

### **MKVITRA: The Undiscovered Content**

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**Packet 11 (Division Semi-Final): Can I Watch Anime And Skip The Episodes That Contain Haram Things?**

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TU1. **It's not the United States, but a novel by an author from this country is separated into arcs like "Mirella" and "Olive," and ends at the Oklahoma City Starport Terminal. In a novel set in this country, a Museum of Civilization holds "ancient" objects like Microsoft Surfaces and iPhones, and is located in a town run by the Prophet, who is obsessed with comic books. RejoovenEssence protects people in a novel set in this country that is affected by the (\*) BlyssPlus pandemic.** In that novel, Snowman plays an online trivia game called Extinctathon. Both *Station Eleven* and *Sea of Tranquility* are by an author from this country, which is the setting of the *MaddAddam* trilogy, which begins with *Oryx and Crake*. For 10 points, name this country, home to authors Emily St John Mandel and Margaret Atwood.

ANSWER: Canada

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BS1. For ten points each, answer some questions on the use of a recurring theme in classical music.  
[10] Debussy's prelude *Hommage à S. Pickwick Esq. P.P.M.P.C.* incorporates the opening refrain of this piece, a national anthem that uses the same melody as the American song *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*.

ANSWER: God Save The King (or God Save The Queen)

[10] Upon the death of Queen Victoria, Max Reger wrote a *Variations and Fugue on 'Heil dir im Siegerkranz'* for this instrument, which also names Saint-Saëns' third symphony.

ANSWER: Pipe organ

[10] This composer described their organ *Variations on "America"* as "almost as much fun as playing baseball". During a recital, they were banned from performing its polytonal canons as they supposedly "upset the elderly ladies and made the little boys laugh and get noisy".

ANSWER: Charles Ives

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TU2. **In one denomination, this festival sees a priest carry a velvet-wrapped Tabot [ta-BOAT] stone on their head to a body of water, and is known as Timket. In another, this festival is preceded by a rite named for "lighting of the lamps", paralleling another name for this festival, "The Day of the Lights". It's not (\*) Christmas, but the day before this festival is one of only three occasions when the Royal Hours are celebrated, and is called Paramony [pa-RAM-on-y].** In many countries, this festival sees divers compete to retrieve a crucifix thrown into water, while in western churches, this festival is also known as the Day of the Kings and is preceded by Twelfth Night. For 10 points, name this Christian festival, celebrating both Jesus' baptism and the visit of the Magi, traditionally celebrated on January 6th.

ANSWER: Epiphany [accept Timket, Soorp Tsnund, Day of the Lights, Theophany, or Day of the Kings/Día de los Reyes before said, prompt on Paramony, Twelfth Night, or January 6th before said]

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BS2. A 2020 paper by Vikram and Akhil Amar dismisses this theory as the "Bush league argument" in reference to it being entertained by the Bush court. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this debunked legal theory pushed by John Eastman that argues that certain subnational entities would have the authority to determine the victor of federal presidential elections.

ANSWER: Independent State Legislature theory

[10] ISL adoption in turn would invalidate the choosing of a president by this body, that unlike the

popular vote, determines the next president of the United States.

ANSWER: **Electoral College** (prompt on just college)

[10] The struck down *Moore v Harper* was brought forth to SCOTUS by the speaker of the house of this US State. In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld integrated busing to schools in this state in the case *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*.

ANSWER: **North Carolina**

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**TU3. In a 2001 biography of this poet, Nancy Milford wrote that they would yell “Goodnight Chereest!” [SHARE-est] towards the direction their mother was working as a nurse that evening. This poet spent the last 25 years of their life in a house at a former blueberry farm named Steepletop. One work by this poet imagines how the title mathematician sees a “light anatomized”. While at (\*) Vassar, this poet wrote a work which begins “All I could see from where I stood/Was three long mountains and a wood” in her poem *Renascence*. This poet wrote about her bisexuality in the lines “my candle burns at both ends /it will not last the night.” For 10 points, name this early 20th century American poet who won the 1923 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and wrote the poem *First Fig*.**

ANSWER: Edna St. Vincent **Millay**

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BS3. The naming of a newly discovered species is a momentous opportunity to acknowledge a species' local heritage, clarify its position in the tree of life or honour an expert in the field. Or not. For ten points each, taxonomise:

[10] This genus of frog, one of the world's tiniest, whose genus and three species names are all puns referring to how very small they are.

ANSWER: **Mini** (the species are *M. ature*, *M. scule*, and *M. mum*)

[10] This species of wasp, whose entire binomial name is only five letters long and supposedly transcribes entomologist Arnold Menke's reaction upon realising it was a new species.

ANSWER: **Aha ha**

[10] The foul-smelling weed *Siegesbeckia* [see-gez-BEK-i-a] is vindictively named after an enemy of this man, who classified it. Johann Siegesbeck had called this man's now-standard system of plant taxonomy "foul harlotry".

ANSWER: Carl **Linnaeus** [lin-AY-us] (or Carl von **Linné** or Carolus a **Linné**)

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**TU4. A 2009 BBC series, *Britain's Best Drives*, saw this actor review the six best roads in the UK as judged by a 1950s motoring guide. This actor appeared in the children's series *Merlin*, playing court physician Gaius. A Twitter account tracks the birth dates of a variety of celebrities and tweets when they reach the age of (\*) 19,537 days old, the same age this actor was when his best-known role first aired on TV. Les Dawson was approached for a role this actor originally turned down, believing he was too young, although writer David Renwick later convinced him to accept the part. You might not believe the question has reached this point but, for 10 points, which actor played Victor Meldrew in *One Foot In The Grave*?**

ANSWER: Richard **Wilson**

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BS4. This figure's magical snuff-box was stolen, along with an entire castle, by a servant, and the Kings of Frogs, Mice, and Birds helped him get it back. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this traditional British folklore hero and stock character with a single common name, whose other exploits include climbing a beanstalk and killing a giant.

ANSWER: **Jack**

[10] The character of Jack-o'-Lantern cheated the devil, and could not go to Heaven or Hell, instead wandering with only an ember in this root vegetable to light his way. Nowadays, a pumpkin is more commonly used.

ANSWER: a **turnip** [accept **swede** or **rutabaga**]

[10] Another Jack of English folklore, this giant walks the roads of Yorkshire wrapped in chains and wearing the heads of those he kills with his enormous spiked club.

ANSWER: **Jack-in-Irons**

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**TU5. In a 2022 film, Lemon claims that everything he learned from people he learned from a work set on this island, and then pulls out a poster of its residents. Jia Tolentino wrote a 2017 *New Yorker* article about the "Repressive, Authoritarian soul" of a work set on this island. *Forbes* claims that this place's economy is sustained by cronyism and sinecures who occasionally get assigned projects like building a Search and Rescue station on nearby (\*) Misty Island. This island's locations include Rolf's Castle and Skarloey, and a character who lives on this island was bricked up inside of a tunnel as punishment. This island is largely ruled by The Fat Controller, who employs Toby, James, and Henry. For 10 points, name this fictional island created by Wilbert Awdry that is the setting of *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends*.**

ANSWER: **Sodor**

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BS5. Businessman John H. Noble wrote a number of books about his unusual experience as an American in one of these places. For 10 points each:

[10] *Amerikanetz* and *I Found God in Soviet Russia* were works by Noble about his time spent in this place. Examples of these places were commonly found in Siberia and full of journalists and accused dissidents.

ANSWER: **Gulags** (prompt on **prisons** or **prison camps**, accept **labour camps** or **correctional camp**)

[10] Some of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's [sol-zhen-ITZ-in] most famous works centre around gulags, including a non-fiction work entitled *The Gulag <this word>*. Solzhenitsyn used this word as a metaphor for the camps being scattered throughout the "sea of civil society".

ANSWER: *The Gulag* **Archipelago**

[10] This author wrote the short story collection *Kolyma Tales* as a semi-fictional retelling of his time spent in a Kolyma gulag.

ANSWER: Vadim **Shalamov**

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**TU6. It's not in South America, but this place names a headland in the Strait of Magellan that marks the Chile-Argentina border. Oil pipelines were laid between this place and Ambleuse [om-blet-ERZE], a northern French commune, as part of a network named "Dumbo". A fisherman's hut in this place, named Prospect Cottage, was Derek Jarman's home until his death. A North American species of (\*) crab takes its name from a spit in Washington that was itself named after this place. A 2021 article in the Guardian about this place asked the question "Why go to the Sahara when you can visit Kent?", referring to the now-debunked legend that this place is the UK's only desert. For 10 points, what area of Kent is the home of two non-operational nuclear power stations?**

ANSWER: **Dungeness** (prompt on **Kent** before read)

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BS6. The Spanish began growing the Amelonado variety of this crop in the 19th century in hopes of restarting the craze it enjoyed in the Iberian Peninsula in earlier times. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this crop which, alongside coffee, allowed Sao Tome and Principe to generate wealth under the *Servicaes* [SAIR-vi-SIGHsh] system. Henri Nestlé invented a product that mixes this crop with sugar and condensed milk.

ANSWER: cocoa [or chocolate or cacao]

[10] Tettah Quarshie is considered the father of chocolate in this West African country where he introduced it in 1876 and which is its main agricultural export. Ashanti lands in this country were exploited and organised under the pre-independence British Gold Coast administration.

ANSWER: Ghana

[10] Quarshie brought chocolate beans to Ghana from this island in the Bight of Biafra. The Bubi people are indigenous to this island, which was formerly named after the Portuguese explorer who spotted it in 1494.

ANSWER: Bioko [or Fernando Po]

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**TU7. A core skill in this sport was invented by Alan Gelfand and named after Gelfand's nickname. The first woman to participate professionally in this sport was Patti McGee, who became the first female national champion in 1964. An area of Santa Monica and the nearby neighbourhood of Venice is historically associated with this sport, where it is nicknamed Dogtown. Among the most influential people involved in this sport is (\*) Rodney Mullen, a pioneer of the "street" style, for his creation of dozens of now-standard skills and tricks. The first British person to win an Olympic medal in this sport, also Great Britain's youngest-ever medallist, is Sky Brown. A two-and-a-half revolution spin trick, the 900, was famously landed in 1999 - for 10 points, Tony Hawk is arguably the most famous person to compete in what sport?**

ANSWER: Skateboarding (do not accept or prompt on "skating"; anti-prompt on vert or street)

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BS7. It's one thing to know about things that happened; how about things that didn't. For 10 points each, answer some questions on military operations that never occurred.

[10] This proposed invasion of Japan in WWII was forecast to be so bloody that Purple Heart medals minted in preparation for it are still being used to this day. This operation was cancelled after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

ANSWER: Operation Downfall (anti-prompt on Operation Olympic or Operation Coronet)

[10] The secret operation "huele a quemado" [HU-lu A ku-MA-doe] was supposedly a plan to burn and bomb this structure by guerrillas in case the Torrijos [to-RI-hoss]-Carter treaties weren't ratified in 1977.

ANSWER: The Panama Canal

[10] In 1954, Richard Nixon argued in favour of Operation Vulture, which would have seen the US intervene with atomic weapons to aid French forces at the Battle of Dien Bien Phu [DYEN BYEN FO] in this modern-day nation. Eisenhower cancelled the plan when Winston Churchill refused to support it.

ANSWER: Vietnam

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**TU8. This non-English word titles a 1978 novel that opens with a 477 word long sentence, and is about a scientist's troubled relationship with his Iranian wife. In addition to that novel by Thomas Bernhard, this non-English word is used to refer to a unit of measurement equal to 30.3 centimetres, and is the Korean foot. In 2023, an NBA point guard with this nickname was seen on Instagram Live videos (\*) with a gun in a nightclub twice in three months. A rapper whose stage name begins with this word was sued alongside Billy McFarland after the failure of Fyre Festival, and produced the song "Always on Time" with Ashanti. For 10 points, give the usual nickname of Grizzlies player Morant [mo-RANT], the first word of rapper Rule's stage name, and the German for "yes".**

ANSWER: Ja [Accept Yes if someone buzzes in on the first clue]

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BS8. This concept was first identified in 1827 by Friedrich Wohler [VO-ler], who discovered that silver cyanate had different properties to the otherwise chemically-identical silver fulminate. For 10 points each:

[10] This term refers to molecules whose chemical formulae are identical, but which have distinct arrangements of atoms.

ANSWER: **Isomers** (accept word forms)

[10] Stereo-isomers are molecules that have the same formula and constitution, but the three-dimensional orientation of their atoms differs - this term refers to stereoisomers which are mirror images of one another, and which cannot be made to match by rotation alone.

ANSWER: **Enantiomer** [en-ANT-yo-mer] (accept **optical isomer**; accept word forms)

[10] Enantiomers are chiral [KYE-ral], a fact which was first demonstrated to have a molecular basis by Louis Pasteur in 1848 when he manually separated crystals of this acid into dextro- and levo- groups.

ANSWER: **Tartaric** acid (or 2,3-**Dihydroxysuccinic** acid)

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TU9. In Hindustani classical music, this number of matras characterises the rupak tal measure and the tishrajaathi [TISH-ra-JAH-ti] form of the tripata tala; perhaps in tribute, Holst set *Song of the Frogs* and *Creation from the Rig-Veda* to music in this measure. The traditional Greek dance called the kalamatianos [KAL-a-MAT-i-AH-nos] has this many beats to the bar, and Cat Stevens and Dave Brubeck borrowed its rhythms for *Ruby Love* and (\*) *Unsquare Dance* respectively. Andrew Lloyd Webber used this unusual metre in *And The Money Kept Rolling In* from *Evita*, while Jeff Wayne used it in *War of the Worlds* for *Thunder Child*. The verses of *All You Need is Love* have this many beats to the bar. For ten points, identify this unusual prime-numbered measure prominent in Peter Gabriel's *Solsbury Hill* and the theme from *The Bill*.

ANSWER: **seven** beats (or **septuple** metre. Accept **7/4** or **7/8** [seven-four; seven-eight])

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BS9. Fantasy cover artist Rowena Morrill described one of her pieces thus: "A priestess, who is very voluptuous, draped over an altar in front of a stone demon. She's hurling a magic snake monster forward at the hero of the story, who's invading the inner sanctum of the temple." For 10 points each:

[10] Two high-end copies of Morrill's work, covers for the 1980s novels *Shadows out of Hell* and *King Dragon*, were found in this president's palace when American troops cleared it out in 2003.

ANSWER: **Saddam Hussein** (accept either half)

[10] Both Saddam and Donald Trump were widely rumoured to have had one of these specific items, but neither has been confirmed. The Guggenheim did however offer Trump Maurizio Cattelan's sculpture *America*, which is this kind of specific item.

ANSWER: a **golden toilet** (prompt on **toilet**)

[10] A rather hefty golden throne, eleven feet high, shaped like an eagle, and weighing two tons, was the memorably tasteless coronation seat of this African dictator, crowned "emperor" in a 1977 ceremony largely funded by the French.

ANSWER: Jean-Bédél **Bokassa** (or **Bokassa** I of the Central African Empire)

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TU10. In 2015 this phenomenon was demonstrated in the solid state at room temperature for the first time between vibrational states in diamond, induced by spontaneous Raman scattering to create phonons and thus Stokes photons. The Greenburger-Horne-Zeilinger state is a specific example of a state with this property for three or more substates, and a N00N [NOON] (\*) state is a generalised many-body state with this property. This phenomenon between at least two separate systems is necessary to demonstrate violation of the Bell inequality in a test of local realism, and the Bell states are examples of the "maximal" amount of this property. The current record for distance between a photon

pair with this property is 248km. For ten points, what quantum phenomenon was once referred to by Einstein as "spooky action at a distance"?

ANSWER: quantum entanglement

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BS10. Once described as "the writer who dared to make women funny", Romana Barrack used the name Carla Lane because she was shy about her writing career. For 10 points each:

[10] Lane's first success as a writer came when she co-created this sitcom, which focused on two young women sharing a flat in Liverpool and took its name from an animal associated with the city.

ANSWER: The Liver Birds [LIE-ver]

[10] Lane was one of the main writers on *Bless This House*, a sitcom starring this actor as Sid Abbott in one of his last roles. Many of this actor's characters in the *Carry On* films also had the forename Sid, as did this actor.

ANSWER: Sid James

[10] Lane's best-known work came as the creator and writer of *Bread*, a sitcom centering on this working-class family in Liverpool. Jean Boht played Nellie, the family's sharp-tongued matriarch.

ANSWER: Boswell

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**TU11. In conversation with Marie-Francois Cafferelli towards the end of his life, this person claimed to have fathered 16 children between his two wives and multiple mistresses, despite being a staunch Roman Catholic. A letter written by this man was signed "General Doctor", and was only identified as being from him in the 1930s; this letter was addressed to the rebel slave Georges Biassou during the (\*) Boukman Rebellion. This man is quoted as saying "In overthrowing me, you have cut down [...] only the tree trunk of liberty" upon his arrest in 1802 by Jean-Baptiste Brunet. In his planned raid on Harper's Ferry, John Brown cited this man's work as a key influence. Born a slave in the colony of Saint-Domingue, for 10 points, which 18th-century figure was the most prominent leader of the Haitian Revolution?**

ANSWER: Toussaint L'Ouverture (accept Toussaint Breda)

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BS11. Sewage treatment is important for minimising water pollution. For 10 points, answer questions on sewage treatment plants of the Midlands - PSYCH this bonus set is on hoaxes.

[10] Although he was already a co-discoverer of three elements, Viktor Ninov became notorious for faking the discoveries of elements 116 and 118 while working at this laboratory, where Glenn Seaborg spent most of his career.

ANSWER: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

[10] Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons falsely claimed to have discovered a method of cold fusion through electrolysis of heavy water using an electrode made of this metal with chemical symbol Pd.

ANSWER: Palladium

[10] This German physicist had many of his prizes rescinded after it was discovered that his breakthroughs in semiconductor research were fraudulent, including claims that he had used organic components in the creation of a transistor.

ANSWER: Jan Hendrik Schön [SHURN]

<RJ>

**TU12. These things are the objects of the stabilisation of the infinity-category of infinity-groupoids, and the set of possible cardinalities of equi-dissections of a polygon is referred to by this name.**

**The Brown representability theorem says that these objects are the same as generalised co-homology theories, and Gel'fand duality is induced by a functor of this name that takes C-star algebras to compact Hausdorff spaces. When equipped with the structure sheaf and the (\*) Zariski**

[za-RISS-key] topology, the set of prime ideals of a commutative ring forms an object of this name. Generalisable to bounded linear operators, an object of this name associated to a matrix consists of its set of eigenvalues. For ten points, name this word from mathematics, which elsewhere in science can refer to a range of frequencies of electromagnetic radiation.

ANSWER: **Spectra** (or **spectrum** or **Spec**. Prompt on spaces before "equidissections" is read, but do not prompt on "topological spaces".)

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BS12. I'm sorry to say that there's no secret menu here. For 10 points each, answer questions on North American coffee chains.

[10] This Seattle-based chain not only sells overpriced Nitro Cold Brew and cake pops, but also makes the extraordinarily popular Frappuccino blends that are putting teenagers on insulin pumps everywhere.

ANSWER: **Starbucks** Corporation

[10] The Roll Up The Rim marketing campaign is held annually by this chain, the biggest quick-service chain in Canada, which was founded by its namesake hockey player and Toronto Maple Leaf legend.

ANSWER: **Tim Hortons**

[10] This regional chain based in Minnesota specialises in "Bousted" tea and lemonade drinks which are infused with caffeine extracted from coffee beans. This chain is named after a subarctic even-toed ungulate.

ANSWER: **Caribou** Coffee

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TU13. A 2003 book by Kate Larson describes this person in the title as an "American Hero", and was the first biography written of this person since Earl Conrad's in 1943. After Abraham Lincoln reprimanded David Hunter, this person attacked Lincoln for his response, claiming God would not let Lincoln defeat the Confederacy; this person later contributed to Union efforts, providing intelligence that enabled the Raid on (\*) Combahee [KOM-bee] Ferry. When asked if she believed women deserved the vote, this woman replied "I suffered enough to believe it". Although most of her output was children's literature, Sarah Hopkins Bradford is best known as the author of two biographies of this woman, one of which popularised the nickname "Moses of Her People". For 10 points, which American activist used the Underground Railroad to rescue 70 slaves from captivity?

ANSWER: Harriet **Tubman**

<RJ>

BS13. One philosopher from this country argued that all notions of time are an illusion presented as an ideal. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this country, which was home to a metaphysicist who formulated the A and B series as part of his namesake paradox, J.M.E McTaggart.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** [or Great **Britain** or **England**]

[10] In *The Unreality of Time*, McTaggart argues that explaining the past and future at different times will lead to a vicious type of this objection. In this scenario, each object in a series is dependent on its predecessor.

ANSWER: Infinite **regress**

[10] Aristotle's "Third Man" argument is an example of infinite regress, expanded from the argument put forth in this ancient philosopher's dialogue *Parmenides* [par-MEN-id-eez].

ANSWER: **Plato**

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TU14. Moderator note for players: Description acceptable.

**This plot concept is the basis of a 2017 movie starring Marlon Wayans, which was a remake of the 2000 Swedish comedy movie *Naken* [NAH-ken]. Theresa "Tree" Gelbman is the protagonist of two horror movies that centre around this plot concept, with her having to escape multiple attempts**

**on her life. A Tom Cruise movie based around this plot concept casts him as Major William Cage, starring opposite (\*) Emily Blunt as Sergeant Rita Vrataski. A movie that centres around this plot concept prominently uses Sonny & Cher's song "I Got You Babe" as a recurring motif. For 10 points, what plot concept is central to the movies *Naked*, *Happy Death Day*, *Edge of Tomorrow* and *Groundhog Day*?**

ANSWER: **Time loops** [accept anything with clear understanding of the concept, such as **time repeating** or **restarting a day**; do not accept "resurrection" or similar, as that doesn't apply universally]

<RJ>

BS14. This director placed a strobe light under a glass table to give off the illusion that the figures they cut out were not held up by wiring. For 10 points each:

[10] Lotte Reiniger [RYNE-ig-er] used this technique to create early animated silent films. Later examples of this technique include their prominent use in title sequences of *James Bond* movies and the opening of a 1950s and 1960s anthology TV series.

ANSWER: **Silhouette**

[10] Reiniger's style is best exemplified by this 1926 animated film about the title royal figure on the island of Wak Wak. This oldest surviving animated film depicts an evil sorcerer's abduction of Pari Banu.

ANSWER: **The Adventures of Prince Achmed** [or **Die Abenteuer des Prinzen Achmed**]

[10] While creating Prince Achmed, Reiniger was influenced by the use of wayang, a form of shadow puppetry from this southeast Asian country. Early films made in this country were inspiration for independence movements against Dutch colonisers.

ANSWER: **Indonesia**

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TU15. **Hermann Zapf described this activity as unique, "like a fingerprint or voice", and both he and his wife Gudrun practised this activity. In the Qur'an, surah 68 is named after an implement used in this activity, the qalam. The Persian official Ibn Muqlah created six genres of this art form in Iran; in the 14th century, Mir Ali Tabrizi combined two to create the style used today, (\*)**

Nasta'liq. Along with Go, painting and playing stringed instruments, this art form was historically considered one of the four skills of ancient China. This form is particularly common in Islamic art due to the widespread prohibition on depicting humans or animals. Known as seoye in Korean tradition and shodo in Japanese, for 10 points, what art form's name comes from the Greek for "beautiful writing"?

ANSWER: **Calligraphy** (Prompt on writing or handwriting. Do not accept "typography", Zapf was talking specifically about calligraphy in the first clue)

<RJ>

BS15. The world's first commercial maglev system linked an airport and a railway station named for this English city. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this city in the Midlands who replaced that maglev system with the AirRail Link, which also runs to the National Exhibition Centre.

ANSWER: **Birmingham**

[10] A maglev train with a top speed of nearly 270 miles per hour links this massive city's airport to its Pudong district, which is also home to the Oriental Pearl Tower.

ANSWER: **Shanghai**

[10] Expected to come in at a cost of around ten trillion yen, this maglev line will eventually link Tokyo with Nagoya and Osaka with trains running at up to 310 miles per hour.

ANSWER: **Chūō** Shinkansen [prompt on shinkansen or bullet train]

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TU16. Moderator note for players: Name or pseudonym acceptable

**In the work *What's Wrong With Capitalism*, this philosopher claimed that the problem with political dissent is that it "begins with...vague feelings" which can be "channelled in any direction".**



**In another work, *The Aesthetic*, this thinker compared modern culture to Rome rather than Athens, saying "your problem is you think you're in the forum, when you're really in the circus". Referring to Kierkegaard's opinion that the catalogue aria was the most epic moment of the opera, this philosopher compared Don Giovanni to modern (\*) pick-up artists in a 2016 YouTube video. This American philosopher used the character Tiffany Tumbles to comment on how trans people can be radicalised by the right wing despite the apparent contradiction in this. Part of the left-wing collective known as BreadTube, for 10 points, Natalie Wynn creates content on what YouTube channel?**  
ANSWER: **ContraPoints** (accept Natalie **Wynn** until it is read out)

<RJ>

BS16. A ceremony where buglers perform the Last Post has occurred every evening since July 1928 at one of these sites, except during World War II when it was occupied by German forces. For 10 points each, answer some questions on World War I memorials.

[10] This memorial arch in Ypres [EEP-ruh] commemorates British and Commonwealth soldiers killed during the many battles in the Ypres Salient.

ANSWER: the **Menin Gate** ["Menin" can be either MEN-en (Dutch) or men-A' (French)]

[10] The *Table of Silence*, the *Gate of the Kiss* and the *Endless Column* are the three sculptures that make up the Ensemble at Targu Jiu, a memorial to soldiers who fought in World War I that was designed by this Romanian sculptor.

ANSWER: Constantin **Brâncuși** [bran-KOOSH]

[10] Around a third of the Grade I listed war memorials in England were designed by this architect, including the Arch of Remembrance in Leicester and the Northampton War Memorial.

ANSWER: Edwin **Lutyens**

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TU17. **This event titles an article by Margery and Frederick Schauer about "Law as the Engine of the State," which asks whether its main figure said to Madge Shelton to "look for dead man's shoes." A 2020 discovery of a document by Dalya Alberge of *The Observer* found evidence that this event had been premeditated, with Christopher Hales being informed by the accuser of being "moved by pity." A poem about a "fair neck round about" was used to imprison (\*) Thomas Wyatt after this event. As a result of this event, Thomas Cromwell was ordered to travel to Calais to find a skilled swordsman. The evidence at this event, such as incest with its main figure's brother George, was likely fabricated. For 10 points, name this event where Henry VIII's second wife was found guilty of witchcraft and treason.**

ANSWER: **Trial of Anne Boleyn**

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BS17. English students of this setter's generation will have fond memories of the AQA Anthology. For 10 points each, let's see how much you've retained:

[10] *Two Scavengers in a Truck, Two Beautiful People In A Mercedes* was included among the "Poems from Other Cultures" section, and was written by this poet. Along with Peter D. Martin, this man co-founded the City Lights Bookstore.

ANSWER: Lawrence **Ferlinghetti**

[10] A poem by Moniza Alvi was entitled *Presents from my Aunts in <this Asian nation>*, where Alvi was born. Imtiaz Dharker, whose poems include *This Room* and *Blessing*, was also born in this nation.

ANSWER: **Pakistan**

[10] Dharker was considered for Poet Laureate in 2019, and would have succeeded this poet in the role. This poet's work *Education for Leisure* was removed from the Anthology after complaints around the violent nature of the poem.

ANSWER: Carol Ann **Duffy**

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TU18. An “unadaptable” novel about one of these people named Banderas was written by Ramon del Valle-Inclan, which inspired a similar work by Augusto Roa Bastos about Dr. Francia. Another of these people orders all Catholic clergy expelled from the nation after the Pope refuses to canonise his deceased mother, and that character is eventually eaten by vultures in a novel by (\*) Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Another novel about one of these people focuses on an unnamed character almost certainly inspired by Manuel Estrada Cabrera; that novel is *El Senor Presidente* by Miguel Angel Asturias. Mario Vargas Llosa [YO-sa] wrote a novel set in the Dominican Republic about the events and aftermath of the real-life assassination of one of these people, Rafael Trujillo [tru-HEE-o]. For 10 points, what type of authoritarian political leader names a genre of Latin American literature?

ANSWER: **dictator** (or **dictador** or **caudillo** or **strongman**. Prompt on leader before read)

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BS18. These two countries have fought eleven wars against each other, dating all the way back to slave revolts in the 5th century. For 10 points each.

[10] Both of these countries have fought one another in conflicts such as the Torstenson War, the Scanian War, and the Kalmar War.

ANSWER: **Sweden** and **Denmark** (accept **Denmark-Norway**, but not “Norway” alone)

[10] A huge point of contention between Denmark and Sweden was this tax payable by those who wished to cross the Øresund [UR-ess-und], which the Danish crown enforced through fortresses at Helsingor and Helsingborg.

ANSWER: The **Sound dues** or **Sound toll** (accept **Øresundstolden**)

[10] Control of this body of water was one of the main political aims of both countries until the early modern period, although it was mostly fought over through land battles.

ANSWER: **Baltic Sea**

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TU19. “Contigs” are combined into “scaffolds” during analysis of this polymer in a technique named for its quasi-random approach. Two similar scarless techniques that act on this polymer are known as Golden Gate and Gibson assembly. Reaction with the bisulfite ion can determine patterns caused by a common change to this polymer. Discontinuous synthesis of short chains of this polymer produces (\*) Okazaki fragments, which are connected by a ligase [LIE-gaze] enzyme. Linus Pauling’s model of this polymer was proven incorrect by Photo 51, taken by Rosalind Franklin. For 10 points, what polymer is made from the nucleobases guanine, adenine, thymine and cytosine, and carries genetic information?

ANSWER: **DNA** (accept **deoxyribonucleic acid** [dee-OX-y-RYE-bo-nu-CLAY-ic] but if they mispronounce it neg them)

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BS19. Nhano dies at the beginning of this novel after contracting mumps. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this 1988 novel in which the cousins Nyasha and Tambu spend their teenage years with Bambamukuru. In this novel Tambu focuses heavily on her studies to win a scholarship to study at a missionary school.

ANSWER: **Nervous Conditions**

[10] *Nervous Conditions* is by Tsitsi Dangarembga [dang-ga-REMB-ga], an author from this African country. Another author from this country, Dambudzo Marechera, wrote the highly vulgar collection *The House of Hunger*.

ANSWER: **Zimbabwe** (or **Rhodesia** as *House of Hunger* is set during that era)

[10] In *The House of Hunger*, Marechera describes his hatred of feeling like an outsider at this university. In the stories of P.G Wodehouse, Jeeves earned a Blue in rackets whilst attending this oldest British

university.

ANSWER: University of Oxford

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TU20. **This politician gave the May 2023 commencement speech to the NYU graduating class, where they received a degree alongside Misty Copeland. This politician's popularity was boosted after 700 postal workers from the Posti Group went on strike in November 2019. Critics of this politician said they lied about getting a bill passed in order to gain indigenous votes, which this politician then blamed on stalling from the Centre Party. This politician courted controversy when a photo emerged of two women (\*) kissing in their Keresanta house in July 2022. This leader of the SDP was briefly the youngest head of state and lost in an April 2023 election to the NCP led by Petteri Orpo, the same month her country became a member of NATO. For 10 points, name this most recent Prime Minister of Finland.**

ANSWER: Sanna Marin

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BS20. A January 2022 article about how this policy is a myth was written by Alex Christian and cited studies by Stanford professor Nicholas Bloom. For 10 points each:

[10] Name or describe this policy adopted by UK companies that largely affected white-collar employees during the decline of the COVID-19 pandemic, and resulted in higher commuting costs while inflation rose.

ANSWER: return to the office [accept descriptions like ending/decline in remote work or switching to a hybrid work model]

[10] In May 2023, this London-based Big Four accounting firm announced it was allowing employees to leave work early on Friday at lunchtime as part of its return to the office scheme. Alan Sugar then idiotically implied that this company was siding with "lazy gits".

ANSWER: PriceWaterhouseCoopers International Limited

[10] Studies from 2023 showed the remarkable success of a UK pilot program that set this many maximum hours for the workweek. MP Peter Dowd introduced a bill that would set the maximum hours to this many a week while the pilot program was happening.

ANSWER: 32 hours [accept 4 days a week]

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### Tiebreaker

These people are the subject of a 1984 PBS documentary titled *Seasons of A <These People>*. The 2019 documentary *Basketball or Nothing* tells the story of a high school basketball team made up of these people. A 1907 photograph by Edward Curtis shows seven of these people on horseback with hunting dogs in the Canyon de Chelly. These people are the majority population in such towns as Many Farms and Chinle. These people celebrate the *Kinaalda* and these people live where they do in the present day as a result of the 19th century Long Walk to Bosque Redondo. These people's language is still the most associated with the Pacific theatre of World War II, where they were employed as code-talkers. These people are the largest tribal nation in the United States. For 10 points, name this Native American tribe that lives in New Mexico and Arizona.

ANSWER: Navajo [NAV-a-ho] (or Naabeeho; Accept Dine. Directed prompt on Native Americans with "Which tribe?")

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