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Ancient Rome 1	What name was given to the highest elected political office of the Roman Republic that lasted from about 509 BCE until 27 BCE? Two of them were elected to serve jointly for a one-year term and each could veto the actions of the other. Many holders of this office later became censors. Cicero served in one of these positions in 63 BCE.	CONSUL
Ancient Rome 2	Having defeated Mithridates of Pontus, which commander marched his army on Rome and became dictator in 82 BCE? After reforming the constitution, he retired into private life.	Lucius Cornelius SULLA
Ancient Rome 3	What term or word was used for the five year length of time between censuses in ancient Rome?	LUSTRUM
Computing 1	GNU is an extensive collection of free software that was started by Richard Stallman in 1984. For what does the letter G in the acronym GNU stand for?	GNU / GNU's ("GNU's Not Unix!")
Computing 2	Which Dutch programmer was the creator of the Python programming language? He was the language's "benevolent dictator for life" until he stepped down from the position in 2018.	Guido van ROSSUM
Computing 3	What female forename is given to the tendency to attribute human-like feelings - such as 'thinking', 'knowing' or 'understanding' - into computer programs that have a textual interface? It is named for the 1966 chatbot developed by MIT computer scientist Joseph Weizenbaum. He had named the chatbot after a recent film character.	ELIZA (Eliza Doolittle)
Dance Music 1	The Polovtsian Dances feature in which opera, first performed in 1890?	PRINCE IGOR (Borodin)
Dance Music 2	One of the oldest surviving ballet choreography in the world is the 1836 August Bournonville choreography to which ballet? Filippo Taglioni composed the original 1832 choreography as a showcase for his daughter Marie, but this is now lost. Its characters include James Ruben, a Scottish farmer, Effie, his fiancée and Old Madge, a sorceress.	LA SYLPHIDE / THE SYLPH (Not Les Sylphides)
Dance Music 3	It is a work in waltz form meant for listening rather than for dancing. Who in 1819 composed the piano piece <i>Invitation to the Dance</i> ? The piece was later orchestrated by Hector Berlioz.	Carl Maria von WEBER
Disney 1	Appearing in a 2009 movie, what is the name of the first African American Disney Princess? She is a 19-year-old waitress and aspiring chef cum restaurateur. A Disney+ series named for her is set to debut in 2024.	TIANA
Disney 2	The documentary <i>The Hand Behind the Mouse</i> was about which cartoonist? Working with Walt Disney throughout the 1920s, he was responsible for the distinctive style of the earliest Disney animated cartoons and worked on the design of Mickey Mouse. Their working partnership ended abruptly in January 1930, and he founded his own less successful animation studio.	Ub IWERKS
Disney 3	What is the fabulous name of the collectible card game just released by Disney in collaboration with Ravensburger? The premier set, "The First Chapter", features characters from throughout Disney's film history.	Disney LORCANA

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Eastern Medicine 1	Which Japanese scientist was awarded a Nobel Prize for his work on autophagy, the process that cells use to destroy and recycle cellular components?	Yoshinori OHSUMI
Eastern Medicine 2	The Japanese stem cell researcher and Nobel Laureate Shinya Yamanaka served as the director of the Centre for iPS Cell Research and Application in Kyoto. What does the letter P in iPS stand for?	PLURIPOTENT (induced Pluripotent Stem)
Eastern Medicine 3	In 1912 this physician from Kyushu University first described the symptoms of persons with struma lymphomatosa, an intense infiltration of lymphocytes within the thyroid. Who now gives his name to an autoimmune disease in which the thyroid gland is gradually destroyed?	Hakaru HASHIMOTO
Film Time 1	What film, nominated for the Best Picture Oscar, derived its name from military slang for an unspecified time in the early hours of the morning before dawn?	ZERO DARK THIRTY
Film Time 2	This film follows stages in the life of a novice Buddhist monk and his older teacher living in a small floating monastery on a lake in the forested mountains of Korea. O Yeong-su, the actor who played player number one in <i>Squid Game</i> , plays the elder monk. Which Korean film from 2003 is this?	SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER... and SPRING (accept if AUTUMN rather than Fall given)
Film Time 3	Which classic film is this? An insurance company boss orders the assassinations of two young employees to cover up his embezzlement. They survive to the end of the film but he doesn't. Brat Pack actor Andrew McCarthy played one of the lead roles and Tommy Kiser played the title role.	WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S
Fire Starting 1	Questions inspired by the <i>We Didn't Start the Fire</i> songs by Billy Joel and Fall Out Boy. "Ole Miss". In 1962, who became the first African-American student admitted to the racially segregated University of Mississippi? The admission ignited the Ole Miss riot of 1962.	James MEREDITH
Fire Starting 2	"Michael Jackson dies". Conrad Murray was found guilty of the involuntary manslaughter of Michael Jackson and spent just under two years in jail. He had administered a dose of which general anaesthetic to the singer shortly before his death? The drug is often marketed as Diprivan.	PROPOFOL / 2,6-Diisopropylphenol
Fire Starting 3	"Syngman Rhee". What was the name of the "re-education" programme for communists and their sympathisers organised by Syngman Rhee in 1949 that led to massacre of thousands of people suspected as possible fifth columnists by the South Korean government in 1950?	BODO LEAGUE
Ireland at the Olympics 1	At the 1906 Olympics, in protest at the flying of the Union Flag for his second place in the long jump, this Irish athlete scaled a flagpole in the middle of the field and waved the Irish flag. Which athlete, who also took gold in the triple jump, was this?	Peter O'CONNOR
Ireland at the Olympics 2	In 1976, as the Republic of Ireland looked for their first Olympic medal since 1964, which Irishman had to settle for fourth place in the men's singles sculls event? During his sporting career he won the Henley Royal Regatta's Diamond Sculls three years in a row, and was the first Irish rower to win a World Championship medal.	Sean DREA
Ireland at the Olympics 3	After her massive disappointment at the 1996 Summer Olympics, Sonia O'Sullivan finally won an Olympic medal in 2000. She finished second in the 5,000m behind which Romanian athlete?	Gabriela SZABO

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Maths 1	Fermat's Last Theorem was first stated as a theorem by Pierre de Fermat around 1637 in the margin of a copy of a book by which mathematician, sometimes referred to as 'the Father of Algebra'?	DIOPHANTUS (Arithmetica)
Maths 2	'Here lies Diophantus,' the wonder behold. Through art algebraic, the stone tells how old: 'God gave him his boyhood one-sixth of his life..... is the start of a mathematical puzzle sometimes known as Diophantus' epitaph. According to the puzzle, at what age did Diophantus die?	84
Maths 3	In the 1650s, Fermat and Blaise Pascal helped lay the foundation for probability theory. But which French mathematician published the first textbook on probability theory? His <i>The Doctrine of Chances</i> was published in London in 1718.	Abraham de MOIVRE
Mountains 1	It is the sixth highest mountain in the world at 8,188 metres above sea level and its name means "Turquoise Goddess" in Tibetan. Considered the easiest 8,000 metre peak to climb, which mountain located on the China–Nepal border is this?	CHO OYU
Mountains 2	What is the highest peak in mainland North America east of the Mississippi River? It is located in North Carolina and is the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains.	Mount MITCHELL / ATTAKULLA (Cherokee name)
Mountains 3	After two mountains lying in the claimed Australian Antarctic Territory, the third highest peak in any state or territory of Australia lies on Heard Island. What is the name of this 2,745 metres tall mountain, that is named for an explorer?	MAWSON Peak / Mount MAWSON (Douglas Mawson)
Online Shopping 1	This online marketplace is operated by PDD Holdings Inc. and is supposedly headquartered in Boston. Their shopping app has been one of the top free shopping apps in 2023. Which marketplace's orange logo features icons representing a dress, a rocking horse, a high heel, and a handbag?	TEMU
Online Shopping 2	Introduced in 2015, what was the name of the service offered by Amazon that offered easy ordering and replenishment of household goods? It used Wand, a Wi-Fi connected barcode scanner and voice command device, and Button, a small consumer electronic device that could be placed around the house and programmed to order a consumer good. The service was discontinued at the end of the decade.	Amazon DASH
Online Shopping 3	By what name was eBay known from its founding in 1995 till it was renamed to eBay in 1997? It sort of described the service it offered at the time.	AUCTIONWEB
Philosophical ideas 1	The 'brain in a vat' scenario is used in a variety of thought experiments intended to draw out certain features of human conceptions of knowledge, reality and consciousness. It is a modernized version of whose evil demon thought experiment, that first appears in the work 'Meditations on First Philosophy'?	René DESCARTES
Philosophical ideas 2	If a heap of sand is reduced by a single grain of sand at a time, at what exact point does it cease to be considered a heap. This is which paradox that takes its name from the Greek for 'heap'?	SORITES Paradox (Prompt on 'Paradox of the Heap')
Philosophical ideas 3	'The Chinese Room' argument holds that a digital computer executing a program cannot be shown to have a "mind" or "consciousness" regardless of how intelligent the computer behaves. This argument was first presented by which American philosopher in his 1980 paper " <i>Minds, Brains, and Programs</i> "?	John SEARLE

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Plot Points 1	In which novel is the main protagonist, Saleem Sinai, born at midnight, 15th August 1947, exactly as old as independent India? The novel is a loose allegory for events in India both before and, primarily, after the independence and partition of India.	MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN (by Salman Rushdie)
Plot Points 2	The cassette tape of <i>Songs After Dark</i> by Judy Bridgewater plays a role in this novel, with one of the songs giving the novel its name. The boarding school Hailsham and the Cottages are settings in which novel by a Nobel Prize laureate?	NEVER LET ME GO (by Kazuo Ishiguro)
Plot Points 3	Which recent award-winning book is about nine Americans whose unique life experiences with trees bring them together to address the destruction of forests? One of the novel's central characters, Patricia Westerford, was heavily inspired by the life and work of forest ecologist Suzanne Simard.	The OVERSTORY (by Richard Powers)
RIP 2023 1	Questions about people who passed on in 2023. His skyscraper at 20 Fenchurch Street, London, dubbed "The Walkie-Talkie", drew criticism for acting as a concave mirror and focusing excessive heat and light onto nearby streets. What was the nationality of the architect Rafael Vinoly?	URUGUAYan
RIP 2023 2	Just Fontaine holds the record for the most goals scored in a single edition of the men's FIFA World Cup, with thirteen in 1958. With which club team was he playing at the time? They reached the final of the European Cup the following season.	Stade de REIMS
RIP 2023 3	He plays Baylan Skoll in the recently released <i>Star Wars: Ahsoka</i> . Which actor's other roles included Volstagg in the <i>Thor</i> films, Porthos in the 2011 film version of <i>The Three Musketeers</i> and the villainous Governor Scott in <i>RRR</i> ?	Ray STEVENSON (born 1964-Lisburn)
Ryder Cup 1	In 1979, players from continental Europe took part for the first time in the Ryder Cup. Who, along with Seve Ballesteros, became the first continental European golfer to play in the competition?	Antonio GARRIDO (not Ignacio Garrido, his son)
Ryder Cup 2	In 1987, after 13 previous defeats there, the European team finally won on US soil. A key victory in the singles was achieved by Eamonn Darcy when he defeated which player? This major winner had broken his putter in frustration after the sixth hole and was forced to putt using his 1-iron for the rest of the match.	Ben CRENSHAW
Ryder Cup 3	Europe's victory at the Belfry in 1985 was the first defeat of the USA team since 1957. Captained by Dai Rees, at which golf club was the 1957 Ryder Cup played?	LINDRICK (in South Yorkshire)
Snap Shots 1	His Abraham Lincoln photographs were used for the \$5 bill and the Lincoln penny. Which photographer suffered financial ruin after funding a team to take more than 10,000 photographs of the American Civil War?	Mathew BRADY
Snap Shots 2	The name Robert Capa is most associated with the Hungarian-born photographer Endre Ernő Friedmann. But it was originally also used by which Stuttgart-born partner of his? She was crushed to death while taking photos during the Spanish Civil War.	Gerda TARO / bn. Gerta POHORYLLE
Snap Shots 3	Which Native American was one of the soldiers who raised the US flag over Iwo Jima in a famous photograph by Joe Rosenthal? Dying young at the age of 32 due to alcohol poisoning, he was commemorated in a folk ballad, covered amongst others by Johnny Cash.	Ira HAYES