



GRADWRITE

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PACK 1

6-Part Blitz

1. Byzantium, mauve, and lavender are all shades of what secondary colour?
A: **purple**
2. In a convention named the 2018 Anglicism of the Year by the IDS, what special character, alongside the suffix "innen", can be appended to a gendered noun in German to use it in a gender-neutral manner?
A: **asterisk** (accept: **gender star**) (prompt: **star**)
3. What type of animals did Cassius Marcellus Coolidge depict in *A Friend in Need*, part of a series in which they play poker?
A: **dogs**
4. Tarns can fill what type of bowl-like landforms, created when a headwall is eroded by the movement of a glacier?
A: **cirques**
5. Adding an "e" to the beginning of what word changes its meaning from its original use as "no place" to its common use as "good place?"
A: **utopia**
6. What river's mouth did UN pilots refer to as "MiG Alley" during the Korean War?
A: **Yalu** River (accept: **Yalu** Jiang, **Amnok** River, **Amnok**-kang)

Set of 4: This Was Once Revealed to Me in a Dream

7. What 1816 novel was written after its author "saw the pale student of unhallowed arts kneeling beside the thing he had put together" in a dream?
A: ***Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus***
8. What Russian theologian of *The Divine and the Human* was known to have frequent mystical dreams, one of which he cited in a now-infamous footnote?
A: Nikolai **Berdyaev**
9. What episodic RPG featuring Susie, Ralsei, and Kris was inspired by a fever dream that its creator, Toby Fox, had in 2011?
A: ***Deltarune***
10. What author was inspired by her dream of "a girl who was human and normal" and "a beautiful, sparkly boy" to write *Twilight*?
A: Stephanie **Meyer**

Pyramid

11.

Part 1: In one appearance, what character suddenly disappears from a story after he sets out on a quest to steal his father's cauldron?

Part 2: This god is prophesized to kill and be killed by Garmr during Ragnarok.

Part 3: Gylfaginning contains the story of Fenrir being bound by Gleipnir after this "bravest" god sacrifices his right hand.

Part 4: The English name of the day after Monday is named after this Norse god of war.

A: **Tyr**

Set of 3: U.S. State Subdivisions

14. With a population of almost 10 million, which Southern Californian county is the most populous in the United States, and shares its name with the city it contains?

A: **Los Angeles** County (accept: **LA** County, County of **Los Angeles**)

15. What state features an "Unorganized" subdivision which encompasses all the land that is not part of one of its organized boroughs?

A: **Alaska**

16. What peninsular Wisconsin county did Donald Trump fail to win in the 2024 election, marking the end of its seven-election streak as a bellwether?

A: **Door** County

Double Jump

17. Excluding those formed in explosive nuclear fusion, what is the heaviest element to be formed in a star?

A: **iron** (accept: **Fe**)

18. The production of carbon and heavier metals in stars begins with what process, in which three particles fuse in two steps to form carbon-12 nuclei?

A: **triple-alpha** process

Double Jump

19. What name is shared by two series of artworks, the older of which including *Fine Wind, Clear Morning*, by Hiroshige and Hokusai?

A: **Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji** (accept: **Fugaku Sanjurokkei**)

20. What other ukiyo-e series, featuring vertical prints like *The Plum Garden in Kameido*, was completed by Hiroshige II after his master's death?

A: **One Hundred Famous Views of Edo** (accept: **Meisho Edo Hyakkei**)

5-Part Mystery Link

21. What author wrote the book series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, which would later be adapted into the TV series *Game of Thrones*?

A: George R.R. **Martin**

22. What surname is shared by sisters Jane, Mary, Catherine, Lydia, and Elizabeth in *Pride and Prejudice*?

A: **Bennet**

23. What businessman founded and gave his name to a company whose 32 varieties of products were captured in a series of paintings by Andy Warhol?

A: Joseph Albert **Campbell**

24. In Love Letter, what card with value 6 allows a player to swap hands with another player?

A: **King**

25. Who succeeded Speedee, a hamburger-headed chef, to become the mascot of the fast food company which gives him his name?

A: **Ronald McDonald** (accept either bolded part)

All answers are Canadian Prime Ministers.

END OF FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

Splits: Sports Logos & Food in Poetry

Sports Logos

26. What three colours are the three four-pointed stars in the logo of the Pittsburgh Steelers?

A: **red** AND **yellow** (accept: **gold**) AND **blue**

27. What is the current name of the soccer team that rebranded in 2021 to remove the word "impact" from their name and badge?

A: **CF Montréal** (accept: **Club de Foot Montréal**) (prompt: Montréal)

28. A black bird with an orange beak wears a baseball cap emblazoned with an O in the logo of what Big Four sports team?

A: Baltimore **Orioles** (prompt: Baltimore)

29. What PWHL team's logo, which features a single red letter with gold details, bears a striking resemblance to the logo of the Calgary Flames?

A: **Ottawa Charge** (accept either bolded part)

Food in Poetry

30. What dessert is "The muscular one" told to "whip in kitchen cups" in a Wallace Stevens poem titled for its "Emperor"?

A: **ice cream**

31. The collection *Milk and Honey* is by what Canadian "Instapoet"?

A: Rupi **Kaur**

32. The speaker would rather "give away the green grass, give away the sky" than give away the title food in what children's poem by Dennis Lee?

A: **"Alligator Pie"**

33. "My candle burns at both ends; / It will not last the night" opens what short poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay?

A: **"First Fig"**

Set of 3: Canadian National Parks

34. At seven, what province contains the most national parks in Canada, including Glacier and Yoho?

A: **British Columbia** (accept: **BC**)

35. In 2005, *Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada* recognized the treaty rights of First Nations and Métis people to hunt, fish, and trap for personal use in which National Park, which is also the largest dark sky reserve in the world?

A: **Wood Buffalo** National Park

36. What is the only Canadian province or territory that names a national park?

A: **Prince Edward Island** (accept: **PEI**)

Set of 4: Mathematical Constants

37. What adjective is used to describe a spiral often approximated using quarter-circles, so named for its relation to a similarly-named "ratio"?

A: **golden**

38. One of the only known base-10 normal numbers is what eponymous constant, constructed by writing 0, a decimal place, and then the base-10 representation of every integer?

A: base-10 **Champernowne** constant (accept: **Champernowne's** constant, **C10**)

39. The ratio of the long side of a sheet of A4 paper to its short side is what constant, which is also the ratio of the long side of half a sheet of A4 paper to its short side?

A: positive square **root of 2**

40. What integer is closest in value to "pau," a number humorously proposed as a compromise between pi and tau in an xkcd comic?

A: **5**

Double Jump

41. What album, featuring the singles "Naked in Manhattan", "Pink Pony Club", and "HOT TO GO!", is the debut studio album by Chappell Roan?

A: *The **Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess***

42. The only song off of *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess* written solely by Roan is what single, which describes the beauty of love as too complex to be "a shape alone"?

A: **"Kaleidoscope"**

Double Jump

43. What is the modern name of the country that, under Mobutu Sese Seko, changed its name to Zaire ["ziye-EER"]?

A: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (accept: **DRC**)

44. What French word names Mobutu's broader policy of decolonization, which included renaming both the country and its individual citizens?

A: **Authenticité**

6-Part Linked Set

45. Which villainous team, led by Ghetsis, is based out of the Unova region and features in *Pokémon Black*, *Pokémon White*, and their sequels?

A: Team **Plasma**

46. What bodily fluid is made up primarily of namesake cells and platelets suspended in plasma?

A: **blood**

47. What title location, at which a murder is investigated by townsfolk, outsiders, minions, and a demon, is found with "blood on" it in the name of a 2022 social deduction game?

A: the **Clocktower**

48. What is the name of the Great Bell of the Clock of Westminster, though it is often used to refer to the clocktower itself?

A: **Big Ben**

49. What object was flown during a lightning storm as part of an experiment proposed by Ben Franklin?

A: **kite**

50. What author wrote about Amir's attempts to rescue Hassan's child from the Taliban in *The Kite Runner*?

A: Khaled **Hosseini**

END OF FIRST HALF

THIRD QUARTER

Splits: Transgender Representation in Film & Optics

Transgender Representation in Film

51. The title character of what 2001 movie musical finds her new identity as a transgender woman in the song "Wig in a Box" after a failed sex reassignment surgery?

A: **Hedwig and the Angry Inch**

52. Owen and Maddy bond over *The Pink Opaque* in what 2024 allegorical horror movie by transgender director Jane Schoenbrun?

A: **I Saw the TV Glow**

53. What 2024 movie starred the first self-identifying transgender actress nominated for an Academy Award, Karla Sofía Gascón?

A: **Emilia Pérez**

54. What dance style's history was chronicled in the 1990 documentary *Paris Is Burning*, a film about New York City's ballroom culture?

A: **voguing** (accept word forms)

Optics

55. Typically symbolized gamma, what chargeless and massless boson is the quantum of light?

A: **photon**

56. The difference between the index of refraction in the core and cladding of a fiber optic cable produces an incident angle greater than the critical angle, allowing for what process?

A: **total internal reflection** (accept: **TIR**) (prompt: reflection)

57. What prefix can be placed before concave or convex in the name of a lens to indicate that it is flat on one side?

A: **plano-**

58. What phenomenon occurs when a light wave's frequency affects its phase velocity, such as when white light is separated by a prism?

A: chromatic **dispersion**

Set of 4: Fictional Fruits & Vegetables

59. In what video game's hardmode can the player increase their max HP by 5 by finding Life Fruits in the underground jungle?

A: **Terraria**

60. Snozzcumbers comprise the diet of what character, who befriends the young girl Sophie in a book by Roald Dahl?

A: **BFG** (accept: **Big Friendly Giant**)

61. What Devil Fruit variety, which allows the user to stretch like rubber, was recklessly eaten by Monkey D. Luffy in *One Piece*?

A: **Gum-Gum** fruit (accept: **Gomu Gomu no Mi**)

62. What nation is home to the Heart-Shaped Herb, which grants enhanced speed and strength to the Black Panther?

A: **Wakanda**

Jailbreak

63. What term is used to refer to the flow of a liquid with low momentum convections and little to no lateral mixing?

A: **laminar** flow

64. Al Fahidi Fort, the Jebel Ali Port, and the Palm Jumeirah ["joo-MARE-uh"] are all located in what most populous emirate of the UAE?

A: **Dubai**

65. The third movement of Jennifer Higdon's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra imagines what contemporary violinist to be racing in the Olympics?

A: Hilary **Hahn**

66. What DNA structure, which features the sequence "TTAGGG" repeated hundreds to thousands of times, appears at the ends of human chromosomes as a buffer during DNA replication?

A: **telomere**

67. Who, along with Kailash Satyarthi, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for her

activism for children's rights and education?

A: **Malala Yousafzai** (accept either underlined part)

68. Hayley Williams fronts what band, whose album *After Laughter* features the songs "Rose-Colored Boy" and "Hard Times"?

A: **Paramore**

69. Which suspect in the standard English edition of *Clue* is named after a shade of blue, rather than a bird, as is commonly thought?

A: Mrs. **Peacock** (accept: Solicitor **Peacock**) (reject: Miss Peacock)

70. What West African country is a semi-enclave, surrounded on all its land borders by Senegal?

A: The **Gambia**

71. A discredited urban myth holds that what U.S. President claimed to be a jelly donut in his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech at the Berlin Wall?

A: **John F. Kennedy** (accept: **JFK, John Fitzgerald Kennedy**) (prompt: John Kennedy)

72. What region and plateau straddling the border between Italy and Slovenia lends its name to a type of limestone and dolomitic topography?

A: **Karst** region

73. What flower is used as a nickname for Margaret since it is homophonous to the French name of its oxeye variety?

A: **Daisy**

74. What character is the subject of a Lu Xun ["shoon"] speech in which he considers "what happens after" she "leaves home" in a play by Henrik Ibsen?

A: **Nora** Helmer (prompt: Helmer)

75. Under a free plan, how many minutes can a Zoom meeting last?

A: **40** minutes

END OF THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

Pyramid

76.

Part 1: What modern-day country's native Guna people were displaced from the mainland by colonists and now live on its San Blas Islands?

Part 2: This country was split from its southeastern neighbour by the Hay-Bunau-Varilla ["HAY boo-NOE vah-REE-yah"] Treaty, which was signed in Washington D.C. in 1903.

Part 3: American troops blasted rock music in Operation Just Cause, a 1989 operation which deposed a military dictator of this country.

Part 4: This country, which was ruled for most of the 1980s by Manuel Noriega, splits the Darién Gap along its border with Columbia.

A: **Panama**

Set of 3: Michel Foucault

79. Foucault's *Discipline and Punish* introduced a metaphor likening disciplinary society to what prison design originally proposed by Jeremy Bentham?

A: **panopticon**

80. First appearing in Volume 1 of *The History of Sexuality*, what term refers to political technologies that allow for the control of human populations through bodily subjugation?

A: **biopower** (accept: **biopolitics**)

81. What other thinker argued that there exists an "innate" human nature independent of one's experiences in a televised debate with Foucault in 1971?

A: Noam **Chomsky**

Set of 4: Nimrod

82. What explorer's 1907 *Nimrod* expedition included the first summit of Mount Erebus, but failed to achieve its main goal of reaching the South Pole?

A: Ernest **Shackleton**

83. What band's album *Nimrod* features songs like "Nice Guys Finish Last" and "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)"?

A: **Green Day**

84. Names like "Troyte" and "Nimrod" are given to the musical portraits in what composition by Edward Elgar?

A: **Enigma Variations, Op. 36**

85. What sacred text describes the journey of the Jaredites from the Valley of Nimrod to America?

A: The **Book of Mormon**

15-Part Blitz

86. What letter must be added to the name of a judge's mallet to get word for a mixture of small rocks and sand?

A: **r** (gavel to gravel)

87. Once quoted to have "seen ghosts", what quarterback led the Minnesota Vikings to a 14 win season in 2024 before signing with the Seattle Seahawks?

A: Sam **Darnold**

88. What Jamaican-born Black nationalist and pan-Africanist founded the UNIA and incorporated the Black Star Line?

A: Marcus **Garvey**

89. What percussion instrument with a Bantu name was featured in and names the first default iPhone ringtone?

A: **marimba**

90. Fenian Patrick Whelan assassinated what Father of Confederation on Sparks Street?

A: Thomas D'Arcy **McGee**

91. Who argued that the paradox of feeling more thirsty the more you drink Coca Cola

makes it the perfect Marxist commodity in his film *The Pervert's Guide to Ideology*?

A: Slavoj **Žižek** ["SLAH-voy ZHEE-zhek"]

92. Prohibitions against medical assistance in dying and abortions can be found in the original form of what text, whose modern form is taken as an oath by medical professionals?

A: **Hippocratic** Oath

93. What manufacturing company's name is the Japanese name for the Pleiades star cluster?

A: **Subaru**

94. The Law of the Splintered Paddle was established in 1797 by what first ruler of a unified Hawaii?

A: **Kamehameha I** (accept: **Kamehameha the Great**) (prompt: Kamehameha)

95. What two molecules are the products of the reaction of carbon monoxide and water in the water-gas shift reaction?

A: **hydrogen** gas (accept: **H₂**) AND **carbon dioxide** (accept: **CO₂**)

96. What artist's pieces *As I Opened Fire* and *Whaam!* were directly inspired by the content and art style of DC Comics?

A: Roy **Lichtenstein**

97. "Visiting Mount Tai" is by what early 20th century Chinese warlord who ruled Shandong?

A: **Zhang** Zongchang

98. The uqqāl ["oo-KAHL"] are the religious initiates of what faith, five principles of which are represented by a five-coloured, five-pointed star?

A: **Druze** (accept: al-**Muwahhidūn**)

99. On what peninsula do the cities of Merida and Cancún lie?

A: **Yucatán** Peninsula

100. A portmanteau literally translating to "empty orchestra", what Japanese loanword refers to an activity involving singing along to a pre-existing instrumental track?

A: **karaoke**

END OF GAME