- 1. JJJ Which French musical duo debuted with the album Moon Safari (1998), which also spawned the single you hear?
- 2. Which Pacific archipelago was the place where British explorer James Cook perished during his third Pacific journey?
- What is the title of comic book series created by Alan Moore and Kevin O'Neill, about Victorian literary characters such as Alan Quatermain, Henry Jekyll, Wilhemina Murray and Captain Nemo? The series began in 1999, and in 2003 it was made into a movie, so bad it made Sean Connery renounce acting for good.
- **4.** Which book that features the traveller Raphael Hythlodaeus was first published in 1516 in Latin and not translated into English until 1551, sixteen years after the author's execution?
- Which Australian clothing brand has taken its name from a pond or small lake, created when a river changes course and leaves the pond isolated? It can also be called an oxbow lake.



- **6.** The capital of the Canadian territory Nunavut, Iqaluit (meaning "place of fish"), is located on which island, the fifth largest in the world by area?
- 7. French biathlete Martin Fourcade and Austrian alpine skier Marcel Hirscher have both dominated their sports for a number of years. How many years in a row have they won the World Cup in their respective sports?
- **8.** Which non-SI unit is defined as the area of 1 chain by 1 furlong (66 ft by 660 ft)?
- 9. By what name, not unfamiliar to lovers of beer and exoplanets, do we know the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance? They take their name from an abbey in the French province of Normandy. The monks and nuns of the order fully abstain from meat from "four-footed animals". They speak only when necessary and have developed a sign language for communication. The image if from the 2010 French movie "Of Gods and Men" about monks killed in Algeria.



10. Regarded as part of the English social season, which annual rowing event on the river Thames features head-to-head knock out competitions, raced over a course of 1 mile, 550 yards (2,112 m)? The regatta was first held in 1839 and now lasts for five days, ending on the first weekend in July.

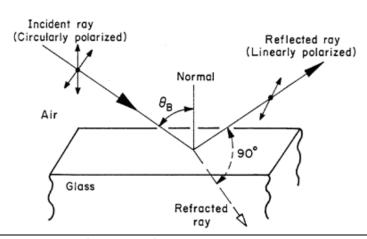


- **11.** $\square \square \square$ From which opera is this famous number?
- What is the name of the national park, part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, that is shared between the provinces Limpopo and Mpumalanga in north-eastern South Africa and is very popular among tourists, as one can experience all "big five" game creatures, as well as more large mammals than any other game reserve?
- What French name, derived from the German word for 'cake', describes a pie made primarily of eggs and cream in a pastry crust? Other ingredients such as cheese, meat, seafood or vegetables are often added to the eggs.
- 14. The 2017 Times Higher Education list of best universities in Europe included two universities in the top 30 that have been named after scholars. Name these two men.
- 15. In which century was Portugal liberated from the rule of the Spanish branch of the Habsburg dynasty, which marked the end of the Iberian union and the ascent of the Braganza dynasty, which ruled Portugal until the monarchy was abolished in 1910?
- 16. In which Asian city is the National Museum of Western Art located? The building was designed by Le Corbusier, and one of 28 sculptures of Rodin's Thinker is found in front of the entrance.



- 17. ...'s Club is an American chain of membership-only retail warehouse clubs owned and operated by Walmart. It was founded in 1983 and named after the Walmart founder. What name fills the blank?
- **18.** What is the name or abbreviation of Doctor's time-machine and spacecraft in Doctor Who?





- **19.** Also known as polarization angle, which Scottish physicist (1781-1868) gives his name to the angle at which a beam of unpolarized light is reflected after complete polarization? ↑
- 20. In Texas Hold'em poker, the first player to act in a hand pre-flop is often called UTG. What does UTG stand for?

- 21. In Christie Brinkley, the former American model, known for three consecutive Sport Illustrated swimsuit Issue covers, was married to what American singer-songwriter and pianist?
- **22.** Which family of very "social" animals is the object of study of myrmecology?
- **23.** The works of this artist often include motifs such as rats and bomb-hugging girl, but also a girl with a balloon. Who is the artist?



- 24. In a 2017 movie nominated for Best Picture Academy Award, what does Christine McPherson, a senior student at a Catholic high school in Sacramento in 2002, insist be called by her family and friends?
- 25. Who is the first athlete to has participated in eight Winter Olympic games? In those eight games he has won three Olympic medals one silver in Lillehammer and a silver and a bronze in Sotchi.
- **26. Which city stands** on the River Lagan? The plot of the first season of the crime drama series *The Fall* with Gillian Anderson as the detective and Jamie Dornan as the killer takes place in this city.



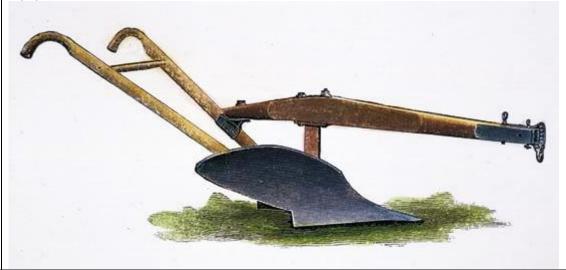
- 27. Which dictator gives his name to the period on Brazil's history (1930 1945) between the First and Second republic?
- Which Nobel Prize laureate attended in his youth fellow Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's experimental school at Santiniketan, India? It was Tagore who suggested his unusual first name ('immortal' in Bengali) to his mother. The person was awarded the Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998 "for his contributions to welfare economics".
- **29.** The book "A Higher Loyalty Truth, Lies and Leadership", published in April 2018, was written by which former director of the FBI?
- 30. Which Scottish brewery set three (now surpassed) records for the strongest beer or ale in the world, beginning with the 32 % ABV Tactical Nuclear Penguin, continuing with the 41 % ABV Sink The Bismarck, and finally with their 55 % ABV The End of History?



- **32.** The process of sterilisation by a source of heat, with the goal of destroying microorganisms, is named after which French chemist?
- 33. In the Chinese zodiac, there are nine mammals, one reptile, one mythological creature and one bird. Which animal is the only representative of the class of birds?
- **34.** "Cinderella Man", "Million Dollar Baby" and "When We Were Kings " are all films featuring which sport?
- **35.** Naranjito was the official mascot for which FIFA world Cup? (Country <u>and</u> year are needed)



- **36.** Giza, Babylon, Olympia, Ephesus, Rhodos and Alexandria. Which location is missing from the list made by Antipater from Sidon?
- Who was the American blacksmith who developed and manufactured first commercially successful cast-steel plow in 1837? The company he founded is nowadays one of the largest agricultural and construction equipment manufacturers in the world.



- **38.** Which surname, which can be associated with crime, is shared by the actress playing the title role in the TV Series "Xena: The Warrior Princess" and the frontman of the American heavy metal band W.A.S.P.?
- 39. The most powerful wand in the world, one of the key motifs in the 7th book about Harry Potter, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, is made from which wood?



40. Which word refers to a horse-mounted livestock herder on the Iberian Peninsula? The lifestyle and appearance of the North American cowboy was inspired by this type of herder.

- **42.** In 2005, who became the only female player to compete in a male World Chess Championship?
- **43.** Detti..., Goða..., Gull..., Skoga..., and Seljalands... are the biggest and most famous ones of a certain kind of natural attraction in Iceland. What are they (or what Icelandic word is missing from their name)?
- 44. It was discovered by Italian Giuseppe Piazzi on the first night of the 19th century January 1st 1801 and, even though sometimes it bears number 1 in front of its name, this object is known by which name, which it got after the Roman goddess of agriculture, cereal and harvest?
- 45. The game app Heads Up! became a huge success after its May 2013 launch, and remains to this day one of Apple's top-paid apps. The game is based on a game that a comedy talk show host plays with other celebrities. The players guess words or phrases on cards held to their foreheads by watching the other players act it out or give hints as the time counts down. Whose show?



HeadsUp!



- **46.** Babur, Akbar the Great, Jahan and Aurangzeb are the most famous rulers of which empire?
- **47.** Tomato is the main ingredient of Spanish cold summer soup, gazpacho. Which vegetable is the main ingredient of Bulgarian cold summer soup, tarator?
- When joining Facebook, all users outside of the US and Canada make a contract with Facebook's subsidiary in which European country? This allows Facebook to avoid US taxes (and taxes in general as well since they make use of an arrangement which allows it to pay just about 2–3% corporation tax on all international revenue).
- **49.** Shades of which colour are found in the name of crime drama television series starring Jennifer Lopez? The same colour is found in the name of series starring Tom Selleck, running from 2010.



50. *Empress of India* is a typical example of hard-edge painting, a modernist, abstract form of painting, which was popular in the 1960s. Who made this painting, which currently can be seen in the MOMA?

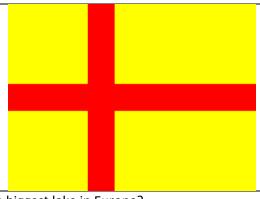


- **52.** Bjørn Dæhlie marked the 1990s, winning the FIS Cross-Country World Cup six times. Who dominated the 1980s, winning five World Cup titles?
- **53.** Which bird is the national bird of Finland? Please give the exact species name.
- The Latvian city of Daugavpils opened in 2013 an art centre, dedicated to the famous abstract expressionist painter who was born in the city in 1903. Who?





- Which politician, the first female Prime Minister of Norway, initiated the talks between Israel and Palestine that led to the Oslo Accords? She later served for five years as the Director-General of the World Health Organization.
- **56.** This is the flag of which former state?



57. The border of Estonia and Russia runs through which lake, the fifth biggest lake in Europe?

58. Under which name did Polish-born Barbara Apolonia Chałupec achieve European and Hollywood fame during the silent film era for her tragedienne and femme fatale roles?



- The Russian Special Economic Zone that was established in 1996 in the Kaliningrad Oblast, is named Yantar. This is the Russian word for something that has been associated with the Baltic Sea region since antiquity. What? There are museums in Palanga, Gdansk, Kaliningrad and Copenhagen dedicated to this.
- A well-known dish in North German cuisine is ..., Bohnen und Speck (..., beans and bacon). What is the first component of this stew? It is the 'culinary' or 'cooking' variety of a well-known fruit, i.e. the variety that cannot be eaten raw but only after cooking.

- 61. | JJJ This Hoagy Carmichael song was designated in 1979 the official state song of which US state?
- 62. In 2018, which film became the first full-length animated motion picture to receive nominations for Worst Picture, Worst Director, Worst Screen Combo, and Worst Screenplay at the Golden Raspberry Awards and to win all of these awards?



- **63.** Which building was built as a Christian church, only to be turned into a mosque, and, under Atatürk's regime, into a museum?
- **64.** Which fruit do the protagonists of Sergei Prokofiev's 1921 opera fall in love with?
- Which name has been proposed for the geological epoch which follows the Holocene, and owes its name to the fact that it's marked by human activity?
- Before becoming an eponym for a piece of clothing, he led the disastrous Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava during the Crimean War. Who is he? →





- **67.** ↑ Which Canadian did the Pittsburgh Penguins grab as a first pick on the draft in 2005, and he is still their main star, with whom they won three Stanley Cups (2009, 2016 and 2017)?
- **68.** With a population of over two million people, what is the biggest city (by population) of the biggest Brazilian federal state (by area)?
- **69.** The phase transition where gas transforms into solid without passing through a liquid face is called what?
- 70. The first Cossacks were escaped serfs who settled by the Dnieper river. Which Ukrainian region gives its name to the oldest group of Cossacks, the location of the Sich, that became a strong political and military force that challenged the authority of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Tsardom of Russia, and the Crimean Khanate?

- **72.** Which grappling hold (in wrestling) was, according to some sources, named after a British admiral, hero of Napoleonic wars?
- **73.** Along with Mallorca and Ibiza, which is the third major island of the Spanish Baleares?
- 74. The palace of Sanssouci in Potsdam, Germany, was designed and built by Georg Wenzeslaus von Knebelsdorff in the years 1745-47 on behalf of which Prussian king, who wanted a summer palace where he could take a break from his business in Berlin?



75. Which literary anti-hero, created by Patricia Highsmith, has been played on silver screen by talented actors such as Alain Delon, Dennis Hopper, Matt Damon and John Malkovich?





- **76.** What's the name of physical phenomenon in which a vibrating system or external force drives another system to oscillate with greater amplitude at specific frequencies? The phenomenon occurs in mechanics, acoustics, electrical engineering, etc.
- 77. Which famous person, in partnership with L'Oréal, is the man behind the new grooming-brand House 99? The number "99" he has also tattooed on his hand and it marks a momentous year in both his personal life and career.
- **78.** The Windrush scandal led to the resignation in 2018 of Amber Rudd as Home Secretary of Great Britain. The scandal involved the immigration status of members of the Windrush generation. So named after the first ship that brought them to UK in 1948, the Windrush generation came from which region of the world?
- **79.** Best known for organizing Red Nose Day, which British charity was founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Lenny Henry in response to famine in Ethiopia?
- **80.** Also known for the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Shipping News*, who wrote the story upon which the film *Brokeback Mountain* was based?



- **82.** Which big company brought to the market the smart speakers Echo with the voice-controlled intelligent personal assistant service Alexa?
- 83. In which European country is the Plitvice Lakes National Park?



- 84. Which liqueur, made out of special orange variety, is named after the island in the former Netherlands Antilles where this fruit grows? The liqueur gets its characteristic blue colour from E133.
- **85.** In which well-known war was the Tet Offensive one of the main events? The name "Tet" comes from the country's New Year holiday celebration.
- 86. In October 2017, which Asian country decided to switch from the Cyrillic alphabet to the Latin? After uproar from the public, the president issued in February another decree which removed apostrophes from the alphabet and replaced them with diacritical signs above letters.

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2	Áá	[e]	18	O o	[0]
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4	D d	[д]	20	Рp	[п]
5	E e	[e]	21	Qq	[ĸ]
6	F <u>f</u>	[ф]	22	Rŗ	[p]
7	G g	[۲]	23	S <u>s</u>	[c]
8	Ġģ	[F]	24	Τţ	[T]
9	Н <u>ь</u>	[x], [h]	25	U <u>u</u>	[¥]
10	Ιį	[i]	26	Úú	[Y]
11	Ιį	[н], [й]	27	V <u>v</u>	[B]
12	Јj	[ж]	28	Yy	[ы]
13	K <u>k</u>	[ĸ]	29	Ýý	[y]
14	Lį	[л]	30	Zz	[3]
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- 87. Several members of the family of Lungless Salamanders (*Plethodontidae*), such as the Monte Albo Cave Salamander, Imperial Cave Salamander and Supramonte Cave Salamander are endemic to which Mediterranean island?
- 88. Complied by Jacobus da Varagine, the archbishop of Genoa, what was the name of a collection of the legendary lives of the greater saints of the medieval church that was one of the most popular religious works of the Middle Ages?



I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles, composed 100 years ago, is the anthem of which English Premier League club that also often produces soap bubbles as a goal celebration?

90. Alain Delon had been looking for a film to co-star with Jean-Paul Belmondo. He found a real-life story of French gangsters and turned this in 1970 into a film, directed by Jacques Deray. What was the title of the film, referring to the men's hats that appear in the film?

- - 93. Who is in ancient Roman religion the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways passages, and endings? He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past.



- **94.** Which organ of the human body can be affected by pathological processes such as blepharitis, glaucoma and conjunctivitis?
- **95.** This is a fragment from his most famous painting, showing the self-portrait of the author. Who is the artist?



- **96.** Before starting flights to Lakehurst, New Jersey, the Zeppelin Company opened its first transatlantic line in 1930. To which Olympic city did they start the service?
- 97. In which country did Kim Jung-uns half-brother die after an attack at an airport?
- **98.** Which electronic music DJ and producer performs with such mask?



- 99. The 6-minute short The Dark of Night raised \$50K through crowdfunding, was filmed over one weekend courtesy of the charitable participation of many House of Cards crew members and premiered in 2017 at the Cannes Film Festival. This was the film debut of a director who had previously directed nine episodes of House of Cards. Who?
- 100. Twin sisters Jean and Jane Ford founded Benefit Cosmetics in 1976 to provide quick-fix products for beauty dilemmas. Their first and most popular product to date is a blush and lip stain, originally designed to give exotic dancers a natural flush. What is the name of this product?

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- 1. AIR
- 2. HAWAII
- 3. LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY

GENTLEMEN

- 4. "UTOPIA" (by Sir Thomas More)
- 5. BILLABONG
- 6. BAFFIN Island
- 7. SEVEN
- 8. ACRE
- 9. TRAPPISTs
- 10. HENLEY Royal Regatta11. "NABUCCO" (by Verdi)
- 12. KRUGER National Park
- 13. QUICHE
- 14. ERASMUS of Rotterdam and Alexander von HUMBOLDT
- 15. 17th century
- **16. TOKYO**
- 17. SAM (after Sam Walton)
- 18. TARDIS
- 19. Sir David BREWSTER
- 20. UNDER THE GUN
- 21. Billy JOEL
- 22. ANTS
- 23. BANKSY
- 24. "LADY BIRD"
- 25. Noriaki KASAI
- 26. BELFAST
- 27. Getúlio VARGAS
- 28. Amartya SEN
- 29. James COMEY
- 30. BREWDOG
- 31. PEARL JAM
- 32. Louis PASTEUR
- 33. ROOSTER
- 34. BOXING
- 35. SPAIN 1982
- 36. HALICARNASSUS
- 37. John DEERE
- 38. LAWLESS
- 39. ELDER
- 40. VAQUERO
- 41. THE BAT / THE FLITTERMOUSE
- 42. Judit POLGAR
- 43. WATERFALL (FOSS)
- 44. CERES
- 45. ELLEN De Generes
- 46. MUGHAL Empire
- 47. CUCUMBER
- 48. IRELAND
- 49. BLUE

- 50. Frank STELLA
- 51. MEW
- 52. Gunde SVAN
- 53. WHOOPER SWAN (Cygnus cygnus)
- 54. Mark ROTHKO
- 55. Gro Harlem BRUNDTLAND
- 56. KALMAR UNION
- 57. PEIPUS / PEIPSI
- 58. Pola NEGRI
- 59. AMBER
- JS. AIVIDER
- 60. PEARs
- 61. GEORGIA
- 62. The EMOJI Movie
- 63. HAGIA SOPHIA
- 64. ORANGES
- 65. ANTHROPOCENE
- 66. Lord CARDIGAN (James Brudenell)
- 67. Sidney CROSBY
- 68. MANAUS
- 69. DEPOSITION / DESUBLIMATION
- 70. ZAPOROZHIA
- 71. João GILBERTO
- 72. NELSON
- 73. MENORCA
- 74. FREDERICK the Great / FRIEDRICH II
- 75. Tom RIPLEY
- 76. RESONANCE
- 77. David BECKHAM
- 78. WEST INDIES / CARRIBEAN
- 79. COMIC RELIEF
- 80. Annie PROULX
- 81. Janelle MONAE
- 82. AMAZON
- 83. CROATIA
- 84. CURAÇAO
- 85. VIETNAM War
- 86. KAZAKHSTAN
- 87. SARDINIA
- 88. LEGENDA AUREA / the GOLDEN

LEGEND

- 89. WEST HAM United
- 90. BORSALINO
- 91. SMAUG
- 92. CATAN
- 93. JANUS
- 94. EYE
- 95. Diego VELAZQUEZ
- 96. RIO de Janeiro
- 97. MALAYSIA
- 98. DEADMAU5
- 99. Robin WRIGHT
- 100. Benefit BENETINT