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Round 1

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| 1a | In 2023, Northern Arizona University finished second in both men's and women's team competitions in what running sport ? An ongoing campaign seeks to equal the distances collegiate men and women run in this sport, as men currently run 10K while women run 6K. | <u>CROSS-COUNTRY</u> running (accept XC) |
| 1b | Increased acidification and rising temperatures in oceans are key contributors to what process affecting coral, caused by polyps expelling dinoflagellates that contain pigments? | coral <u>BLEACH</u> ing |
| 2a | Which prolific composer is the first African-American woman to receive recognition as a composer of symphonies? Her E-minor First Symphony was premiered by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933. | Florence <u>PRICE</u> |
| 2b | Designed by Alan Adler, what coffee preparation device uses a plastic cylinder that is placed over the cup and filled with coffee and water, before a plastic plunger forces the water through a filter? Many people use this device by inverting it with the plunger still in to let the coffee brew longer before extraction. | <u>AEROPRESS</u> |
| 3a | Which central Asian country contains three successive letters in the English alphabet in its name? It also comes first in the list of countries when they are sorted alphabetically in English. | <u>AFGHANISTAN</u> |
| 3b | The Chevalière d'Éon [Shev-ah-lee-AIR Day-OWN] used their androgynous physical characteristics to spy for early modern France. They operated in the King's Secret, a spy network serving which French king ? Despite his nickname "the beloved," this king is believed to have been relatively unpopular due to the disastrous Seven Years' War. | <u>LOUIS XV</u> [15 th] |
| 4a | Intersectionality explores the ways different marginalized identities, such as race and gender, overlap to create unique forms of oppression. Which legal scholar and civil rights advocate coined the term intersectionality? | Kimberlé <u>CRENSHAW</u> |
| 4b | Set at a fictional hospital in Seattle, which medical drama TV series takes its title from the name of a medical textbook on the human body as well as alluding to the surname of several characters? | <u>GREY'S ANATOMY</u> |

Round 2

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| 1a | Which head of the "Tiffany Girls" actually designed most of the popular Tiffany lamp designs, such as Wisteria and Dragonfly? Her contributions were not uncovered and recognized until the 21st century. | Clara <u>DRISCOLL</u> |
| 1b | The browser extension Shinigami Eyes, which colors the names of transphobic social media accounts red, derives its name from what manga and anime series ? The protagonist of this series adopts the alias Kira to exact vigilante justice by using a powerful item belonging to the supernatural shinigami Ryuk. | <u>DEATH NOTE</u> |
| 2a | Central Budapest is home to a life-size bronze sculpture of which iconic television character ? Deep in thought in his rumpled coat alongside a statue of a basset hound, the statue is there because the actor shares a name with a Hungarian politician, though his Hungarian Jewish heritage is on his mother's side. | <u>COLUMBO</u> |
| 2b | What is the general term for an infectious agent of small size and simple composition that can multiply only in living cells of animals, plants, or bacteria? Diseases that are caused by these agents include SARS and herpes. | <u>VIRUS</u> |
| 3a | Listed by Playbill as one of the "33 'I Want' Songs To Keep You Motivated", "Waving Through A Window" is a song from which musical ? The song is performed by the title character, who longs for connection rather than social isolation. | <u>DEAR EVAN HANSEN</u> |
| 3b | In TV production, what term is used to describe an episode of a television show produced cheaply and restricted in scope, using as few regular cast members, effects, and sets as possible? An example would be Friends' "The One Where No One's Ready", which takes place almost exclusively in the living room of Rachel and Monica's apartment. | <u>BOTTLE</u> Episode or <u>BOTTLE</u> Show |
| 4a | The 2021 boardgame Ark Nova tasks players to plan and design what kind of institution ? In addition to addressing the needs of animals and conservation projects, players need to deal with sponsors and managing the reputation of their institution. | <u>ZOO</u> |
| 4b | What longtime prime minister of Bangladesh resigned her post on August 5 after major protests? | Sheikh <u>HASINA</u> Wazed |

Round 3

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| 1a | Duran Duran's "Hungry Like the Wolf" and the Human League's "Don't You Want Me" became popular in the USA in 1982. As such, they are both considered part of the "Second [WHAT NATIONALITY] Invasion" of music groups from the same country? | <u>BRITISH</u> Invasion (accept <u>ENGLISH</u> Invasion) |
| 1b | Denys Arcand [day-NEE Ar-KON] was the first French-Canadian director to win an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film with 2004's "The Barbarian Invasions". What prequel to that movie garnered his first nomination for that award in 1986? In it, the same group of professors gather for dinner to talk about sex and the state of the world. | The <u>DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE</u> or Le <u>DÉCLIN DE L'EMPIRE AMÉRICAIN</u> |
| 2a | During a 7-0 rout of Manchester United in March 2023, what player became Liverpool's top Premier League goalscorer? He is also the top African goalscorer in that league, more than 50 goals ahead of his former teammate Sadio Mané. | Mohamed "Mo" <u>SALAH</u> |
| 2b | Which retired military officer served as the President of Brazil from 2019 to 2023? His dramatic pronouncements often got international attention, as did his mismanagement of Brazil's pandemic response. | Jair <u>BOLSONARO</u> [hi-EAR Bole-son-AH-row] |
| 3a | Spanish for "double step," what is the name of the dance style that is said to represent a bullfight? | <u>PASODOBLE</u> [pahs-oh-DOH-blay] |
| 3b | First sold in 1941 under a slightly different name, what round breakfast cereal made by General Mills has varieties including Very Berry, Apple Cinnamon, and Honey Nut? | <u>CHEERIOS</u> |
| 4a | In the Yoruba pantheon, which orisha wields a double-bladed axe and is associated with thunder? | <u>SHANGO</u> |
| 4b | Which space object and supernova remnant , located in the constellation Taurus but with a name that sounds like it should fit in another constellation, is the very first entry on the list of Messier [Mess-ee-AY] objects? | <u>CRAB NEBULA</u> |

Round 4

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| 1a | The star Yoonir, often identified as Sirius, is an important religious symbol to the Serer people, who primarily inhabit what West African country ? The Serer are the third-largest ethnic group in this country, behind the Wolof and Fula, but the star on the country's flag is interpreted as representing Yoonir. | The Republic of <u>SENEGAL</u> |
| 1b | During a filming of a Rage Against the Machine music video, Michael Moore led a crowd in storming what Wall Street building , where bells ring at 9:30 AM and 4 PM every trading day? The Charging Bull sculpture was initially placed in front of this building before being moved to a park two blocks away. | New York <u>STOCK EXCHANGE</u> or <u>NYSE</u> |
| 2a | A rare negative review of what novel in the Southern Quarterly Review stated that "the captain's ravings and those of Mr. Melville are such as would justify <i>a writ de lunatico</i> against all parties"? | <u>MOBY-DICK</u> ; or The Whale |
| 2b | One of the greatest films about union action is "Matewan", which was directed by which filmmaker ? This director is also known for "The Brother from Another Planet", "Passion Fish", and "Lone Star". | John <u>SAYLES</u> |
| 3a | By landing a triple toe loop-triple loop and a triple salchow-triple loop in the same routine, what then-16-year-old figure skater won a surprise gold medal over Michelle Kwan and Irina Slutskaya [ee-REE-na sloot-SKY-a] at her only Winter Olympics in 2002? | Sarah <u>HUGHES</u> |
| 3b | What three-terminal circuit element , whose name is often shortened to three letters, has a knob that changes its level of resistance? Rheostats are a subset of this device, which is frequently used to implement volume controls. | <u>POTENTIOMETER</u> or <u>POT</u> |
| 4a | It is said that what composer held a grudge against tuba players since he scored the instrument to play for only around fifteen seconds in the second movement of his Ninth Symphony, the New World Symphony? | Antonin <u>DVORAK</u> [DVORE-zhock] |
| 4b | Which brand of tea from Boulder, Colorado is also popular for its bear mascot that adorns the Sleepytime varieties of tea? | <u>CELESTIAL SEASONINGS</u> (Prompt on "Celestial") |

HALF-TIME - SWITCH SIDES

Round 5

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| 1a | What American figure skater , renowned for her proficiency at spirals and the "I-spin," finished 4th behind Hughes, Slutskaya [sloot-SKY-a], and Kwan in 2002 but won silver in 2006? No other American has medalled in women's singles figure skating since. | Sasha <u>COHEN</u> |
| 1b | First sold in 1937, what square breakfast cereal made by General Mills has a namesake Mix initially including the Rice and Wheat varieties, with Corn officially added in 1958 | <u>CHEX</u> |
| 2a | Portuguese for "new trend", what is the name of the Brazilian music genre that is a fusion of samba and cool jazz? | <u>BOSSA NOVA</u> |
| 2b | What three-terminal circuit element , whose two-word name is often shortened to five letters and a hyphen, outputs the difference between two input voltages multiplied by a very large gain? Like diodes, these devices are represented by triangles in circuit diagrams, especially those of filters. | <u>OP-AMP</u> or <u>OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER</u> |
| 3a | The original British Invasion in the 1960s is closely associated with the music of what rock band , whose albums include "Abbey Road" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"? | The <u>BEATLES</u> |
| 3b | Which former trade union leader became President of Brazil in 2023? He had already held that office from 2003 to 2011 before becoming the first to defeat an incumbent to replace Jair Bolsonaro [hi-EAR Bole-son-AH-row]. | Luiz Inacio <u>LULA</u> da Silva or Lula <u>DA SILVA</u> |
| 4a | What country's Dogon people attracted fascination from New Age authors who claimed they were aware of an invisible companion star to Sirius? The Bambara are the largest ethnic group in this country, which is home to the mud-built Great Mosque of Djenné [Jen-AY] and Sankoré Madrasah. | The Republic of <u>MALI</u> |
| 4b | Another great film about union action is "Blue Collar", which is the directorial debut of which filmmaker ? Known for clashing with actors on set and for writing this film as well as films for Scorsese, he also wrote and directed "American Gigolo" and "The Card Counter". | Paul <u>SCHRADER</u> |

Round 6

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| 1a | A rare negative review of what dystopian Aldous Huxley novel in The New Republic called it "a somewhat amusing book; a bright man can do a good deal with two or three simple ideas"? | <u>BRAVE NEW WORLD</u> |
| 1b | Denys Arcand's [day-NEE Ar-KON's] other nomination for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar also has some characters who show up in "The Barbarian Invasions." What 1989 film concerns a group of actors preparing for a Passion play? | <u>JESUS OF MONTREAL</u> or <u>JÉSUS DE MONTRÉAL</u> |
| 2a | With an outside-the-box shot in a 2-1 win over Brighton in April 2023, what Tottenham captain became the first Asian player to reach 100 Premier League goals? In the 2021-22 season, he shared the Golden Boot with Salah, with both players scoring 23 goals. | <u>SON</u> "Sonny" Heung-Min |
| 2b | Rage Against the Machine hung upside-down American flags during their 1996 Saturday Night Live performance to protest a Republican primary candidate who was hosting that night. That man is now editor in chief of what magazine bearing his family's surname that publishes an annual list of the 400 richest Americans and a "30 Under 30" list. | <u>FORBES</u> (the candidate is Steve Forbes) |
| 3a | In the Yoruba pantheon, which orisha is associated with trickery, crossroads, and enforcement of laws? He is often equated with Papa Legba [LAYG-ba] in Haitian Vodou. | <u>ÈṢŪ</u> [ESH-OO] (reject "Oshun") |
| 3b | The most distant objects in the Messier [Mess-ee-AY] catalog are 109, which is also known as the Vacuum Cleaner Galaxy, and 91. Like the Milky Way, both are galaxies given what adjective before "spiral" to describe their shape? | <u>BAR</u> red Spiral Galaxies |
| 4a | After a drunken tuba player ruined a performance of his Second Symphony, what Finnish composer solved the problem by not scoring in any tuba parts into his next five symphonies? | Jean <u>SIBELIUS</u> [Sa-BAY-lee-us] |
| 4b | Which English tea brand has been located at the same spot in London since 1706 and has the world's oldest continually used company logo, the company name "of London" with the family crest? | <u>TWININGS</u> |

Round 7

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| 1a | Listed by Playbill as one of the "33 'I Want' Songs To Keep You Motivated", "It Won't Be Long Now" is a song from which musical ? The song is primarily performed by Vanessa, who wants to find a new place to live and connection beyond catcalls. | <u>IN THE HEIGHTS</u> |
| 1b | Ocean acidification also disrupts the formation of mollusks' shells from what chemical compound 's aragonite [ah-RAG-oh-nite] form? Limestone, which often contains mollusk shells, is primarily composed of this compound. Two-word name or chemical formula accepted. | <u>CALCIUM CARBONATE</u> or <u>CaCO3</u> |
| 2a | Aside from Afghanistan, which Pacific island country is the only other country to have three successive letters in the English alphabet in its name? This country has taken advantage of its Internet top-level domain name .tv [dot TV] by licensing it to companies related to television or streaming. | <u>TUVALU</u> |
| 2b | In 2022, what musician behind the albums "Art Angels" and "Miss Anthropocene" released a song titled "Shinigami Eyes"? She once responded "I cannot support hate" and "I know this isn't your heart" to her high-profile ex tweeting "Pronouns suck." | <u>GRIMES</u> or Claire Elise <u>BOUCHER</u> |
| 3a | In 2023, Rose Zhang became the first-ever two-time women's individual NCAA champion in what sport ? Soon after, she became the first woman to win her professional debut since 1951, when Beverly Hanson defeated Babe Didrikson Zaharias [DEED-rick-son Za-HAIR-ee-us]. | <u>GOLF</u> |
| 3b | Set at a fictional hospital in California, which medical comedy TV series took its title from the short name of the sanitary clothing worn by surgeons and many other healthcare workers? It may also be alluding to the low status of its main characters, who were interns when the show began in 2001. | <u>SCRUBS</u> |
| 4a | Clara Driscoll created glass screens for the performances of what dancer , whose "Serpentine Dance" captivated Parisian society and made her a muse of Toulouse-Lautrec? She also likely had a relationship with Queen Marie of Romania and helped Romania get a loan from the U.S. government during World War I. | Loïe <u>FULLER</u> |
| 4b | What founder of the microfinance Grameen Bank stepped in to lead Bangladesh's interim government after Sheikh Hasina left in August? | Mohammad <u>YUNUS</u> |

Round 8

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| <p>1a</p> | <p>Vilnius Train Station in Lithuania is home to a 15-foot statue of which iconic television character? Wearing an open bathrobe over a tank top and boxer shorts, the statue was originally at the Theatre, Music and Film Museum, which the artist wanted to playfully highlight had been run by a single family for years, though there is no reason to believe they weren't law-abiding.</p> | <p><u>TONY SOPRANO</u> (accept either name)</p> |
| <p>1b</p> | <p>The Chevalière d'Éon [Shev-ah-lee-AIR Day-OWN] infiltrated the court of which Russian empress, who reigned from 1741 until 1762? This empress shares her name with the Austrian empress known by the nickname Sissi of Bavaria.</p> | <p>Empress <u>ELIZABETH</u> or <u>ELIZAVETA</u> Petrovna</p> |
| <p>2a</p> | <p>Which male composer was the first American to have an opera produced by the New York City Opera with "The Troubled Island" in 1949? His other works include the "Afro-American Symphony".</p> | <p>William Grant <u>STILL</u></p> |
| <p>2b</p> | <p>In TV production, what term is used to describe an episode of a television series that consists primarily of excerpts from prior episodes? Most of these have a framing story with character flashbacks. A more postmodern example is Community's "Paradigms of Human Memory", which included new scenes with unseen events from past episodes.</p> | <p><u>CLIP</u> Show or <u>CLIP</u> Episode</p> |
| <p>3a</p> | <p>Which philosopher, activist, and poet contributed to intersectional theory in works like the essay "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House"? Her other writings include memoirs "The Cancer Journals" and "Zami: A New Spelling of My Name".</p> | <p>Audre <u>LORDE</u> [Audrey Lord]</p> |
| <p>3b</p> | <p>Designed by Peter Schlumbohm in 1941, what pour-over coffee preparation device has an hourglass-shaped glass container, often with a wooden collar around the neck? To brew coffee, place a filter paper in the top half and pour water over it to percolate through.</p> | <p><u>CHEMEX</u></p> |
| <p>4a</p> | <p>The 2023 boardgame Sky Team, developed during lockdown, is a cooperative game where two players are asked to play as what kind of professionals? The players work together to safely land their vehicle.</p> | <p><u>PILOTs</u> or <u>CO-PILOTs</u></p> |
| <p>4b</p> | <p>What is the general term for a suspension that consists of weakened, killed, or fragmented microorganisms or toxins or other biological preparation that is administered primarily to prevent disease? Injected versions prevent diseases like HPV or make infections milder as with flu.</p> | <p><u>VACCINE</u></p> |

Spares

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| 1 | Which Italian manufacturer makes luxury notebooks and sketchbooks stylized to follow the aesthetics of a traditional black Parisian notebook? | <u>MOLESKINE</u> (the brand has no official pronunciation) |
| 2 | Over the last ten years, 35 different films (most all of which were straight-to-streaming) have used which word in their titles, specifically in reference to a noted haunting? | <u>AMITYVILLE</u> |
| 3 | An annual Buddhist festival celebrating the gates of Heaven and Hell opening to allow access to earth is often named for what kind of ghost? | <u>HUNGRY</u> Ghost Festival |
| 4 | Some fans attribute the Mets' recent success to which McDonald's character throwing out the first pitch in June? | <u>GRIMACE</u> |