crimes?

ANSWER

VENUS DE MILO and MILOŠEVIĆ

QUESTION

Which Babylonian basalt stele, housed at the Louvre, bears one of the world's earliest legal codes and depicts its king receiving authority from the sun god Shamash?

Which viral disease, whose name ultimately derives from the Latin word for "to rave" or "be mad", is almost invariably fatal once clinical symptoms appear?

ANSWER

The CODE OF HAMMURABI and RABIES

QUESTION

Which enormous painting, housed at the Louvre, depicts Christ's first miracle of turning water into wine and was originally commissioned for the Benedictine monastery of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice?

Bank established in Mangalore by Ammembal Subba Rao Pai, whose CANDI branch introduced the humanoid assistant "Bro"- a first for a state-owned bank.

ANSWER

(The) WEDDING AT CANA and CANARA

QUESTION

Which two missing words complete the alternate title of the Hellenistic marble sculpture (BLANK BLANK of Samothrace), housed at the Louvre, better known as the Nike of Samothrace?

(Phonetic smash) **Annual Simpsons Halloween anthology** whose second instalment featured a parody of W. W. Jacobs' The Monkey's Paw, later cited as the direct inspiration for the recent hit Obsession.

ANSWER

WINGED VICTORY and TREEHOUSE OF HORROR

QUESTION

Common missing word from the titles of these Louvre works: Ingres' The Turkish and Rembrandt's Bathsheba at Her, the former inspired by Ottoman hammams and the latter depicting the biblical heroine.

Handcrafted cement tiles taking their name from a village in Sivaganga district in the Chettinad region, celebrated for their vivid patterns and environmentally friendly manufacturing process.

ANSWER

BATH and ATHANGUDI

QUESTION

Which painting, housed at the Louvre, depicts the allegorical figure of Marianne carrying the French Tricolour over the barricades during the July Revolution of 1830?

Sobriquet of the Tata Nano, whose planned ₹1 lakh price tag reflected its ambition to make enclosed four-wheeled transport affordable to millions of Indians.

ANSWER

LIBERTY LEADING THE PEOPLE and PEOPLE'S CAR

QUESTION

Fill in the blank: Ingres' monumental Louvre painting 'Apotheosis of ', which depicts an ancient Greek figure celebrated by figures from classical antiquity and European history.

Which classic song from Shree 420 was referenced by PM Modi in Moscow in 2024 to celebrate historic Indo-Russian ties?

ANSWER

HOMER and MERA JOOTA HAI JAPANI

QUESTION

A marble sculpture by Antonio Canova, housed at the Louvre, depicts the climactic moment from Apuleius' The Golden Ass. **Complete its title**: Psyche Revived by BLANK'S BLANK.

Political satire whose original prints and master reels were allegedly burnt at the Maruti factory in Gurgaon by associates of Sanjay Gandhi and VC Shukla

ANSWER

CUPID'S KISS and KISSA KURSI KA

QUESTION

FITB in this painting by Ingres, housed at the Louvre: the 'Grand ' scandalised critics with its anatomically elongated reclining nude, described not as a goddess but as the female attendant of an Ottoman harem.

Which filmmaker won Academy Awards for the original screenplays of two of his films, from 1994 and 2012? His surname shares its linguistic origin with the English name of a large, hairy spider once associated with Italy's Apulia region.

ANSWER

ODALISQUE and QUENTIN TARANTINO

QUESTION

A primary Dharmapala (protector of the Dharma) in Vajrayana and Tibetan Buddhism, often depicted as a **wrathful manifestation of Avalokiteshvara**.

Not to be confused with the martial art from Kerala, **this cheese** is believed to have been developed by the Dogra people of Ramnagar in Jammu.

ANSWER

MAHAKALA and KALARI / KALADI

QUESTION

American banker whose likeness inspired Monopoly's iconic moustachioed mascot before the character acquired the game's own name.

NASA astronaut Sunita Williams carried a small idol of **which deity** into space as a personal good-luck charm?

ANSWER

J.P. MORGAN and GANESHA

QUESTION

The sculptor originally conceived **which monument** as "Egypt Carrying the Light to Asia" before redesigning it after the proposal was rejected?

(Phonetic smash) **Aristocratic Wodehouse hero** who contributed "What the Well- Dressed Man is Wearing" to his Aunt Dahlia's Milady's Boudoir and fancies himself a banjolele virtuoso.

ANSWER

STATUE OF LIBERTY and BERTIE WOOSTER

QUESTION

Also called the "Chuttuval" in Kerala, where it originates, this flexible whip-like sword is made by hammering Wootz steel into a razor-thin, flexible ribbon.

Built by Nawab Asaf-Ud-Daula in 1784, **this Lucknow landmark** was modeled after the Sublime Porte in Istanbul.

ANSWER

URUMI and RUMI DARWAZA

QUESTION

Historic hill on Rome's west bank, opposite the city's seven hills, that gave its name to the surrounding sovereign enclave.

(Phonetic smash) India got its only 8000-er in 1975. **Which mountain**, adjoining a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was it?

ANSWER

VATICAN and KANCHENJUNGA

QUESTION	ANSWER
Raised mark on the skin; also a strip of leather in shoemaking. **Name given to the rivalry** between the teams LA Galaxy and Los Angeles FC, as a nod to the notoriously congested roads of Los Angeles.	WELT and EL TRAFICO

QUESTION	ANSWER
Reticulate is the wrapper package for R to interface with which programming language, designed by Guido van Rossum? **Word** for a type of minimal swimwear, a narrow strap sandal (like a flip-flop), or a thin strip of leather.	PYTHON and THONG

QUESTION

Black Death,' 'Widowmaker,' and 'The Mafia of the Jungle' are nicknames of which Sub-Saharan animal, whose heavy, fused shield of bone on its forehead is called a "boss"?

In Hindustani idioms, **what food item** from Iran is a metaphor for something that is "shredded", such as one's dignity?

ANSWER

CAPE BUFFALO / AFRICAN BUFFALO and FALOODAH / FALOODEH

QUESTION

Amazonian palm whose antioxidant-rich berries are widely consumed as smoothie bowls and juices.

R package in North Africa often used to produce publication-quality PNG and TIFF graphics, sharing its name with a graphics library whose Windows version was renamed from XR using Greek letters to sound more exotic.

ANSWER

ACAI and CAIRO (from XR being Chi- Rho)

QUESTION

Whose five sons with Dalia Soto del Valle—Alexis, Alejandro, Ángel, Alexander, and Antonio—were all named with variations honoring his revolutionary nom de guerre, Alejandro, and his admiration for Alexander the Great?

Locality that was once a separate island known to British sailors as "Neat's Tongue", whose Portuguese-era churches and fortifications became inaccessible after the establishment of BARC.

ANSWER

FIDEL CASTRO and TROMBAY

QUESTION	ANSWER
R package used for web scraping, its five-letter name a play on the agricultural act of gathering crops. **Iconic sedan** manufactured in India from 1994 to 2007, once ubiquitous as a government and rally car.	RVEST and ESTEEM

QUESTION

Title immortalised by a photograph taken at 11:35 a.m. on 8 August 1969 after a London traffic policeman briefly halted traffic so Iain Macmillan could complete his sixth attempt.

Sam Mendes film for which Conrad L. Hall received a posthumous Oscar, featuring Paul Newman performing his own driving stunts.

ANSWER

ABBEY ROAD and ROAD TO PERDITION

QUESTION	ANSWER
Which dance form's lineage evolved from ancient Dhrupada Nritya and rural storytelling bards across Gangetic plains? **Govind Nihalani Crime drama** whose title is borrowed from the serpent king of Hindu mythology who slew King Parikshit, reflecting the toxic and deadly nature of Mumbai's underworld.	KATHAK and THAKSHAK

QUESTION

Secretive society founded in Bavaria in 1776 by Adam Weishaupt; a smash-hit Malayalam track from Aavesham (2024)

According to tradition, St Francis of Assisi staged the world's first live depiction of **what** in a cave at Greccio in 1223?

ANSWER

ILLUMINATI and NATIVITY Scene / NATIVITY

QUESTION	ANSWER
Dance form that originated in the royal courts of Renaissance Italy and France as a display of strength and athleticism by male courtiers. **River of forgetfulness** in Greek mythology.	BALLET and LETHE

QUESTION

Sanskrit term for the succession of teachers and disciples in Indian traditions; 1993 Yash Chopra film with ensemble cast.

South Korean film whose depiction of banjiha basement apartments gained renewed attention after the deadly Seoul floods of August 2022 prompted calls to phase out such dwellings.

ANSWER

PARAMPARA and PARASITE

QUESTION

Dance whose name imitates the scraping sound of dancers' shoes, and in which a teenage Bruce Lee won Hong Kong's Crown Colony Championship in 1958.

The coronation oil for **which monarch** in 2023 was made entirely from olives harvested on the Mount of Olives and consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre?

ANSWER

CHA CHA / CHA CHA CHA and CHARLES III

QUESTION

Netflix series created by Hwang Dong-hyuk, cited by the Writers Guild of America during the 2023 strike because its creator earned little despite its enormous global success.

Cellular automaton devised by Conway that is Turing complete and whose earliest patterns were tested using Go boards and checker sets.

ANSWER

SQUID GAME and GAME OF LIFE

QUESTION

The FiveFinger brand of minimalist shoes, initially targeted at Yacht racers to maintain their grip on slippery surfaces, were launched in 2005 by which company?

Mammotty won the best actor at the 72nd National Film Awards for **this 2024 film** with a title that translates to "The Age of Madness"

ANSWER

VIBRAM and BRAMAYUGAM

QUESTION

Guerrilla force that turned unexploded American bombs into weapons and exploited the concrete-like clay of the Cu Chi tunnels.

Politicised name for the invasive weed Parthenium hysterophorus, also known as "carrot grass" or "gajar ghas".

ANSWER

VIET CONG and CONGRESS (Ghas)

QUESTION

This imageboard website was launched in October 2003 by Christopher Poole as an unofficial English-language counterpart to the Japanese imageboard Futaba Channel

The 72nd National Film Awards also saw Kartik Aryan share the award for Best Actor for **this biographical sports drama film**.

ANSWER

4CHAN and CHANDU CHAMPION

QUESTION

What ritual forms the centrepiece of the Tamil festival of Thimithi, celebrated in honour of Draupadi Amman across India and the global Tamil diaspora?

Biographical film about a father who, after watching Virginia Ruzici win prize money on TV, drafted a 78-page blueprint for his unborn daughters' future and trained them on the streets of Compton.

ANSWER

FIREWALKING and KING RICHARD

QUESTION

Considered the fifth oldest national football competition in the world, **this Cup** was named after the foreign secretary of the British Raj from 1884 to 1894.

Which actor, who made his debut in Mira Nair's Monsoon Wedding, was awarded for the "Best Debut Film of a Director" at the 72nd National Film Awards, winning it for "Swatantrya Veer Savarkar"?

ANSWER

DURAND and RANDEEP HOODA

QUESTION

Alter ego developed with the assistance of Kansai Yamamoto, whose stage costumes incorporated the Kabuki technique of hikinuki, involving quick costume changes.

Which 2025 film, starring Mads Mikkelsen, is named after a literal monster made of the titular material that starts as a small tuft under a young girl's bed and grows into a terrifying creature?

ANSWER

ZIGGY STARDUST and DUST BUNNY

QUESTION

Surname of Katharine, who recorded experiments, secured funding, promoted sales and served as the global spokesperson while supporting her brothers' pioneering work.

A common explanation for the **dexterous** name of these creatures from the genus Eubalaena is that they were regarded as the ones to hunt, as they float when killed and often swim within sight.

ANSWER

WRIGHT and RIGHT WHALE(s)

QUESTION	ANSWER
Mountain on the Moroccan side of the Strait of Gibraltar, traditionally identified as the southern Pillar of Hercules. (2-word name needed) **Recent series** actually filmed at Jharipani Castle, a heritage property in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.	JEBEL MUSA and MUSAFIR CAFE

QUESTION

Leo (2023), starring the current CM of Tamil Nadu Thalapathy Vijay, is an adaptation of A History of Violence, directed by **this Canadian master of body horror**.

Common **one-word term** for Human Factors Engineering (HFE), introduced to the English dictionary by psychologist Hywel Murrell.

ANSWER

DAVID CRONENBERG and ERGONOMICS

QUESTION

Codename of the IAF's high-altitude air campaign during the 1999 Kargil War, the first extensive use of air power above 16,000 feet in mountain warfare.

State capital that hosts India's third international internet gateway (after Mumbai and Chennai) and the Akhaura beating-retreat ceremony.

ANSWER

(Operation) SAFED SAGAR and AGARTALA

QUESTION

Actor who played mother to the older Dev Anand in Munimji (1955), and whose daughter-in-law Una Roy filed a dowry complaint against her in 2001.

Singer remembered for his trademark sunglasses, an operatic voice that earned him the nickname "Caruso of Rock", and membership of the Traveling Wilburys.

ANSWER

NIRUPA ROY and ROY ORBISON

QUESTION

Common **South Asian name for Cassia fistula, the golden shower tree**; linked to aragvadha - meaning "that which kills or casts away disease" - reflecting its long use in Ayurveda.

This Hindi/Marathi term originates from the Sanskrit root word for ‘thief’/’robber’. **What term** that names an Indian Netflix series?

ANSWER

AMALTAS and TASKAREE

QUESTION

This 'The Odyssey' actress born in Mexico City won the Oscar for best supporting actress for her debut role as Patsey in Steve McQueen's 12 Years a Slave (2013).

This **crater in northeastern Tanzania**, named by the Maasai pastoralists after the sound produced by the cowbell, is the world's largest inactive, intact and unfilled volcanic caldera.

ANSWER

LUPITA NYONG'O and NGORONGORO

QUESTION

What is the appropriate four-letter station code for the Kanyakumari Railway Station?

What four letter word is common to the names of multiple state co-operative banks in India to indicate that they are the foremost of all co-operative banks in their states?

ANSWER

CAPE and APEX

QUESTION

Star whose 'The Odyssey' press tour sparked debate over 3,000-year-old Iranian artefact earrings, alongside criticism that her character lacked traditional armour, helmet and shield.

(Surname only) Israeli military leader famed for his eye patch, who was born on the world's first kibbutz and later attracted controversy for conducting unauthorized archaeological excavations.

ANSWER

ZENDAYA and (Moshe) DAYAN

QUESTION

Which upcoming 2026 film shows the legendary cunning canine hiring a billboard attorney to sue an organization for selling it faulty products?

(2-letter smash) Most recently portrayed by Jon Bernthal, **this king of Sparta** led his kingdom's contingent of the Greek army at Troy under his elder brother, the king of Mycenae.

ANSWER

COYOTE VS. ACME and MENELAUS

QUESTION

Actress in 'The Odyssey' who spent her childhood on a farm near Benoni speaking Afrikaans, and who joined Kim Basinger as the only actresses to have won Academy Awards after appearing in Playboy.

5-letter term shared by a musical structure built around a recurring main theme and a football possession exercise in which players keep the ball away from a defender.

ANSWER

CHARLIZE THERON and RONDO

QUESTION

Character portrayed by Jon Haugen, identified only after a year-long search by journalist Ton Van Luling, despite appearing only twice on screen; first appearance in 1996 in "The One with the Giant Poking Device".

Man recruited by Robert Catesby for his military background, who served in the Spanish Army under the name "Guido" before returning to England for a failed early 17th C. attempt.

ANSWER

UGLY NAKED GUY (from FRIENDS) and GUY FAWKES