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70s Albums 1	The cover artwork depicts a screaming black woman's head coming out of the earth. Which 1971 album starts with the over 10-minute long title track? Supposedly, the title was the nickname of the band's guitarist Eddie Hazel.	MAGGOT BRAIN (Funkadelic)
70s Albums 2	Side one of this album starts with the songs 'See No Evil', 'Venus' and 'Friction' before finishing with the 9 minute 58 second long title track, which features the guitar playing of Richard Lloyd and Tom Verlaine. Which 1977 debut album is this?	MARQUEE MOON (Television)
70s Albums 3	The title track of this album is only 98 seconds long and features no vocals. The title track was used as the theme music for BBC Two's arts series <i>Arena</i> . Which 1975 album by Brian Eno is this?	ANOTHER GREEN WORLD
Animals 1	Unique among the primates, they have a toxic bite. The toxin is obtained by licking a sweat gland on their arm, and the secretion is activated by mixing with saliva. Making up the genus Nycticebus, which animals are these? Two-word answer required.	SLOW LORIS (not Loris)
Animals 2	Its ability to curve its spine into an S-shape allows it to stand almost vertically, and so can reach higher branches and twigs better than other gazelles and antelopes. Which long-necked African antelope, the sole member of the genus Litocranius, is this? One-word answer required.	GERENUK (prompt on Giraffe Gazelle)
Animals 3	It is reported to have a "punch" of over 80 km/hour, the fastest recorded punch of any living animal, which it uses on the exoskeleton of its prey until it can gain access to the underlying soft tissue. What is the more common name of the creature odontodactylus scyllarus? The last two words of any of its common 3 word names are required.	MANTIS SHRIMP / peacock m s, harlequin m s, painted m s, clown m s or rainbow m s
Astronauts 1	Who was the only person to have flown in each of the first three American space programs: Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo?	Walter 'Wally' SCHIRRA
Astronauts 2	An 18-year-old Aberdeen University student and her mother travelled to space last month after winning a place on Virgin Galactic's second commercial flight in a prize draw. They are the first citizens from which country to fly to space?	ANTIGUA & Barbuda
Astronauts 3	The commander of Apollo 15, which NASA astronaut dropped a hammer and a feather on the Moon to demonstrate Galileo's theory that objects in a vacuum will fall at the same rate?	David SCOTT
Big Hitters 1	Which hurler won the All-Ireland Poc Fada Championship 7 years in a row between 1984 and 1990? He also won another All-Ireland title in 1984, 1986 and 1990.	Ger CUNNINGHAM (Cork goalie)
Big Hitters 2	John Daly led the US PGA Tour in driving distance 11 times from 1991 to 2002. Which golfer did he defeat in a playoff to win the British Open golf championship?	Constantino ROCCA (1995)
Big Hitters 3	Boxer Archie Moore racked up 130 knockout wins during his long career. What animal nickname did he have?	The MONGOOSE / later The OLD MONGOOSE

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European Film 1	Who became the oldest ever nominee for the Best Actress Oscar for her role in Michael Haneke's 2012 film <i>Amour</i> ? Over 60 years previously, she had played the lead female role in <i>Hiroshima mon amour</i> .	Emmanuelle RIVA
European Film 2	Among his works are the 1950s trilogy of war films consisting of <i>A Generation</i> , <i>Kanał</i> and <i>Ashes and Diamonds</i> . Four of his later films were nominated for the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. Which director?	Andrzej WAJDA
European Film 3	He played Damiel, an angel who chooses to become mortal in Wim Wender's <i>Wings of Desire</i> and Jonathan Harker in Werner Herzog's <i>Nosferatu the Vampyre</i> . Which Swiss actor, who is probably best known for his lead performance in a 2004 film, is this?	Bruno GANZ (Hitler in <i>Downfall</i>)
Female Writers 1	Which Australian author's novel <i>Nine Perfect Strangers</i> was adapted into the television series of the same name, that starred Nicole Kidman and Melissa McCarthy? Her <i>The Husband's Secret</i> is also being developed into a film.	Liane MORIARTY
Female Writers 2	<i>In the Woods</i> , <i>The Likeness</i> and <i>Broken Harbour</i> are part of the Dublin Murder Squad series by which American-Irish writer?	Tana FRENCH
Female Writers 3	Her novel 'Daisy Jones & the Six' was made into a hit Amazon Prime miniseries. Which other novel by this author has spent virtually all of the last two years in the Top 10 of the weekly bestseller list of paperback fiction books in Ireland?	The SEVEN HUSBANDS of EVELYN HUGO (by Taylor Jenkins Reid)
Festivals 1	Taking its name from a Korean folk song that is often considered to be the anthem of Korea, what name is given to the mass gymnastics and artistic festival held since 2002 in the Rungrado May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, North Korea? The 2007 edition featured over 100,000 participants in the gymnastic display.	ARIRANG
Festivals 2	During the week-long celebration of Kwanzaa, seven candles are placed in the kinara candleholder, three of one colour on one side and three of another colour on the other side. Which two colours are these? Both answers required, no half points.	RED and GREEN (don't indicate whether first colour is correct or not.) (Central candle is black)
Festivals 3	Since 1938, what <u>particular</u> type of meeting takes place annually at Sturgis, South Dakota? It now lasts for 10 days beginning on the first Friday of August with attendances often topping the 500,000 mark.	MOTORCYCLE Rally / MOTORBIKE (don't accept cars or motorracing)
Flags 1	This flag is composed of a 7 × 7 square patchwork in seven colors, arranged diagonally. What is the seven-letter name of this flag, that along with the tricolour flag is considered a national symbol of Bolivia?	WIPHALA
Flags 2	Supposedly they represent the sacrifices of their blood that the people of the country will keep consenting to, to defend their territory. Which African country added red horizontal stripes to the top and bottom of its flag in 2017?	MAURITANIA
Flags 3	The flag of which Canadian province features a western red lily, the provincial flower, in the fly of the flag? The background yellow and green colours represent the southern grain fields and the northern forested areas of the province respectively.	SASKATCHEWAN

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Fred Rules 1	Questions about rulers named Frederick. The 12th-century Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa died while on the Third Crusade. How did he die?	DROWNED crossing the Saleph river / CROSSING a RIVER
Fred Rules 2	Situated on a hill in Andria in the region of Apulia, which citadel and castle was built during the 1240s by King Frederick II? It is depicted on the reverse of the Italian 1 cent Euro coin.	CASTEL DEL MONTE
Fred Rules 3	Frederick III was married to Victoria, the oldest child of Queen Victoria. In which year did he become the German emperor and King of Prussia for a period of 99 days, before succumbing to the effects of cancer of the larynx?	1888
Mythical Wives 1	In Greek mythology, who was the wife of Hector at the time of the Trojan War, and later became Queen of Epirus when she married Hector's brother Helenus? Her name means "fighter of men".	ANDROMACHE
Mythical Wives 2	In Norse mythology, who was the wife of Bragi, the god of poetry? She was the keeper of the Apples of Youth, which kept the gods from growing old.	ÍDUNN / IDUN / Iðunn
Mythical Wives 3	In Chinese mythology, who was the wife of Hou Yi the archer? She drank an elixir of immortality, and now resides on the moon. The Chinese Lunar Exploration Program is named for her.	CHANG'E
Rugby World Cup 1	Who was Ireland's captain at the 1999 Rugby World Cup?	Dion O'CUINNEAGAIN
Rugby World Cup 2	Which two players made up Australia's centre partnership in the 1991 Rugby World Cup final? The book <i>Perfect Union: The Parallel Lives of Wallaby Centres</i> was about this pair. Both Surnames are required, no half points.	Tim HORAN and Jason LITTLE (don't indicate whether first surname answered is correct or not)
Rugby World Cup 3	Wales' captain Sam Warburton was sent off by Irish referee Alain Rolland in a 2011 semi-final for his tackle on which French player? The player was joint top try-scorer at that year's World Cup and had scored both of France's tries against Ireland at the 2007 World Cup.	Vincent CLERC
Sci-Fi 1	Which author won the 2015 Hugo Award for his novel <i>The Three-Body Problem</i> ? The film <i>The Wandering Earth</i> was loosely based on an earlier short story of his.	Cixin LIU / LIU Cixin
Sci-Fi 2	The novels <i>The Left Hand of Darkness</i> and <i>The Dispossessed</i> are considered to be part of which cycle of science fiction novels by Ursula K. Le Guin? In the works, human beings did not evolve on Earth, but on the planet that gives the cycle its name.	HAINish Cycle / HAINish Universe or similar
Sci-Fi 3	His novel <i>The Stars My Destination</i> , sometimes known as <i>Tiger! Tiger!</i> was a forerunner of the cyberpunk literary genre. Which author won the inaugural Hugo Award in 1953 for his novel <i>The Demolished Man</i> ? The telepathic Psi-Cop In Babylon 5 played by Walter Koenig was named after him.	Alfred BESTER

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Sent Away 1	Alfred Dreyfuss spent nearly five years imprisoned on Devil's Island in French Guiana. It lies in which group of islands, so called because the missionaries went there to escape plague on the mainland?	SALVATION Islands / ÎLES du SALUT / SAFETY Islands
Sent Away 2	From 1984 to 1986 she was exiled to the city of Gorky where she joined her husband Andrei Sakharov, who had been there since 1980. She had represented him at the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony. Who was one of the foremost human rights activists in Russia during her lifetime?	Yelena BONNER
Sent Away 3	The poet Ovid was banished in from Rome to Tomis on the Black Sea by decree of the emperor Augustus. By what name is Tomis now known? It is the fourth largest city by population in Romania.	CONSTANTA
Statistics 1	Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think' is the subtitle of which 2018 book by Swedish statistician Hans Rosling?	FACTFULNESS
Statistics 2	As the Guinness Board of Directors allowed its scientists to publish research on condition that they did not mention "1) beer, 2) Guinness, or 3) their own surname" he published his work under the pen name Student. Which English statistician and Head Brewer of Guinness developed the Student's t-distribution?	William Sealy GOSSET
Statistics 3	He developed the 'box-and-whisker plot', a graphical representation to summarize some statistical data of a dataset. With James Cooper he developed the fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm. Which American mathematician and statistician is also credited with the first published use of the word 'software'?	John TUKEY
Toys & Games 1	Which Russian computer engineer and video game designer is best known for creating and developing Tetris in the mid- 1980s?	Alexey PAJITNOV
Toys & Games 2	The Frenchman Andre Cassagnes is best known as the inventor of which toy? He named it "L'Ecran Magique", but it was given an English name after it was bought by the Ohio Art Company in 1960.	ETCH A SKETCH
Toys & Games 3	Which music star purchased a rare game card for <i>Magic: The Gathering</i> for over 2 million US dollars in August 2023? He bought the One Ring card from the "The Lord of the Rings: Tales of Middle-earth" set.	Post MALONE / born Austin POST
TV Adaptations 1	The Irish black comedy television series <i>Bad Sisters</i> won the Best Drama award at both the IFTAs and BAFTAs this year. It is based on a European tv show <i>Clan</i> that was originally broadcast in which language?	DUTCH / FLEMISH
TV Adaptations 2	Which actor played Dwight Schrute, the assistant to the regional manager, on the NBC sitcom <i>The Office</i> ? The character is based on Gareth Keenan from the original UK version of the show.	Rainn WILSON
TV Adaptations 3	The Columbian remake of <i>Breaking Bad</i> features the characters Walter Blanco and Saúl Bueno. What is the ten-letter one word title of this show? It features the chemical symbols for arsenic and tantalum beside each other.	METASTASIS